

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAHAM;  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

During the course of a recent interview with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS he provided the information set forth herein.

CHAMBERS stated that Mr. APPEL of the House Un-American Activities Committee had recently told him that the United States Army had captured in Germany a list of American Communists, who, according to what CHAMBERS was told, were "people who could be used up to the hilt" and who "could be trusted". CHAMBERS was also told that at the head of this list were the names of OWEN LATTIMORE and JOSEPH BARNES. As indicated this information came to CHAMBERS from APPEL and CHAMBERS has never seen this alleged list.

In this connection your attention is called to the report of Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly dated December 23, 1948 at New York, New York, and to the information supplied therein (page 88) as received from ALEXANDER BARMINE. It is believed that this information received by CHAMBERS from APPEL has some connection with that previously obtained by the Bureau and also received by the New York Office from BARMINE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : *Jefferson* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington FieldSUBJECT: JAHAM, was, etal  
Perjury; Espionage - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

This office has been instructed to locate persons who were associated, departmental-wise, with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and interview these persons concerning SILVERMAN's activities, associates, etc.

Investigation reveals that DONALD V. WEAVER, last known address 901 150th Street, Whitestone, New York, was formerly employed by the Federal Coordinator of Transportation and the Railroad Retirement Board. It has been alleged WEAVER was Assistant Chief of the Research and Information Division, Railroad Retirement Board and that he was SILVERMAN's first assistant. It is claimed that SILVERMAN brought charges against WEAVER and that as a direct result of these charges WEAVER was dismissed from his position at the Railroad Retirement Board. It is believed that SILVERMAN charged WEAVER with numerous specific instances wherein WEAVER was not on leave and also was not present for duty.

For your information, SILVERMAN was employed by the Federal Coordinator of Information, Washington, D. C., from February 25, 1936, to March 15, 1936, and by the Railroad Retirement Board, Washington, D. C., from March 16, 1936, through March 26, 1942. ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

The New York Office should locate and interview DONALD V. WEAVER, 901 150th Street, Whitestone, New York, regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during the periods mentioned above. Determine if WEAVER also knew SILVERMAN during his employment at the Federal Coordinator of Transportation. Ascertain names of associates of SILVERMAN, especially social and luncheon companions. Obtain any information that would indicate SILVERMAN knew ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or that he was engaged in subversive activities.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : Director, FBI

Date: 3/15/49

From : SAC, Norfolk

Subject: JAHAM  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Bureau File 74-1333

Relet from Washington Field to Bureau dated 3/10/49 requesting that this office contact the District Office, Texas Oil Company, Norfolk, Virginia, and ascertain if ALGER HISS or PRISCILLA HISS purchased gasoline by charge account in Connecticut or New Hampshire during August, 1937.

Mr. R. A. MORRISON, Credit Manager, Norfolk Division, Texas Oil Company, Olney Road and Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that the company rule authorized the destruction of credit slips after four years. As a precautionary measure and as a matter of cooperation, Mr. MORRISON caused a check to be made of all available records in an effort to locate some trace of the HISS account. He stated that neither credit slips nor any other evidence could be found pertaining to the HISS account.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: <sup>Ⓢ</sup> JAHAM;  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Re Washington Field letter dated February 25, 1949.

During an interview had with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on March 8, 1949, he was questioned concerning the information supplied by HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH to the effect that CHAMBERS paid him \$50.00 on two occasions. CHAMBERS categorically denied that he had paid WADLEIGH this sum at any time. He stated not only did he have no recollection of making this payment but that the payment of sums to persons who were full-time employees was "not in the pattern".

It is suggested that WADLEIGH be interrogated further concerning the details of these payments.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 16, 1949

FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: ① JAHAM  
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York teletype, 3/15/49.

Enclosed herewith are the following for the New York Office:

1. Copy of search warrant issued to SA JOHN J. O'TOOLE.
2. Copy of affidavit of SA FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN for search warrant.
3. Copy of return made on search warrant.
4. Copy of receipt for property taken from FELIX INSLERMAN.

The property seized, namely, one Ernemann-Bob camera and one Leica camera, was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on January 9, 1949, and is still in their possession. According to the Laboratory report by letter of February 23, 1949, the Ernemann-Bob camera has been given the symbol K-250 and the Leica camera has been given the symbol K-251.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: <sup>D</sup> JAHAM  
 PERJURY  
 ESPIONAGE - R  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: 3/16/49

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Re New York teletype 3/15/49 concerning apartment in Baltimore where CRANE did photographic work, also requesting that photographs of the vicinities of 112 E. Madison St. (SPIEGEL apartment) and 14 W. Franklin St. (CRANE apartment), both Baltimore, Md., be forwarded to the Los Angeles and New York Offices for exhibition respectively to CRANE and CHAMBERS for identification purposes.

WILLIAM EDWARD

In compliance, there are forwarded with copies of this letter to both Los Angeles and New York seven photographs of each of the above vicinities (fourteen photographs in all to each office). A similar set of fourteen photographs, with the negatives, is being retained in the files of the Baltimore Office for possible future use.

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cc: New York (65-14920)(Enclosures 14)  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 3/16/49

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE  
SUBJECT: JAHAM  
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Reference New York teletype dated March 12, 1949, concerning records at Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles of cars registered to ESTHER CHAMBERS.

By teletype dated March 14, 1949, the Baltimore office advised the New York office that all information requested in referenced New York teletype has already been furnished New York in Baltimore teletype dated February 23, 1949. Referenced Baltimore teletype stated with regard to the 1934 Ford sedan that "there is no record of registration of this car in Maryland prior to August 2, 1937 under any name. The registration application filed by Mrs. CHAMBERS from which previous ownership or registration in another state might have been obtained has since been destroyed." In other words, no transfer of title for the 1934 Ford sedan from DAVID BREEN to Mrs. CHAMBERS in 1937 is available in the files of the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles. If Mrs. CHAMBERS turned in an out-of-state title for the 1934 Ford sedan when it was first registered in Maryland on August 2, 1937, such title showing previous ownership of this car has also been destroyed. Accordingly, in referenced Baltimore teletype dated February 23, 1949, the Albany office was requested to check the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles for registration of the 1934 Ford sedan prior to August 2, 1937.

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However, JAMES B. JONES, Principal Clerk, Title File Division, Department of Motor Vehicles, Guilford Avenue and 21st Street, Baltimore, Maryland, advised on March 14, 1949, that although the out-of-state title or registration card furnished by Mrs. CHAMBERS, which would have become a part of her application for a Maryland title for the 1934 Ford sedan, has been destroyed, there is available at the office of the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles the original title to this vehicle, issued to ESTHER CHAMBERS by the Maryland Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on August 2, 1937. A photographic copy of this title is enclosed herewith for the use of the New York office.

In addition, there is enclosed for the New York office a photographic copy of the application for title for the 1937 black Ford 4-door sedan, Motor #18-4095821, Maryland title B-457146, presently owned by Mrs. CHAMBERS. Original of this document is also on file at the office of the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles.

MICHAEL A. NOPFENGER, Registrar of Titles, Department of Motor Vehicles, Guilford Avenue and 21st Street, Baltimore -18, Maryland, is a competent witness to introduce any of the records referred to above.

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c.c. Washington Field Office

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Washington Field Office

DATE: March 16, 1949

SUBJECT: PHILIP RENO  
Internal Security - R  
Espionage - R. (WFO #100-20378)  
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○ JAHAM; Perjury; Espionage-R; Internal Security -R; (WFO 74-94)

Report of SA JAMES FREW, dated February 24, 1949 at Washington, D. C.  
WFO letter to the Pittsburgh Office dated February 14, 1949.

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Files of the Washington Field Office reflect that in 1941, [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished the following information concerning SA ZIBIT.

"ZIBIT works at the Social Security Agency and is active in Local #10 of V. F. W. A. He is a trusted lieutenant of Craig Vincent and George Campbell and has been a friend of the leaders of the V.F.W.A. for some years. I have no personal knowledge of his activities, but I would consider him a person to investigate because of his friends.

ZIBIT was a particular friend of PHILIP RENO, former president of V.F.W.A. Local #10, but who was transferred to Denver. This man, RENO, was vice president of the D. C. Council, V.F.W.A., when Arthur Stein and other leaders of the C.I.O. in D. C., that his wife, RUTH, was for some time the private secretary to SIDNEY RATZ, Secretary of the Maryland and D.-C. Industrial Union Council, C. I. O. This means being in the inner circle of the Communist Party, and ZIBIT was friendly with all of these people."

WFO files further reflect the following information concerning ZIBIT:

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[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished information which indicated that ZIBIT was active in the Communist Party at Washington, D. C. in 1948, and was elected to the City Committee, at the District of Columbia Communist Party Convention, held August 27 and 28, 1948; aka that ZIBIT was in charge of the Trade Union Commission, one of a number of Commissions organized to work under the City Committee.

The WFO files indicate that ZIBIT was formerly employed by the Social Security Board, as an Assistant Statistician in 1943, and that his residence was 3921 Elbert Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia.

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Investigation conducted at 3921 Elbert Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia, disclosed that SAMUEL ZIBIT and his wife, Mildred, moved from that address on March 1, 1949, to 408 North Kanawha Street, Beckley, West Virginia, and that SAMUEL ZIBIT was to be employed as a statistician by the United Mine Workers, in connection with their public health program.

The Pittsburgh Office is requested to interview SAMUEL ZIBIT regarding his knowledge of the activities of Philip Reno in particular; also for information concerning the activities of his brother, Franklin Victor Reno, who has stated that he used the Communist Party name of Lance Clark; whether he knew of the existence of the Whittaker Chamber's apparatus; any information he may have regarding the furnishing of Government information to unauthorized persons.

It is requested that Washington Field Office be advised of the results of the interview requested.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 16, 1949

*HMA*  
FROM : SAC, Indianapolis

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

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA HOWARD A. KING dated March 16, 1949 at Indianapolis in the above-entitled case containing details of an interview with JESSICA RHINE, 825 Eugene Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

As the Bureau is aware, considerable investigation has been conducted in the past in connection with the activities of Mrs. RHINE. She was considered a key figure in the Philadelphia Division prior to the time she came to Indianapolis as Regional Director of the Food and Tobacco Workers - CIO. In the spring of 1948 Mrs. RHINE became a State Director of the Progressive Party of Indiana, formerly known as the Indiana Citizens for Wallace, and was extremely active in behalf of the WALLACE campaign prior to the general elections in November 1948. Recently Agents of this office observed GEORGE SANDY, Chairman of District No. 10, CP-USA, proceed to the RHINE residence at 825 Eugene Street, and it is believed that Communist Party meetings are held on occasion at Mrs. RHINE's residence.

Mrs. RHINE advised that as far as she knows her husband, HENRY RHINE, is presently residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was known to have visited her during the Christmas holidays of 1948.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 17, 1949

FROM : SAC, Buffalo

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

Re Washington Field letter to Bureau dated February 28th last.

There is enclosed herewith for the New York Office, one copy of the "Orient" dated 1928. This is the Annual Senior Class Publication by the East High School in Rochester, N.Y. On Page 31 of the "Orient" appears a picture of THELMA OSTER. According to the best available information, this photograph was taken in late 1927.

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There is no photograph of THELMA OSTER available at the Board of Education in Rochester, New York.

The "Orient" was obtained from ANNE BASSETT, the Girls Adviser at East High School, Rochester and it will be necessary that this copy of the "Orient" be returned to her.

In accordance with the request contained in referenced letter the New York Office is requested to exhibit this picture of THELMA OSTER to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. In the event, it is deemed necessary to have a photograph made of this picture, it is requested that one copy of the photograph be sent to this office for possible future use.

The issue of the "Orient" which is enclosed to the New York Office, should be returned to the Buffalo Office as soon as possible so that it may be returned to ANNE BASSETT at East High School Rochester.

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Enclosure to New York

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cc: Washington Field

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 18, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

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

Reference is made to the report of SA. Paul G. Taylor, at New Orleans dated March 8, 1949, in instant matter. Attached to this report were photographs of the premises 819, 821 and 823 Bienville Street, New Orleans, La.

These photographs were exhibited to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on March 16, 1949. He was unable to identify the buildings in these photographs as being any of the ones he occupied in the fall of 1919 with ANTHONY MUELLER. CHAMBERS related that it was his recollection that the place that he and MUELLER resided in during the year 1919, was located in the rear of two other houses that faced on Bienville Street. He also recalled that this was a two-story, wooden building. In further describing these premises he related that there was a high board fence extending along the sidewalk in front of 821 and 823 Bienville Street, and that there was a small alley between the two buildings facing on Bienville Street and that the entrance to this alley was gained by opening a gate in this wooden fence; that one proceeded through the alley to the rear of the houses facing on the street and that there were two, almost identical, wooden buildings behind the two buildings facing the street; that these buildings were connected by a wooden runway at about the second floor level. Immediately adjacent to these buildings, on the west side, was a small court which contained several banana trees. Immediately adjacent to the court containing the banana trees was a power plant. He also recalled that in back of the two rear houses there was a large court.

It is suggested that further investigation be conducted in an effort to locate the house described above by CHAMBERS. For the assistance of the New Orleans Office there is attached a chart which was prepared as a result of CHAMBERS' recollections as to the location of the house in which he stayed during the period in question.

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cc: New Orleans

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 18, 1949

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - RWILLIAM WARD PIGMAN~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

By letter dated March 15, 1949 WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN, 702 East North Street, Appleton, advised this office that he planned on attending a meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco, California between March 26 and April 4, 1949. During this period he expects to stay at the Hotel St. Francis, at least the first part of his stay. He stated his schedule is not complete but part of his time will be spent in visiting various industrial laboratories. He expects to return to Appleton, Wisconsin about April 4. PIGMAN advised his wife, who will remain in Appleton, will be kept informed of his whereabouts at all times and that he can be reached through her. RUC.

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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU:

1 photo of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN  
taken in 1933, at which time SILVERMAN  
was 33 yrs. old.

RE: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

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ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 21, 1949

FROM: *S. Guy* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

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

RE: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 3, 1949. The New York City Division is office of origin.

Background: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN was named by Miss ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY in recent HCUA hearings as one of persons who were supplying confidential information to unauthorized sources when he was employed by the War Department, 1943 to 1945. SILVERMAN was also mentioned by CHAMBERS concerning this same matter when he recently went before an HCUA hearing.

Attention is called 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 in D. C. to the late HARRY DEXTOR WHITE, and subsequently delivered a second rug to ALGER HISS at a pre-arranged meeting. At the time, CHAMBERS accompanied HISS.

Request St. Paul Office interview MERTON B. TICE, 517 N. Duff St., Mitchell, South Dakota re receipt of rugs by SILVERMAN, also associates and activities by SILVERMAN during his residence, 1936 to 1938, at 2138 California St., N. W., Washington, D. C., during which time he and MERTON B. TICE were neighbors. SILVERMAN lived in apartment 409 and TICE in apartment 410. TICE was employed by the Federal Alcohol Administration, Department of Treasury until he resigned March 8, 1946.

Enclosed is a photograph of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN taken in 1933, at which time SILVERMAN was 33 years old.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago 90, Illinois  
March 22, 1949

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

Re: <sup>0</sup> JAHAM  
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated February 23, 1949 furnishing the identities of fellow employees of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and the WFO letter to Bureau dated March 3, 1949, which, among other leads, requests that information be developed concerning SILVERMAN's duty with the Division of Monetary Research, U.S. Treasury Department, from July 1941 to March 1942 on a non-reimbursable loan from the Railroad Retirement Board. The San Francisco and Baltimore Offices did not receive copies of the above letters.

EUGENE MARTIN, Personnel Department, Railroad Retirement Board, Chicago, advised that no record of SILVERMAN's loan to the Treasury Department could be located, and that attendance records revealed that SILVERMAN was at the RRB during the period from July 1941 to March 1942. MARTIN explained that it would be necessary to show SILVERMAN as being on duty at the RRB during the period that he may have been on non-reimbursable loan inasmuch as the RRB would be paying him during this period.

V. PAUL CARNEY, Former Chief Personnel Officer, RRB, who is currently in the Legal Department of this agency, advised that he was in the Personnel Department from July 1941 to March 1942 but had no recollection that SILVERMAN had been loaned to the Treasury Department.

MARY F. LINKINS, Secretary to the Board, RRB, Chicago, after checking the records in her office and making inquiries in several departments of the

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- cc. (3) Washington Field  
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Re: JAHAM

RRB, advised that she was unable to locate any information indicating that SILVERMAN was on non-reimbursable loan to the Treasury Department.

WALTER MATSCHECK, Research Director, RRB, Chicago, who assumed this position immediately after SILVERMAN left the RRB on March 26, 1942, advised that after checking the records of his office, he could locate no information to the effect that SILVERMAN had been loaned to the Treasury Department.

JACK M. ELKIN, Assistant Research Director, RRB, who has been employed by this agency since October 20, 1936, advised that he knew SILVERMAN but had no recollection that the latter had been loaned to any other agency. ELKIN advised that DONALD V. WEAVER, formerly Chief Economist at the RRB until about 1939, may have done some work for other government agencies.

ELKIN also stated that although he did not know how SILVERMAN happened to be employed by the RRB, he recalled that he had heard rumors that SILVERMAN was a close friend of LAUCHLIN CURRIE, former aide to President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, and that SILVERMAN also was known to and relied upon to some extent for advice by President ROOSEVELT. ELKIN related that he heard these rumors shortly after coming to the RRB in 1936 but could not vouch for their authenticity. It should be noted that an LGE investigation was conducted concerning ELKIN in which considerable information indicating disloyalty was developed.

Inasmuch as WEAVER's name was not on the previous list of fellow employees of SILVERMAN furnished by Mr. MARTIN of the RRB Personnel Department, and included in the Chicago letter of February 23, 1949, a review of old payroll records at the RRB was made with the result that the following additional persons, including WEAVER, employed in the Research Department, were identified:

CAROLINE ABRAMS, 2920 Ontario Avenue, Washington, D.C., Temporary Associate Economist; employed April 1, 1936 to November 3, 1936. As of March 7, 1944 she was employed as CAROLINE DE CAUX nee ABRAMS by the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

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Letter to Director - 3/22/49

Re: JAHAM

Miss THURLEY L. ANDREWS, 1527 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, D.C., Assistant Clerk-Steno; appointed September 6, 1938; transferred to OEM April 23, 1942. As of September 20, 1943, Miss ANDREWS was employed by the Public Roads Administration, Federal Works Agency, Washington, D.C. It is believed that while with the RRB she was assigned to the Office of A. G. SILVERMAN.

CHARLES BRAGMAN, 1401 Edgewood Street, Arlington, Virginia, Temporary Economic Statistician; appointed June 16, 1936; transferred to OPA June 30, 1942.

WALTER J. COUPER, 1 St. Andrews Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland; Assistant Chief Economist; appointed January 15, 1938; resigned October 31, 1940 to accept another position.

EDITH W. WHITEIS nee EASTERWOOD, 317 Otway Avenue, Capitol Heights, Maryland; Stenographer; appointed September 9, 1936; transferred to War Department August 17, 1942.

GAIL N. FERRIS, 4015 Sheets Avenue, Brentwood, Maryland; Assistant Statistical Clerk; appointed August 23, 1937; transferred to Department of Commerce March 23, 1941.

WILLIAM WHEELER HINCKLEY, 5000 Moorland Lane, Bethesda, Maryland; Economic Statistician; appointed November 6, 1941; resigned February 1, 1942 to go to the Treasury Department.

RAYMOND W. JEWELL, Junior Economist; appointed April 15, 1936; transferred to the Civil Service Commission July 17, 1940. JEWELL's address was listed as 2428 Eunice Street, Berkeley, California. In May 1948 an inquiry was received by the RRB from HARRY F. KRANZ, Regional Director, Civil Service Commission, San Francisco, inasmuch as JEWELL was an applicant for a position as an administrative officer.

MARVEL KELLER, 2909 Olive Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.; Assistant Economist; appointed December 2, 1938; transferred to Department of Commerce January 22, 1940.

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CELLA J. LISENSKY, 512 Randolph Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; appointed April 15, 1936; transferred to OEM February 1, 1942. Miss LISENSKY was in the office of the Chief Economist from November 16, 1937 to August 1, 1939.

CHARLES E. MALOY, 5231 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; Temporary Assistant Supervisor; appointed June 17, 1936; resigned November 1, 1936. MALOY later applied for a position with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

GLADYS R. NICHOLS, Box 345, Vienna, Virginia; Secretary; appointed August 5, 1936; transferred to OEM March 23, 1942. From August 1, 1939 to the time of resignation Miss NICHOLS was employed in the Information Service of the RRB, which was under the general supervision of SILVERMAN.

JAMES W. O'BRIEN, 4631 Chesapeake Street, Washington, D.C.; Temporary Junior Economist; appointed June 17, 1936; resigned October 22, 1936.

TEDFORD SCHOONOVER, 4012 47th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; Temporary Senior Economist; appointed June 17, 1936; employed in Research Department until October 16, 1936; continued with the RRB in another department until January 1, 1940, at which time he transferred to the National Mediation Board.

MILDRED STEIN nee FISHMAN (husband - HERBERT STEIN of FDIC), 244 Willow Avenue, Tacoma Park, Maryland; Junior Economist; appointed November 17, 1938; resigned March 11, 1942 to remain at home.

ALVIN M. WARDEN, 2114 N Street, N.W., Apartment 43, Washington, D.C.; Senior Statistical Draftsman; appointed September 6, 1938; transferred to Public Roads Administration, Federal Works Agency, August 8, 1940.

DONALD V. WEAVER, 1332 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.; Assistant Chief Economist; appointed April 1, 1936; transferred to Commodity Exchange Corporation, Department of Agriculture, June 6, 1939.

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The review of the payroll records also revealed that JAMES A. DAILEY was a Board member of the Railroad Retirement Board at the time SILVERMAN was hired and continued until August 28, 1938. DAILEY represented the railroads and was known to be employed by the New York Central Railroad. His last address was listed as 3016 Tilden Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. but his legal residence was Ossining, New York, where he is believed to be now residing.

The payroll records review also indicated that the following persons were employed by the RRB and may have pertinent information concerning SILVERMAN's employment:

CHARLES L. HODGE, 5261 Old Dominion Drive, Arlington, Virginia; appointed March 1, 1937; transferred to the State Department October 21, 1945. From April 25, 1938 to March 1, 1939 HODGE was secretary to the RRB.

R. B. BRONSON, 2701 23rd Road North, Arlington, Virginia; Secretary to the RRB; appointed February 16, 1936; resigned June 30, 1938. A letter concerning BRONSON was received by the RRB in 1941 from the Civilian Personnel Division, War Department.

~~ALICE MARGARET DEMERJIAN~~, 2 Normandy Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland; appointed April 1, 1936; transferred to the Board of Economic Warfare January 6, 1943. She was Private Secretary and later Chief Administrative Assistant to the Chairman of the Board, MURRAY W. LATIMER.

~~HELEN C. ANDERSON~~, 3726 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.; Secretary to MURRAY LATIMER, RRB Chairman; appointed October 5, 1936; resigned October 9, 1940 for personal reasons.

[redacted] Personnel Training Officer, RRB, Chicago, who has been employed by the RRB since 1938 and who should be considered as a confidential informant, advised that in his opinion ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN was brought into the RRB by MURRAY W. LATIMER, Chairman of the RRB, from its inception in about 1935 until 1946. [redacted] described LATIMER as a person with

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left wing tendencies and gave as his reason the fact that LATIMER favored suspected Communists in the RRB and was cited on several occasions by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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[ ] continued that LATIMER, as Chief Executive Officer of the RRB, exercised particular control over the Legal Department and the Research Department. [ ] described both of these departments as having been dominated for many years by suspected Communists and persons with left wing tendencies.

In this respect he cited SILVERMAN and also stated that for a number of years the Law Department was under the direction of LESTER SCHOENE, a person regarded by [ ] as having left wing tendencies who later formed a law firm in Washington, D.C. with MILTON KRAMER and CHARLES FANELLI, both former RRB lawyers, whom [ ] also described as a part of the left wing group in the Legal Department.

When questioned as to what he meant by left wing, [ ] stated that he used this term to describe persons of suspected Communist tendencies. He emphasized that in most instances, except as indicated hereafter, he had no definite information concerning persons listed herein except rumors which were common at the Railroad Retirement Board, and information which had been made public by the HCUA. Also, many of the persons whom [ ] considered to be left wing were active in the United Federal Workers of America - CIO.

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With respect to the list of persons in the Research Department included above, [ ] commented that BRAGMAN, COUPER, HINCKLEY, JEWELL, and KELLER were known to him and believed to be part of the left wing group.

He also included in this group one JESSICA RHINE nee BUCK (husband - HENRY RHINE), whom he stated was cited on numerous occasions by the HCUA and who worked for the RRB as a stenographer and clerk from March 25, 1936 until January 15, 1942, when she resigned to enter private employment. During the above period she resided at 4629 43rd Place N.W., Washington, D.C.

[ ] also described ALICE DEMERJIAN and HELEN C. ANDERSON as persons he regarded as being in the left wing group and believed that both had been cited by the HCUA. He knew that DEMERJIAN was very active in the UFWA-CIO.

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[ ] recommended CHARLES L. HODGE, who presently is employed in the State Department at Washington, D.C., as a person whom BURKE believed to be reliable and one who would be in a position to know about SILVERMAN's position with the RRB.

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With respect to the Chicago letter to the Bureau dated February 23, 1949 listing various persons employed at the Research Department of the RRB, BURKE cited the following as persons in the left wing group of the department:

SOLOMON SMITH KUZNETS;

JOSEPH J. SENTURIA;

BERTHA BLAIR;

S. HERBERT UNTERBERGER;

RUTH E. FARNKE;

JOSEPH H. GILLMAN;

HAROLD WOOL;

J. EDWARD ELY;

JACK M. ELKIN;

GEORGE GUSSMAN;

HELEN F. ROBISON nee FEINSOD;

MARGARET GREENFIELD.

[ ] also believed that CLEMENT WINSTON, EDWIN MEDBURY FITCH, CHARLES G. GOOR, and HELEN H. BARTIMER, also listed in the February 23rd letter, may have exhibited left wing tendencies but was not sure of their positions.

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With respect to WALTER J. COUPER, [ ] stated that he was formerly an Associate Professor of Economics at Yale, where reportedly he was discharged for Communist activities. [ ] also said that COUPER was brought into the RRB by LATIMER, after which they closely associated at the Board.

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[ ] also described SILVERMAN and MARGARET GREENFIELD as close associates of LATIMER at the RRB.

Shortly after [ ] came to the RRB in 1938 he was invited by MARVEL KELLER to attend a mass meeting in downtown Washington, D.C. Upon arriving at this meeting [ ] learned to his surprise that it was sponsored by the Communist Party and that Mother BLOOR, while a well-known Communist Party leader, was the principal speaker. [ ] recalled that CHARLES BRAGMAN, MARVEL KELLER, JESSICA RHINE and another RRB employee, BEN PERELSWIG, were in attendance. He thought possibly that HAROLD WOOL and HERBERT UNTERBERGER, who were listed in the February 23, 1949 Chicago letter, may have been present but could not recall definitely that they attended.

He also stated that on another occasion during the STALIN-HITLER pact, he heard WOOL, PERELSWIG and another RRB employee, MORTIMER GOLDSTEIN, defend Russia's position in conformance with what [ ] knew to be the Communist Party line at that time.

Attention of the Bureau is directed to the fact that during the period from 1939 to 1942 there were a large number of clerks, stenographers and machine operators employed in the Research Department of the RRB under the general supervision of SILVERMAN. As these persons were not likely to have had any contact with SILVERMAN, and as many were employed only on a temporary basis, a review of old payroll records was not conducted to establish their identities. The Bureau is requested to advise whether it desires to have a list of these persons furnished to the appropriate offices in order that they may be interviewed.

The attention of San Francisco and Baltimore is directed to the fact that Washington Field Office letter of March 3, 1949 requested that information be developed to verify the fact that SILVERMAN was on a non-reimbursable loan to the Division of Monetary Research, U.S. Treasury Department, from

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July 1941 to March 1942 from the RRB.

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

In conducting interviews the Washington Field Office letter suggested that efforts should be made to substantiate the allegation regarding the rugs as described above.

The Washington Field Office letter of March 3, 1949 also revealed that it has been requested that a departmentalwide investigation be conducted with regard to ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and that individuals associated with SILVERMAN during his government employment be interviewed along lines heretofore followed in this investigation.

The San Francisco Office is requested to interview RAYMOND W. JEWELL concerning SILVERMAN's employment at the RRB.

The New York Office is requested to interview JAMES N. DAILEY, former Board member, presently believed to be with the New York Central Railroad concerning SILVERMAN's employment with the RRB.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Baltimore Office inasmuch as a number of persons residing within the territory of that office are listed herein. The Washington Field Office should notify Baltimore in the event interview of these persons is desired.

The Washington Field Office will interview persons listed in this letter as residing within its territory.

Very truly yours,

G. R. Mc Swain  
G. R. MC SWAIN, SAC

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: March 22, 1949

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, on March 3, 1949, the New York Office teletyped the Washington Field Office to prepare a chronology on the microfilm given to the HCUA by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on December 2, 1948. This is the microfilm that was secreted by CHAMBERS in the pumpkin on his farm and consisted of three rolls of undeveloped film in aluminum containers and two rolls of developed film wrapped in wax paper.

On March 4, 1949, the Washington Field Office requested Houston to interview Mr. ROBERT E. STRIPLING, former Chief Investigator of the HCUA, with respect to any action he had taken concerning these films. Houston has replied that STRIPLING could not be reached at his home in San Augustine, Texas, and that he was enroute to Washington, D. C. STRIPLING was in Washington for two or three days and left unexpectedly on March 21, 1949. He plans to drive to Los Angeles where he will speak on March 29, 1949 under the auspices of a motion picture organization headed by ADOLPH MENJOU and JAMES MACINNIS, former Vice-President of MGM. Friends of STRIPLING at the HCUA believe he will probably contact and may stay with one JAMES STEDMAN while in Los Angeles. STRIPLING does not expect to stay in Los Angeles more than two or three days.

The Los Angeles Division should interview STRIPLING with regard to the microfilm mentioned above. HCUA investigators have advised that it is their recollection that STRIPLING was pictured with this film on one or two occasions, probably in late January or early February, 1949. It is noted that a picture of the film and STRIPLING was taken shortly after the film was located. This picture has already been viewed and it is unnecessary to question STRIPLING in this regard except to determine from him whether or not the film left the HCUA office.

The Washington Field Office is in possession of facts concerning the development of the film and of the trip taken with the film by Investigator WHEELER to Rochester, New York and to the Dupont Plant in New Jersey. Details in connection with the examination of the film by the Bureau are of course known to this office. For further information of the Los Angeles Office, the third part of the referenced teletype is quoted:

"Third re all so called pumpkin microfilm designated GJ exhibits fortyseven thru fiftyone, WFO is requested to determine identity of all individuals having possession of same from time of delivery of same by CHAMBERS to

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cc - Los Angeles (AMSD)

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HCUA investigators on December second last to date and action taken by these persons with relation to film while in their possession. Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY requests expeditious investigation and report for necessary assistance in proper preparation of summary report."

Los Angeles should interview STRIPLING while he is in that city and it is pointed out that after STRIPLING leaves Los Angeles, he is believed to intend motoring to San Augustine, Texas and from there to Midland, Texas. As a probable consequence, STRIPLING will be to all practical purposes not available for interview for some time and New York deems it imperative to the successful preparation of a summary report that STRIPLING be interviewed immediately.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 22, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAHAM

<sup>① HISS</sup>  
By report of Special Agent Elvin L. Barton dated 2-12-49 at Portland, an interview with Raymond D. Jameson and his wife, Dorothy, Route 4, Box 104, Corvallis, Oregon, was set out. The Jamesons were formerly neighbors of Alger and Priscilla Hiss; having resided at 3334 Volta Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., from about January, 1941, to May, 1943. Mrs. Dorothy Jameson stated that she became acquainted with Priscilla Hiss in January, 1942, or thereabouts, when the Civilian Defense groups were organized, at which time Priscilla Hiss became Chairman of Housing for their section of Civilian Defense. It is to be recalled that the Hisses resided at 3415 Volta Place from about January, 1938, to 1943. Mrs. Jameson, in endeavoring to recall other persons in the neighborhood who might have been acquainted with Priscilla Hiss, mentioned the following individuals:

Mrs. Mortimer Graves,  
3331 or 3333 Dent Place, N. W.,  
whose husband was Executive Secretary, American Council  
of Learned Societies;

Mrs. John Fairbanks,  
34th Street, N. W.,  
whose husband was then with the Office of War Information  
and is now said to be a professor of Oriental history,  
Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts;

Mrs. Meyer or Meyers,  
3300 block of P Street, N. W.,  
whose husband was affiliated with the Interstate Com-  
merce Commission.

There is no indication that the above-mentioned individuals have been interviewed, and it is therefore requested that the Washington Field and Boston Offices endeavor to locate and interview the above-mentioned individuals concerning their knowledge of or association with the Hisses during the period in question.

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

DATE: March 22, 1949

Reytels March 12 and 18, 1949, requesting interview with Dr. MARGARET MARY ~~NICHOLSON~~, and WFOlet March 1, 1949.

[Redacted] Mrs. CHAMBERS had [Redacted] on the occasion mentioned in referenced WFOlet, Mrs. CHAMBERS and her daughter had been seated in the doctor's ante-room and that following the doctor's examination of TIMOTHY ~~HOBSON~~, the doctor accompanied PRISCILLA HISS and the child to the anteroom.

At this time, Mrs. CHAMBERS' child arose and took a few steps, [Redacted] that something was the matter with her daughter's foot or leg and advised her to have the child xrayed. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] the child to Dr. M. I. BIERMAN, an xray specialist with offices at that time at 1835 - I Street, N. W. [Redacted]

[Redacted] that virtually this entire block is devoted to a medical center. Dr. BIERMAN is dead but his technical assistant, CHARLES STOHR, who was with BIERMAN from 1926 until BIERMAN's recent death, advised that his records had been maintained by his widow who resides at 1801 Floral Avenue, N. W. STOHR stated that approximately two months ago he was advised by Dr. BIERMAN's widow that she had thrown away these entire records inasmuch as his estate had been settled and her attorney told her that the records would be of no future use. Mrs. BIERMAN will be interviewed immediately.

[Redacted] the attorney for HISS [Redacted] is one JOHN ~~DAVIS~~ of the firm of ~~SCHOENE~~, ~~FREEMILL~~, ~~KRAMER~~ and ~~DAVIS~~, 1625 - K Street, N. W., and that this individual [Redacted] On January 19, 1949,

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Director, FBI  
Re: JAHAM  
March 22, 1949

this individual [redacted] Mrs. CHAMBERS  
requesting that Mrs. CHAMBERS [redacted]  
to DAVIS. This [redacted] did. DAVIS has very recently advised  
[redacted] that HISS' case is now being handled by one VEZZANA,  
mentioned in NYctel of March 12, 1949. According to [redacted]  
DAVIS [redacted] that VEZZANA wants to bring the HISS case into Court  
with the idea of having his client discharged on a technicality of  
the law. DAVIS [redacted] according to the latter, that  
HISS wishes to be cleared by the trial rather than have his discharge  
hinge upon a legal technicality.

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With respect to the accident befalling TIMOTHY HOBSON, [redacted]  
[redacted] HOBSON was hospitalized  
from February 19, 1937 to February 27, 1937; [redacted]  
the compound fracture was treated by [redacted]  
915 - 19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

[redacted] advised that he recalled this incident but  
that his records concerning it had been lost as a result of twice moving  
these records. He advised that while he did not know the exact sum he  
charged for this treatment, he would place it at about \$200. He based  
this sum on the normal charges for such treatment. [redacted] said that  
there was a vague possibility that the records in this case were in the  
keeping of Doctors EDWARD LARKIN and JOHN A. TALBOT, who now maintain  
offices in room 602, at 1835 - I Street, N. W., but inquiry in that  
office of Mrs. AUDREY LANE reflects that there are no records in this  
matter maintained. Dr. LARKIN died on August 18, 1948. Dr. TALBOT is still  
practicing medicine. [redacted] stated that at the time he treated  
TIMOTHY HOBSON he was affiliated in practice with TALBOT and LARKIN.

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The Washington Field Office will, as indicated above, interview  
the widow of M. I. BIERMAN and will also interview Dr. ISADORE LATTMAN, an  
xray technician. [redacted] Mrs. CHAMBERS' child  
was sent to BIERMAN but admits the remote possibility exists that the  
child was sent to Dr. LATTMAN.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
 SUBJECT: JAHAM  
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 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: March 24, 1949

*Edm  
 Muesburg  
 Jones*

Re New York letter March 15, 1949, requesting that HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH be questioned further concerning the two \$50 payments he alleges were made to him by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Please be advised that on March 14, 1949, at which time WADLEIGH was being interrogated concerning other matters, he was questioned in connection with the two \$50 payments and advised that he could add nothing further to the information he had already furnished. This information has already been set out in WFO letter dated February 25, 1949.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *ABF*

DATE: March 28, 1949

FROM : V. P. Keay *VPC*

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to a letter to the Director from the SAC at New York, in the above-captioned matter, dated March 15, 1949, which indicated that Whittaker Chambers stated that a Mr. Appel, of the House Un-American Activities Committee, recently told him that the Army had captured in Germany a list of American Communists, who, according to what Chambers was told, were "people who could be used up to the hilt" and who "could be trusted."

*W. J. [unclear]*  
*W. J. [unclear]*

Mr. Jones, of the Espionage Section, requested Mr. Reynolds to contact the Army in order to procure the list in question. This matter has been discussed with Major Carlan, of the Intelligence Division, who would have observed such a list if one had been received at the Intelligence Division. Major Carlan stated he had never seen such a list. He stated that, if such a list is in existence, it is apparently still in Europe. He stated he would address a communication to Europe and inquire regarding this matter.

This matter will be followed with Major Carlan, and you will be advised of all developments.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this be forwarded to the Espionage Section for their information.

*Reynolds advised Army informed 4/18/49*  
*no info available concerning capture of such list 7/6/50*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 29, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ET AL  
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Re New York Teletype March 28, 1949 and Los Angeles letter March 25, 1949.

For the assistance of the New Orleans Office in conducting requested interview of Mrs. JAMES WATT, nee Margaret Gutelius, there is being forwarded as an enclosure for the New Orleans Office with a copy of this letter two photostatic copies of Washington Field Office letter, in captioned case, dated March 21, 1949, setting out the results of an interview with Mrs. PEYTON WERR.

In addition there are forwarded as enclosures with this letter for the information of the New Orleans Office photographs of the following:

- (1) Two photographs of JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
- (2) One picture containing two photographs of ALGER HISS
- (3) One photograph of PRISCILLA HISS
- (4) Two photographs of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, was.
- (5) One photograph of FELIX A. INSLERMAN
- (6) " " " PETER M. MAGRINI
- (7) One picture showing two photographs of WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE
- (8) One photograph of HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH
- (9) " " " VLADIMIR de SVESHNIKOFF
- (10) " " " WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN
- (11) " " " ELEANOR NELSON
- (12) " " " MORRIS ASIMOW
- (13) " " " MAX BEDACHT
- (14) " " " CHARLES KRAMER
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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R. RELET FROM WASHINGTON FIELD MARCH FIFTEEN RE ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

COLONEL SAMUEL P. SPRATT, CARE HARGRAVE MILITARY ACADEMY, CHATHAM, VIRGINIA, RELATED THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL SILVERMAN AS TENANT OF TWO ONE THREE EIGHT CALIFORNIA STREET, NW, SPRATT SAID THAT HE RESIDED IN APARTMENT NUMBER ONE NAUGHT THREE INSTEAD OF FOUR NAUGHT THREE MENTIONED IN REFERENCED LETTER. SPRATT STATED THAT HIS WIFE ARLENE, DECEASED, HAD SOME FINANCIAL INTEREST IN INSTANT APARTMENT BUILDING AND IS UNABLE TO RECALL NAME OF REAL ESTATE FIRM WHICH HAD OFFICE ON FIFTEENTH STREET, NW, NEAR KAY STREET, WASHINGTON, DC, THAT HANDLED RENTALS. HE SUGGESTS THAT FORMER JANITOR, A NEGRO APPROXIMATELY SIXTY YEARS OLD, FIRST NAME UNKNOWN, LAST NAME STOCKLEY, WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT INSTANT BUILDING AND RESIDED ON PREMISES MANY YEARS BE INTERVIEWED. WASHINGTON WILL LOCATE STOCKLEY THROUGH PAST DIRECTORIES AND REAL ESTATE RECORDS FOR APPROPRIATE INTERVIEW.

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Miss Gandy.....

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*Mr. Fletcher*  
*J. J. [Signature]*

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JAHAM, PERJURY, IS-R. <sup>ESP-R</sup> REREP SA DAVID EDWIN TODD, SAN FRANCISCO

MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST. ALBERT E. ~~RUTAN~~ CAN BE CONTACTED CARE ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY, SEVEN ONE ONE FIFTH AVENUE, NYC. SUGGEST NY OFFICE INTERVIEW SINCE COMPLETE ABRAHAM GEORGE BACKGROUND OF SILVERMAN AND ALLEGATIONS OF ELIZABETH ~~BENTLEY~~ AVAILABLE THERE.

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SAC New York

March 29, 1949

Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: MURKIN - I

Reference is made to Laboratory Report L-95192 D dated March 18, 1949, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There is transmitted under separate cover by registered mail and photostatic copy of 4166.

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- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : <sup>WHP</sup> GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: <sup>①</sup> JAHAM  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R  
INTERNAL SECURITY-R

DATE: March 29, 1949

Rebulet to Washington Field dated February 3, 1949 initiating a departmentalwise investigation of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. New York should interview CHARLES W. (BILLY) CARPENTER, former associate of SILVERMAN at the U. S. Tariff Commission, Washington, D.C. For the information of New York, CHARLES W. CARPENTER was a close friend of SILVERMAN for several years. It is desired to determine SILVERMAN's activities and close personal friends during SILVERMAN's period of employment at the U. S. Tariff Commission from 1934 to 1936.

For the information of New York, CHARLES W. CARPENTER was born July 12, 1913 at Washington, D.C. and was employed as Junior Economist, U. S. Tariff Commission, from September 20, 1934 to April 9, 1943. It was during this period that CARPENTER became friendly with SILVERMAN. CARPENTER's last known address is reflected to be 162 Westside Avenue, Freeport, Long Island, New York.

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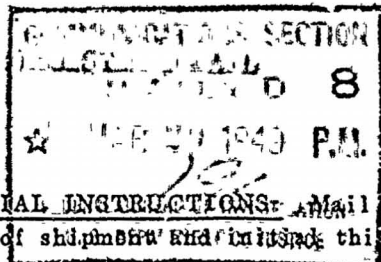
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 30, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

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

Reference is made to New York teletype March 28, 1949 in captioned case requesting an interview of VLADIMIR de SVESHNIKOFF.

For the assistance of the Washington Field Office there is being forwarded as enclosures with a copy of this letter photographs of the following:

- (1) Two photographs of JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
- (2) One photograph of ALGER HISS
- (3) " " " PRISCILLA HISS
- (4) Two photographs of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, was.
- (5) One photograph of WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN
- (6) One photograph of HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH
- (7) " " " MORRIS SIMON
- (8) One picture containing two photographs of WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE
- (9) One photograph of CHARLES KRAMER
- (10) " " " FELIX A. INSLERMAN
- (11) " " " MAX BEDACHT
- (12) " " " ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING, was.
- (13) " " " MAXIM LIEBER
- (14) " " " PETER MAGRINI.

In regard to MAGRINI, it is suggested that it may be advisable not to display this photograph to VLADIMIR de SVESHNIKOFF at this time since investigation is presently being conducted on MAGRINI to determine if he is actively engaged in espionage at the present time.

CC: Washington Field (encs. 16) SPECIAL DELIVERY

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① JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP-R, IS-R, RENTEL MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST AND WFOTEL  
 MARCH THIRTY RE MARY AND HUGH MARTIN, ADOLPH RUBENS. MARY MARTIN NOW MARIA  
 \*OLKOWSKA AKA \*OLKE, RESIDES ONE FOUR NAUGHT NINE FIFTEENTH ST., N.W., APARTMENT  
 FOUR TWO. UPON INTERVIEW STATES KNEW ONE AARON RUBENS IN RIGA, LATVIA, AT TIME  
 HUGH MARTIN THERE AND THAT RUBENS WAS TICKET AGENT FOR HOLLAND AMERICAN LINE  
 AND INVOLVED WITH ONE HARRY HALL, U. S. VICE CONSUL, IN FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING  
 PASSAGE AND VISAS FOR LATVIAN JEWS TO US AND OTHER COUNTRIES. ASKED IF RUBENS  
 WAS COMMUNIST, OLKOWSKA SAID QUOTE DEFINITELY YES UNQUOTE. RUBENS DID NOT WORK  
 FOR HUGH MARTIN. ACCORDING OLKOWSKA, HALL DISCHARGED FOR ACTION OUTLINED ABOVE.  
 OLKOWSKA CONTINUED BY STATING NEXT MET RUBENS IN PITTSBURGH AS SET OUT RENTEL,  
 BUT STATES DOES NOT KNOW POSITIVELY THAT RUBENS INVOLVED IN RUBENS-ROBINSON PASSPORT  
 FRAUD IDENTICAL WITH LATVIAN RUBENS SHE KNEW IN RIGA AND PITTSBURGH. STATES MUST  
 SEE PICTURE ADOLPH ARNOLD RUBENS. OLKOWSKA WILL BE SHOWN PICTURE AND REINTERVIEWED.  
 STATEMENT WILL BE SECURED. OLKOWSKA LOCATED THROUGH LATVIAN FRIENDS EMPLOYED  
 LIBRARY CONGRESS WHO ADVISE SHE IS MOST UNRELIABLE, HEAVY DRINKER AND GENERALLY  
 PERSONA NON GRATA TO LOCAL LATVIANS OF GOOD REPUTE. INTERVIEWING AGENTS CONCUR  
 THIS OPINION, AND BELIEVE WOULD NOT MAKE GOOD WITNESS. OLKOWSKA PRODUCED LETTERS  
 INDICATING WAS EMPLOYED IN LABOR DEPT AS SET OUR RENTEL AND NUMEROUS CLIPPINGS  
 SPEECHES MADE BY HUGH MARTIN IN ANTI-BOLSHEVIST TONE. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

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HOLLAND AMERICAN ADVISES AARON RUBENS EMPLOYMENT CAN BE VERIFIED THROUGH ROTTERDAM HOLLAND AMERICAN OFFICE. NYC SHOULD VERIFY THIS VIA NY HOLLAND AMERICAN OFFICE. WFO WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION, CHECK ON HARRY HALL AND READ REPORTS FROM RIGA BY MARTIN FOR MENTION OF RUBENS. NOTE OLKOWSKA BITTERLY ANTI SEMETIC AND MADE STATEMENT THAT ALL COMMUNISTS JEWS AND THAT RUBENS WAS A JEW COMMUNIST AND THAT ALL JEWS QUOTE SHOULD BE LOCKED UP END QUOTE.

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① JAHAM, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, IS - R. INVESTIGATION IS PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED TO ASCERTAIN COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN MENTIONED PROMINENTLY BY WHITTAKER

② CHAMBERS AS BEING A MEMBER OF AN UNDERGROUND APPARATUS IN WASHINGTON, DC. THE INQUIRY IS BEING MADE TO ESTABLISH SILVERMAN-S ACTIVITIES, ASSOCIATES, ESPECIALLY SOCIAL AND LUNCHEON COMPANIONS, OR INDICATIONS OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT DONALD V. WEAVER WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL COORDINATOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD, WASHINGTON, DC. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED WEAVER WAS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE RESEARCH AND INFORMATION DIVISION, RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD, AND WAS SILVERMAN-S FIRST ASSISTANT. IT IS CLAIMED SILVERMAN BROUGHT CHARGES AGAINST WEAVER WHICH RESULTED IN LATTER-S DISMISSAL AT RRB BECAUSE WEAVER WAS FREQUENTLY ABSENT WITHOUT SUBMITTING ANNUAL LEAVE SLIPS. FOR INFORMATIN OF PORTLAND OFFICE SILVERMAN WAS EMPLOYED BY FEDERAL COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION, WDC, FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE, THIRTY SIX TO MARCH FIFTEEN, THIRTY SIX, AND RRB, WDC, MARCH SIXTEEN, THIRTYSIX THROUGH MARCH TWENTY SIX, FORTY TWO.

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WEAVER ASCERTAINED THROUGH HIS LEGAL RESIDENCE, NINE ZERO ONE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH STREET, WHITESTONE, BRONX, NY, TO BE ATTACHED TO VANPORT EXTENSION CENTER, PORTLAND, OREGON. THIS SCHOOL SAID TO BE PART OF UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. PORTLAND REQUESTED TO THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW WEAVER FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY POSSESS WHICH WOULD INDICATE SILVERMAN KNEW ALGER HISS OR WHITTAKER CHAMBERS IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFORMATION ABOVE.

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PORTLAND ADVISED

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JAMAM, PERJURY, ESP DASH R, IS DASH R.

INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY MRS. J. R. MOORE, NINETEEN THIRTY ONE RESIDENT OF POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF HER SISTER DASH IN DASH LAW, MARY APIN ~~MARTIN~~, WIDOW OF HUGH STREET MARTIN, WHO DIED WASHINGTON D. C. NINETEEN THIRTY ONE. MARY MAY BE IN WASHINGTON OR NYC. SUTEL WFO RE MARY'S LOCATION AS BACKGROUND INFO NECESSARY TO INTERVIEW MARY MUST BE FORWARDED APPROPRIATE OFFICE. NYC ORIGIN.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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

K SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: March 30, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Washington Field dated February 3, 1949.

JACK W. ~~X~~ FIELDS' personnel file at the U. S. Army Air Force, reflected that he had been employed in the Materials Maintenance and Distribution Division of the U. S. Army Air Force from December 12, 1942, to September 4, 1945. This Division was identical with the one headed by ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and General BENNETT MYERS.

FIELDS left as a forwarding address at the time of his resignation, 230 West 17th Street, New York City, New York, which is the same as the Hilite Process Company, which he owns. This file reflects that FIELDS' parents, SAMUEL GREENFIELD and LENA WEISSMAN, were born in Russia. This record reflects FIELDS was born July 16, 1912 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Washington Field Office file 100-17493, serial 2473, entitled "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER", report of Special Agent L. G. ZANDER, dated July 8, 1946, reflects one JACK FIELDS of 117 East 17th Street, New York City, was host to A. GEORGE SILVERMAN while SILVERMAN was in New York.

Washington Field Office file 100-17493, entitled "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER", serial 993, which is the New York report of Special Agent HAROLD V. KENNEDY, dated January 7, 1946, reflects on page 47, that SILVERMAN was a guest of JACK FIELDS during 1945. FIELDS was listed in both the New York report, dated January 7, 1946, and in his personnel file at the Army Air Force as owning the Hilite Process Company, but the addresses of this concern differ, one being 230 West 17th Street, and one 117 West 17th Street, both in New York City.

New York will interview FIELDS, regarding association with SILVERMAN at U. S. Army Air Force, and any knowledge he may have regarding SILVERMAN's activities in the Underground Group while in Washington, D. C.

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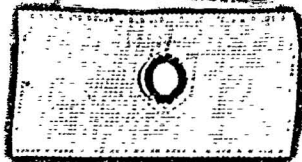
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M. Nease  
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JAHAM. URGENT MARCH THIRTY, TO INTERVIEW MRS. J. R. MOORE.

DISCONTINUE. MARY MARTIN LOCATED WASHINGTON, DC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

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

K SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: March 30, 1949

Reference Washington Field letter to Los Angeles dated March 3, 1949,  
 re ELIZABETH HARRIS. Bureau letter to Washington Field dated February 3, 1949  
 re ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

Investigation at Washington, D. C. reflects that ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN  
 resided at Apartment 409, 2138 California Street, N. W. Further that one LEO  
 C. ROSTEN resided in Apartment 403 from 1936 to 1938.

The files of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C. reflect that LEO  
 C. ROSTEN left Washington in 1942 for his home, 10440 Lorenza Place, Cheviat  
 Hills, California.

Los Angeles will locate and interview ROSTEN, keeping in mind the  
 rugs mentioned in referenced letter of March 3, 1949 and any knowledge ROSTEN  
 may have regarding SILVERMAN's activities while at this address.

cc: Los Angeles  
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JAHAM. RE NY TEL MARCH THIRTY. PROFESSOR MILLS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MENTIONED BY EDWARD E. LEWIS IS FREDRICK G. MILLS. REFER TO REPORT OF S.A. EDWARD F. HUMMER DATED MARCH TWENTYFIVE AT WASHINGTON.

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WASHINGTON AND WASHINGTON FIELD FROM NEW YORK 30

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① JAHAM. RE WFO TEL MARCH TWENTY FOURTH. INQUIRIES AT COLUMBIA UNIV., NY, INDICATE FOUR PROFESSORS THERE NAMED MILLS. THIS OFFICE DESIRES TO INTERVIEW THE PROFESSOR MILLS MENTIONED IN REFERENCE TEL. WFO REQUESTED TO SUTEL FULL NAME OF THE PROFESSOR WHO WAS IN CONTACT WITH EDWARD E. LEWIS.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: March 30, 1949

FROM : L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

*V. J. H. R.*

*H. B. Fletcher*

*J. J. J.*

In your absence, Supervisor Al Touhy of the New York Office called at 11:45 a.m. today and referred to the examination previously made by document experts for the defense in this case. Mr. Touhy explained that Mr. Thomas Murphy, Chief of the Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, who was expected to try this case, has advised the New York Office that defense attorneys have indicated to him that in addition to the examination of the documents made by the expert in New York, they are desirous of having <sup>them</sup> examined again by a man named Fearon in Pittsburgh. Mr. Murphy has stated that he will in all probability consent to this examination, but he would like a Bureau Agent to bring the documents to Pittsburgh and wait for them while they are examined, returning them when the examination has been completed. According to Mr. Murphy, Fearon insists that he cannot make the examination in New York, but must make it at his laboratory in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Touhy explained that the documents in question are the so-called "Baltimore papers", specifically Specimens Q1 through 69, K32, K35, K40 and Grand Jury Exhibits #47 and #48.

Mr. Murphy indicated to the New York Office that it would be very desirable to have a Bureau Agent accompany these documents to Pittsburgh while they are being examined by Fearon, both to maintain the chain of evidence and also for security purposes. It is noted that when they were previously examined in New York by an expert for the defense attorneys, a Bureau Agent brought them to the expert, remained with them, and returned the documents to the New York Office each evening. It is expected that the examination in Pittsburgh will require two days.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of Mr. Murphy's indication to accede to the request of the defense attorneys to have these documents examined by Fearon, it would appear that his accompanying request that a Bureau Agent take the documents to Pittsburgh, stay with them and return them to New York after the examination should be granted. If you concur, the New York Office will be advised accordingly.

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*OK, but such requests can ultimately cost us much in time & money. They ought to require effort & cost of W. J. & Kisseloff-5729*

*Joyner*

*5-7-49*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. FLETCHER *HB*

DATE: 4-1-49

FROM : J. A. SWARTZ *AS*

SUBJECT: *O* JAHAM

Perjury, Espionage-R, IS-R

At 2 AM 4-1-49, Mrs. MARIA OLKOWSKA, 1409 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., Adams-0094, advised that she was interviewed on 3-31-49 by two FBI Agent concerning Alger Hiss. She stated that she was interviewed by Agents O'CONNOR and BARRY and that she wished to speak to these Agents again inasmuch as she has additional information for them.

*Jaham*

Action: This memorandum should be directed to the Espionage Section for appropriate action.

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United States Department of Justice

510 South Spring Street, Room 900

Los Angeles 13, California

March 4, 1949

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Director, FBI

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.  
ALGER HISS, ET AL  
PERJURY  
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(Bufile 74-133)

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Dear Sir:

Reference New York teletype of March 2, 1949, in which Los Angeles was advised that the deadline set by the Bureau for the summary report for the ALGER HISS trial is March 7, 1949. New York requested the Los Angeles Office to submit a report immediately on the information furnished to date by WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, inasmuch as some of it may be included in the summary report.

In view of the large volume of information obtained from CRANE in the interviews to date, it is not possible to incorporate it into a report in time to reach New York for use prior to March 7, 1949. The Bureau and the New York Office were so advised by Los Angeles teletype of March 3, 1949, and it was stated that an air mail special delivery letter would be forwarded containing information received from CRANE regarding ALGER HISS and associates.

Early in the interview, CRANE volunteered that he recalled having heard the names ALGER HISS, DUGGAN, DEAN KCHESON, ADOLPH BERLE, and WHITE in a conversation concerning the younger set of the State Department. He stated that he could recall no details concerning this conversation, but that he did retain the impression that material was to be expected from some of these people. He said that he thought DUGGAN may have been mentioned as a possible source. At the same time, he stated that he had a vague recollection of some sort of a "Department of Justice deal," but that he was unable to recall anything about it.

CRANE advised that this conversation was between CHAMBERS and himself and either one of two Soviet agents whom he knew under the cover names of PETER and DAVE. It will be noted that CRANE stated that he had read in the newspaper that CHAMBERS had identified the agent PETER as Colonel. In view of this and CRANE's description of PETER, it is apparent that the person referred to was Colonel BORIS BYKOV. The person known to CRANE as DAVE was later identified by CRANE from a photograph as DAVID ZIMMERMAN. CRANE stated the more he thought of it the more he felt that it was ZIMMERMAN, rather

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than BYKOV, who was involved in this conversation; however, on another occasion, CRANE stated that it might have been BYKOV, rather than CHAMBERS, who partook in this conversation.

CRANE was questioned concerning his reference to ALGER HISS, and he stated that he recalled the full name of "ALGER HISS" being mentioned. He said that, at that time, he did not know that HISS had a brother, DONALD. He said, further, that he considered the name ALGER HISS a striking one which he would not forget. CRANE was shown photographs of ALGER HISS, but he was unable to identify them as representing anyone that he could recall having ever seen. CRANE also advised that he had never heard the names "AMUR," "LENA," and "AMURAL GERHISS." CRANE also stated, in response to questioning, that he had never been told that any documents he photographed had come from ALGER HISS.

CRANE advised, with reference to DUGGAN, that he had just heard the last name in this conversation.

CRANE stated that the full name of DEAN ACHESON was used in this conversation, and that this was another striking name which he would retain. He never met DEAN ACHESON.

CRANE also stated that ADOLPH BERLE, who was mentioned by his full name, likewise had a striking name. CRANE recalled that, when he read anti-Soviet statements made by ADOLPH BERLE years later, they were a source of surprise to him in view of his impression gained in this conversation.

CRANE could not recall whether WHITE was mentioned by last name only, but he said that he had the definite impression that this related to HARRY DEXTER WHITE, formerly of the Treasury Department.

Subsequently, CRANE added to this information that he had a rather persistent but vague recollection that someone else had been mentioned, but that he could not recall anything further about it. He said that he believed the person had a rather common name. The names of COLLINS, REMINGTON, and SILVERMAN were mentioned to him, but he did not recognize them.

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CRANE also recalled that at one time he had a conversation with CHAMBERS in which CHAMBERS told him about a policy that had been instituted by Justice HOLMES of the Supreme Court, whereby the best young lawyers in the Harvard Law School were given jobs as clerks for Supreme Court Justices. In this connection, he stated that CHAMBERS told him that the whole crowd had become Leftists, Communists, and pro-Soviets. He recalled that CHAMBERS mentioned, in connection with a LENIN quotation to the effect that all honest intellectuals are on the side of the proletariat or revolution, in effect, here is the cream of the young lawyers on the side of the Soviet.

CRANE also recalled that CHAMBERS was acquainted with LEE PRESSMAN, whom CRANE knew as later becoming the public relations man of the CIO. He recalled that CHAMBERS talked to him about PRESSMAN several times about the possibility of CRANE obtaining a job with PRESSMAN when the apparatus was dissolved. This occurred shortly prior to the time that CRANE left the apparatus in about August, 1937. CRANE stated that he recalled trying to contact PRESSMAN for a job, but that he was never successful and is not sure whether he ever got to see PRESSMAN or not. CRANE did not recognize a photograph of LEE PRESSMAN.

CRANE stated that in Washington, D.C., CHAMBERS had introduced him to a Chinese fellow, who CRANE assumed to be in the apparatus. He said that this occurred when CRANE first went to Washington to live which was probably in the early part of 1937. He said his recollections of this Chinaman were very vague, but that he believed that he was a student. CRANE then stated that he might be confused about this Chinaman who might have been some connection of PEYTON KERR; however, CRANE kept returning to the notion that there was some connection between this Chinaman and CHAMBERS. In connection with this Chinaman, CRANE made the remark that, throughout his work in the apparatus, it seemed to him that there were many things that were planned or started but never finished, and that this meeting with the Chinaman might have been one of those things. He was unable to recall the reason for meeting this Chinaman.

CRANE described the Chinaman as about in his 20's, possibly 30 (about 1937); 5'7" or 5'8" tall; above average oriental height; fairly well built but on the slight side; and well dressed.

CRANE also recalled, on one occasion, that CHAMBERS introduced him to a tall, thin, young lawyer, and that this occurred in Washington, D.C. He said that he could not recall why he was taken to meet this lawyer, but that he thought it had some connection with the apparatus, at least on the "edge."

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CRANE said that possibly he was a Communist-Party member. He recalled that this young lawyer resided in a modern, little, first-floor apartment in the northwest section of Washington. He believed that this lawyer had a brother, and that he possibly had an Irish name. CRANE stated that the photographs of HENRY COLLINS and WILLIAM REMINGTON both resembled the person he had in mind, but that neither of them was the person. CRANE described this lawyer as being very tall, possibly 6' or 6'2", thin, and having thin, blond hair.

On March 1, 1949, photographs of FELIX AUGUST AINSLERMAN, MAX BEDACHT, JOHN ABT, HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN, and FRANKLIN VINCENT RENO were exhibited to CRANE, and he stated that he does not recognize any of them; neither does he recall any of the names.

As mentioned above, CRANE stated that he had met a member of the apparatus whose cover name was DAVE. He advised that the name DAVE CARPENTER had a "ring" to it, but that he was not acquainted with the name DAVID ZIMMERMAN. Subsequently, however, he identified a photograph of DAVID ZIMMERMAN as being the person he knew as DAVE. It will be noted that he made the identification from the photograph of ZIMMERMAN and others, including INEZ WRIGHT, but did not recognize the newspaper photograph of ZIMMERMAN alone. CRANE recalled that he first met DAVE in New York City during the first part of the time he was in New York when he began working for CHAMBERS. He had the impression that DAVE was from Washington but stated that he did not think DAVE was employed by the Government.

CRANE recalled that his association with DAVE lasted about one year from the time he first met him. He does not recall why he stopped seeing DAVE and has no recollection that CHAMBERS ever said anything concerning what happened to DAVE after he, CRANE, stopped seeing him.

According to CRANE, he recalls meeting DAVE on one occasion in Philadelphia and states that he probably met him on this occasion in Philadelphia to give money to DAVE. His other contacts with DAVE were in New York, and he stated he never met DAVE in Washington, D.C., or in Baltimore. He recalled seeing DAVE several times for the purpose of giving him envelopes from either PETE or CHAMBERS. He has the impression that these envelopes contained money. He has no recollection of ever receiving reports of any kind from DAVE; however, he does have the impression that he would meet DAVE for the purpose of relaying messages either received from or given to DAVE. He recalls also that his contacts with DAVE were daytime meetings and stated that DAVE was

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probably a photographer. He did not recall why he had the impression, inasmuch as he did not know DAVE's occupation. He had never been to DAVE's place of residence and stated he considered him just another fellow in the apparatus.

In connection with DAVE, CRANE recalled that CHAMBERS once told him, CRANE, that DAVE made a proposition of making some kind of a deal on a homosexual basis with a Senator from Maine by the name of HALE who was reportedly a degenerate. However, it was CRANE's recollection that CHAMBERS had turned this suggestion down.

It was CRANE's recollection that CHAMBERS definitely despised DAVE and referred to him as "the little S-O-B." Prior to the time when CRANE identified the picture of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN as DAVE, he described DAVE as follows:

Age:	About 25 (in 1930's)
Height:	5'5"
Weight:	130 pounds
Hair:	Dark
Complexion:	Dark
Characteristics:	Long, thin hands
Dress:	Wore gray suits
Appearance:	"Hang dog," walked with head down, rather attractive appearance, and was rather catlike or feline

On February 18, 1949, CRANE mentioned that he had heard the name of ELEANOR NELSON, and that he met her once in Washington, D.C., through CHAMBERS. He said that he could not recall where or why this meeting took place. He did not recognize the name of ELEANOR SOYRING.

On March 1, 1949, a photograph of ELEANOR NELSON was displayed to CRANE who stated that she looked familiar, but that he could not identify her. He said that it seemed to be someone connected with DAVE (ZIMMERMAN), and he believed that CHAMBERS had introduced him to her, saying that she was DAVE's

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wife. He said that he did not think he had ever seen them together, however, although he believed he had seen DAVE after meeting ELEANOR. He said he recalled CHAMBERS saying something to the effect that he did not think very much of DAVE, but that he thought a lot of ELEANOR, his wife. He advised that the name of ELEANOR NELSON sounded right to him.

CRANE advised that he had only seen NELSON on the one occasion when he met her, and that he had never had any conversation with her. He said he had a recollection of reading some Labor Department pamphlet written by her, and that, according to this pamphlet, she apparently was in some women's division of the Labor Department. He also said that he believed that CHAMBERS had mentioned that she was in the Labor Department.

CRANE advised that his photography work for CHAMBERS started about the time that he obtained an apartment in Baltimore, Maryland. This was approximately one year prior to his departure from the apparatus in about August, 1937. He said that, aside from one heavy week of photographing Treasury and State Department documents in Baltimore, he did not take many photographs and was only called upon on occasional nights by CHAMBERS to do such work.

He recalled that the big job of photographing documents in Baltimore occurred after 1936 and about 4 or 5 months prior to his departure from the apparatus in August, 1937. He said that, on this occasion, for about one week straight he photographed brief cases full of Treasury and State Department documents. On a later occasion, he stated that he believed that Department of Justice documents were included in this material. He was vague about this, however, and stated that his impression that such documents were included was based either on conversations or having seen the name of the Department of Justice on some of the material photographed.

CRANE was questioned concerning the contents of the material photographed, and he stated that the only thing that he could recall was that he had seen the name of GEORGE MESSERSCHMIDT. He believed that it was MESSERSCHMIDT's personal signature that appeared on the bottom of a report. CRANE also had the general recollection that this material pertained to foreign matters in the Far East.

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CRANE recalled that he later had a conversation with CHAMBERS about GEORGE MESSERSCHMIDT. He remembered that MESSERSCHMIDT was considered to be clear on the Nazi issue. CRANE commented that, in his opinion, MESSERSCHMIDT has taken a Fascistic attitude. He said he could recall CHAMBERS saying, "good, old GEORGE MESSERSCHMIDT." It was CRANE's recollection that he interpreted the conversation so as to conclude that MESSERSCHMIDT's views carried very great weight, and that he prepared very long and very thorough reports. He said that, according to CHAMBERS, MESSERSCHMIDT was a very clear-sighted man and not one that was deceived in the sense that most American diplomatic people are taken in by Europeans.

CRANE stated that he thinks there was also a report on China which he feels was from the Treasury Department or the Justice Department. He believes that this caused him to raise the question to CHAMBERS as to why there were so many different Government agencies gathering such information. He was specifically questioned as to whether he had ever seen any Federal Bureau of Investigation reports, and he stated that he had no such recollection.

CRANE advised that, in his photographing operations, he at one time bought a set of numbers which he thereafter placed on the documents when they were photographed. He was not certain, but he believed that he may have used this system on the occasion that this material was photographed in Baltimore. He also stated that he thought that CHAMBERS made an index of this material, and that the index itself was then photographed. Inasmuch as CHAMBERS subsequently stated that he had never made such an index, CRANE was requestioned about this on March 1, 1949, and he stated that he is certain on at least one occasion CHAMBERS made such an index that was photographed along with the documents, and that he believes that this was the occasion in Baltimore.

CRANE advised that the above-mentioned photographic operation took place in an apartment over an office, possibly a real estate office, in a two-story building, believed to have been converted from a house to commercial use, which was located in the general vicinity of a brewery and in a residential section within walking distance to downtown Baltimore. He

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subsequently stated that the brewery he mentioned could have been as far as 2 miles from the apartment. CRANE recalled that they closed this place out as a photographing site in the late winter of the year prior to his departure from the apparatus in August of 1937.

CRANE advised that he did not know the occupants of this apartment or what their exact connection with CHAMBERS and the apparatus was. He said, however, that they at least knew that they were expected to leave their apartment on certain nights as some underground work was going on. He said that the occupant of the apartment must have had some sort of affiliation with Communism. He claimed that he never met the occupant of the apartment, and that there had been no occasion to meet him as he, CRANE, never worked there alone.

CRANE was questioned concerning the sources of the material that he photographed, and he advised that he had understood there were several sources, but that he had never known the identity of these sources. He said that he had been impressed with the fact that such information would be harmful to himself. CRANE advised that he could recall nothing about any rugs being given as gifts to persons for supplying information. Also, as mentioned above, CRANE was specifically asked whether he had ever heard that ALGER HISS had furnished any documents, and his reply was in the negative.

CRANE stated that, with reference to this photographic work in Baltimore, he would meet CHAMBERS someplace at night and drive him to Baltimore. He said that CHAMBERS would have the material to be photographed with him. He stated that sometimes CHAMBERS would disappear if their work was completed early, but on other occasions, when they worked until 4 a.m. or so, they would drive leisurely back to Washington with the documents.

On one such occasion, CRANE recalls CHAMBERS returning brief cases of documents to two or three different individuals. He said that he would drive CHAMBERS to wherever directed and would wait while CHAMBERS left the car with a brief case for 15 or 20 minutes. CHAMBERS would then return, and they would drive to another place where the same operation was repeated. On this particular occasion, CRANE recalls one of their meeting places was

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in the southeast part of Washington, close in at a traffic circle, which had a fountain pillar or statue in the center; that, on CHAMBERS's direction, CRANE parked on one side of the fountain, and CHAMBERS went around the opposite side to meet an individual to return material. CRANE recalls that he probably looked around to see why CHAMBERS had not returned, and he observed CHAMBERS meet a small, slightly built man, wearing a dark suit. It is CRANE's recollection that just as he turned to watch the man come walking up to CHAMBERS, the two nodded, and the documents were returned. He recalled that the time of this meeting was in the morning when everyone was going to work. On this particular morning, it was CRANE's recollection that they delivered documents to three or four individuals, but that the other meetings were in the central part of town, and that he, CRANE, did not observe CHAMBERS contacting any other individuals at this time.

Continuing further regarding photography work which he did, CRANE recalled taking photographs of documents in Washington on a few nights. He recalled that this photography took place in the apartment of a girl who CHAMBERS's knew. CRANE recalled that he met this girl once, probably being introduced by CHAMBERS, and that she was a big girl. He further recalled that CHAMBERS gave him a key to the apartment which was located a block or so off of Connecticut Avenue on 16th, 17th, or 18th Street, Northwest. CRANE recalled using this apartment for doing photography work on a night when JOE LOUIS was having one of his fights. He recalls it was a hot, summer night, and there were lots of Negroes on the street.

On March 1, 1949, CRANE stated that he has since learned that this was the fight in which JOE LOUIS became heavyweight champion of the world by defeating BRADDOCK, which was in June, 1937.

It was CRANE's belief that he and CHAMBERS, in the late winter or early spring of probably 1937, removed the photography equipment from the apartment above mentioned which was located near a brewery and took the equipment to CHAMBERS's home. CRANE also has a vague recollection this equipment might have been brought to the apartment of the above-mentioned girl from CHAMBERS's home. CRANE recalls that he was only at CHAMBERS's home on one occasion, does not recall that he ate any meals there, but does recall meeting Mrs. CHAMBERS. In this respect it is noted that CRANE did not recognize a photograph of Mrs. CHAMBERS.

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Returning to his photographic activities at the apartment in Washington, CRANE stated that this was towards the closing of his activities in Washington, and that he assumed the girl whose apartment they were using was in the Communist Party or closely connected with it. At least he thought that she had an inkling as to what was going on, and that she would be away from the apartment on the nights that they used it. Regarding this girl, CRANE also has a vague recollection that he might have left money for her on some occasions. CRANE described this girl as follows:

Age:	30-35
Height:	5'10" or 5'11"
Weight:	150-160 pounds
Hair:	Dark
Type:	Athletic

CRANE does not know the girl's occupation or anything further concerning her.

CRANE stated that he never did any photography work in New York, and that the only photography work he did was in Baltimore and Washington.

During the interview with CRANE, on March 1, 1949, he stated that he had a matter which he wished to discuss and then said that he had read in the newspaper articles by STRIBLING, concerning the activities of the House Un-American Activities Committee, that charges were made that CHAMBERS was a pervert or homosexual. CRANE categorically stated that this information was not true.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Chambers subsequently advised that he had a vague recollection that "Keith's" real name may have been Crane, that "Keith" was connected with John Loomis Sherman, and that Sherman may have brought "Keith" into the apparatus when Sherman was on the West Coast. The San Francisco Office advised that in May, 1945, it was learned through a highly confidential and reliable source that an inquiry was made of Isaac Folkoff as to "whether he knew this fellow Ed Crane or Bill Morgan." Folkoff stated that he had not seen him for two or three years but that he was "okay". It was further determined that the Ed Crane mentioned by Folkoff was identical with William Edward Crane, a Communist on the West Coast. A photograph of this individual was displayed to Whittaker Chambers on February 1, 1949, and he identified Crane as the individual who sent him as "Keith".

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INTERVIEWS WITH WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE

William Edward Crane has been interviewed by the Los Angeles Office of this Bureau intermittently since February 7, 1949, and these interviews have continued to date. He has furnished the following information in substantiation of Chambers' allegations:

Crane stated he joined the Communist Party in San Francisco about 1932, and shortly thereafter he was singled out by "Pop" Folkoff (Isaac Folkoff), who took an interest in him and then arranged for him to meet John Loomis Sherman. Upon meeting Sherman, he wanted Crane to drop out of the Party and to do special work for an organization called International Press Correspondence. Crane and Sherman went to Los Angeles where Sherman introduced Crane to an Italian couple who were later connected with Crane and Chambers in New York City. After publishing a newspaper in Los Angeles for three or four months, Sherman said that someone was after him and that he would have to leave. Sherman and Crane went to New York where Sherman introduced Crane to one "Bob", whom Crane has identified from a photograph as Whittaker Chambers. Crane remained in New York a month or so and then returned to San Francisco alone. Sherman followed him a few months later and sailed for the Orient.

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

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

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

Crane advised that in the fall of 1937 Chambers told him that their work had fallen into the hands of the Nazis and that everyone seemed to be traitors. It was decided that Crane should return to the West Coast and get out of the work. Chambers told Crane that Sherman was living in Southern California, and warned him to stay away from Sherman and that everything would be all right. Crane advised that since his return to the West Coast he has had no connection whatever with Soviet espionage.

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

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

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Mr. Peyton Ford  
The Assistant to the Attorney General  
Director, FBI

March 12, 1949

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
PERJURY  
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ALLEGATIONS OF CHAMBERS REGARDING WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, was,  
FORMERLY KNOWN AS UNKNOWN SUBJECT "KEITH"

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

Chambers subsequently advised that he had a vague recollection that "Keith's" real name may have been Crane, that "Keith" was connected with John Louis Sherman and that Sherman may have brought "Keith" into the apparatus when Sherman was on the West Coast. The San Francisco Office advised that in May, 1945, it was learned through a highly confidential and reliable source that an inquiry was made of Isaac Folkoff as to "whether he knew this fellow Ed Crane or Bill Morgan." Folkoff stated that he had not seen him for two years but that he was "okay". It was further determined that the Ed Crane mentioned by Folkoff was identical with William Edward Crane, a Communist on the West Coast. A photograph of this individual was displayed to Whittaker Chambers on February 1, 1949, and he identified Crane as the individual known to him as "Keith".

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INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE

William Edward Crane has been interviewed by the Los Angeles Office of this Bureau intermittently since February 7, 1947, and those interviews have continued to date. He has furnished the following information in substantiation of Chambers' allegations:

Crane stated he joined the Communist Party in San Francisco about 1932, and shortly thereafter he was singled out by "Pop" Folkoff (Isaac Folkoff), who took an interest in him and then arranged for him to meet John Louis Sherman. Upon meeting Sherman, he wanted Crane to drop out of the Party and to do special work for an organization called International Press Correspondence. Crane and Sherman went to Los Angeles where Sherman introduced Crane to an Italian couple who were later co-metted with Crane and Chambers in New York City. After publishing a newspaper in Los Angeles for three or four months, Sherman said that someone was after him and that he would have to leave. Sherman and Crane went to New York where Sherman introduced Crane to one "Doc", whom Crane has identified from a photograph as Whitaker Chambers. Crane remained in New York a month or so and then returned to San Francisco alone. Sherman followed him a few months later and sailed for the Orient.

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



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cc - Assistant Attorney General Alexander N. Campbell  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *DL*

FROM : MR. FLETCHER *1137*

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

DATE: March 22, 1949

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

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By letter dated January 19, 1949 the Bureau instructed the Washington Field Office to interview those persons mentioned in a letter dated July 5, 1944 written to the White House by Mrs. Katherine Wills Perlo. The letter contained a partial list of the Communist underground group in Washington, D. C.

Two of the individuals listed in this letter are Helen Fuller, who is now Washington Editor of the New Republic magazine, and Rose Clinton.

The Washington Field Office has requested authority to interview these two persons. With respect to Helen Fuller, Mr. J. J. McGuire was contacted and he stated he knows of no reason she should not be interviewed. Concerning Rose Clinton, she is a registered member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia; however, she is not a key figure. She is the subject of a security index card and is employed by the United Cafeteria Employees Union, Local 471-CIO, at 1015 M Street, N.W.

**ACTION:**

There is attached hereto for your approval a letter to the Washington Field Office granting authority to conduct interviews with Helen Fuller and Rose Clinton.

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March 29, 1949

Director, FBI

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

Reference is made to the report of SA Frederick A. Prohbose, Anchorage, Alaska, dated February 15, 1949, in the above-captioned matter.

It is noted that Arthur Ulrich Theuer, when interviewed by the Anchorage Office, advised that a Louis Chuman of the Bureau of Standards was friendly with the Pigan Brothers. Chuman reportedly was very familiar with the activities of the Pigan Brothers and was also reported to be intimate with them.

Inasmuch as no lead was set out by the Anchorage Office to interview Chuman, the Washington Field Office should immediately arrange to interview him if no information appears in the Washington Field Office files which would suggest that he should not be interviewed.

cc - Anchorage  
New York

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SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

March 22, 1949

Director, FBI

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

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Authority is granted for your office to interview Rose Clinton and Helen Fuller mentioned in your teletype to the Bureau dated March 1, 1949.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *W* GUY HOTTEL, SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: *Return* JAHAM  
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R *(9)*

DATE: March 15, 1949

Reference is made to Chicago letter dated February 23, 1949 which letter furnished the names of persons who were employed with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN at the Railroad Retirement Board, Washington, D. C. Among those names listed was MARGARET GREENFIELD.

An acquaintance of MARGARET GREENFIELD advised that Miss GREENFIELD's address as of last December was 110-11 171st Place, Jamaica 5, New York.

For the information of the New York Office in conducting an interview with Miss GREENFIELD the following information is furnished.

MARGARET GREENFIELD was the subject of a Security Matter - C case in 1943 and the subject of an Internal Security Hatch Act case in 1944. One copy of WFO report dated December 23, 1943, Security Matter -C, report made by Special Agent ADRIAN O. McLELLAN at Washington, D. C. and one copy of WFO report dated June 15, 1944, Internal Security, Hatch Act, made by Special Agent WILLIAM P. JONES at Washington, D. C., both carrying Washington Field Office File No. 100-4824, are enclosed herewith.

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*W*  informs that MARGARET GREENFIELD is intimate with ROBERT and JENNY MILLER who are subjects of the GREGORY case.

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This same informant advised that MARGARET GREENFIELD had received a letter from a cousin in France in which this cousin asks MARGARET to visit her, all expenses to be taken care of. When MARGARET GREENFIELD got her passport in January, 1948 she told JENNY MILLER that she had been worried after she had put down "all this stuff." She was apparently concerned over some information given to obtain the passport.

*W* An examination of MARGARET GREENFIELD's passport applications was made and the following information was obtained therefrom.

On July 27, 1927 passport #443809 was issued for travel to France. On December 11, 1931 passport #455560 was issued for travel to all countries.

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Letter to Director with cc New York  
March 15, 1949

JAHAM (WFO 74-94)  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

On January 7, 1948 passport #140279 was issued to visit France "and some place else before returning - no plans at present."

The application for the latter passport was executed on January 5, 1948 and included statements summarized as follows: MARGARET GREENFIELD resided in France from September, 1924 to June, 1925; France from January, 1932 to June, 1932; Russia July, 1932 to June, 1933; father, JACOB GREENFIELD, now deceased, born in Austria (It was noted that in the application executed in 1927 her father's birthplace is given as Poland.) Her mother is given as Sarah Schloss Greenfield, born in New York, and residing in New York. Occupation is shown as "writer." Permanent address is shown as 2515 Yates Avenue, Bronx, New York; purpose of proposed trip - "to visit relatives, principally - incidentally, to obtain writing materials;" intends to sail from New York approximately March 23, 1948 aboard the DeGrasse. Miss GREENFIELD indicated that she was never married. The application contains a statement that "a woman applicant who is or has been married must fill in this portion" and the portion referred to concerns questions regarding marital status. This portion was left blank.

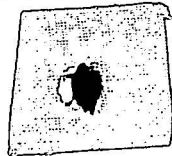
The Credit Bureau of Washington, D. C. contains a report on MARGARET GREENFIELD and includes an interview of April, 1938 apparently made by a credit investigator. MARGARET GREENFIELD at this time stated that she used the name Miss MARGARET GREENFIELD for business purposes and employment; that she is separated from her husband but refused all information concerning husband including his name.

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*u* / *Mr. Tolson*

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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*Ed. M. Quinn*  
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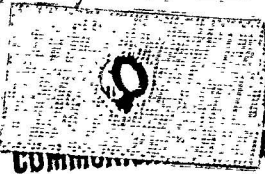
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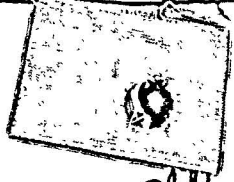
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

DATE: 3-31-49

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
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At 11:05 a.m. today, ASAC Santoianna, New Haven, called in and stated that George Flynn of the Waterbury Republican newspaper, Waterbury, Connecticut, had received information that Whittaker Chambers, accompanied by Bureau Agents, had been in the vicinity of Plymouth, Connecticut, yesterday. Chambers was in the vicinity of Plymouth, Connecticut, yesterday trying to locate and identify the tourist home where he claims that he and Hiss stayed overnight in 1936 or 1947. Flynn stated they would have to publish something <sup>about</sup> it because Chambers had been recognized by several individuals apparently because of the publicity concerning him.

Mr. Santoianna stated he had advised the New York Office of the possible publicity and told Mr. Flynn the New Haven Office had no comment to make. I told him this action was correct.

Mr. J. J. McGuire was advised of the foregoing.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAHAM;  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the Bureau teletype of January 7, 1949 wherein it was requested that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS be interviewed concerning the alleged similarity between the story and the phrasing in "Class Reunion" and the present HISS-CHAMBERS situation.

You are first advised that this request was held in abeyance due to its nature and handled in the latter part of the chronology of CHAMBERS' activities.

CHAMBERS stated that if he was asked to remember one line of the story "Class Reunion" he would be unable to do so. He stated further that he has no independent recollection that any phase of the story would apply to the present situation between ALGER HISS and himself. He added that he is only vaguely familiar with what the book was about and stated that regardless of the book's contents, nothing in his association with ALGER HISS was motivated by or had the remotest connection with any thing set forth in that book.

CHAMBERS' remarks concerning this book will of course be included in his statement.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

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TO : Director, FBI,  
 FROM : SAC, New York  
 SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: March 16, 1949

*J.L. Jones*  
*V.P. [unclear]*

During the course of a recent interview with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS he furnished the information set out hereinafter. This information, of course, will be included in his statement, but is being furnished to you at this time because of its nature.

CHAMBERS stated that some time in 1926 he was introduced to one JAMES RORTY, also known as JIM RORTY. This introduction, he continued, was by MICHAEL GOLD, and CHAMBERS thought that at the time GOLD and RORTY were editors of the publication "New Masses," which had just started. Subsequent to the original meeting CHAMBERS said he saw RORTY approximately a half dozen times. He said that in his opinion RORTY was not a Communist, but was some kind of a "left of center liberal."

CHAMBERS remarked that he heard of RORTY or perhaps even met him at the time the Communist Party was organizing committees to elect FOSTER and FORD. He thought that that was the last time he ever saw RORTY. However, he recalled that he had seen this individual's name on some articles which appeared in a cooperative journal.

CHAMBERS stated that some time during the last several years JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, editorial writer for Life Magazine, told him that RORTY had written the speech made by DAVID LILLIENTHAL in the Senate or before Congress, when he, LILLIENTHAL, was being considered for appointment as head of the Atomic Energy Commission.

CHAMBERS had some idea, the source of which he could not remember, that RORTY had been connected with the Tennessee Valley Authority within recent years. He stated that it is his present impression that RORTY is anti-Communist. He thought that RORTY had originally come from Connecticut.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *lgz* SAC, Washington Field

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

DATE: February 8, 1949

*Carl [unclear]*  
*Moffatt*  
*[unclear]*

Reference is made to Bulet dated February 1, 1949. The report of SA EDMUND V. KADELL dated January 27, 1949, at Omaha, Nebraska, indicates that HUGH J. BOYLE stated that prior to his departure from Washington in 1937, he recalled that Mrs. FULLER (first name unknown), the sister of JAMES BYRNES, former Secretary of State, told him that she had heard that ALGER HISS was associated with individuals in Georgetown, Washington, D. C., whom she referred to as "Reds." The Washington Field Office was directed to ascertain the present whereabouts of Mrs. FULLER and interview her in connection with this matter.

Reference is made to Washington Field teletype to Director and New York dated January 11, 1949, in which it was advised that Mrs. LENORA BYRNES FULLER (died) February 13, 1947, at Tryon, North Carolina. Further reference is made to Bulet dated January 3, 1949, in which the Washington Field Office was directed to reinterview individuals who had previously furnished information regarding ALGER HISS as set out in the report of SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS dated February 18, 1948, at Washington, D. C., captioned "ALGER HISS, INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT." Mrs. LENORA FULLER, 2800 Woodley Road, Washington, D. C., was one of the persons to be questioned in this regard.

~~RECORDING~~

*ab*

cc: New York  
Omaha

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*[Handwritten signature]*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 14, 1949

FROM : SAC, Newark

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.; ET AL  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
BuFile 74-1333

Rerep SA JOSEPH M. KELLY, New York, 2/8/49.

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It is noted that referenced report sets out a lead for the Newark Office to interview ROBERT MC MANUS. Inasmuch as Newark teletype of January 28, 1949, to the Bureau, New York and Baltimore set out information known concerning MC MANUS and the Bureau has not given authority for the interview, he is not being interviewed.

cc: New York (65-14920)

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHÉ  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
MEXICO CITY

*J. J. [unclear]  
Brent  
ASB*

March 10, 1949

Director, FBI

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases;  
ALGER HISS; et al.  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau cable dated January 17, 1949, and Mexico City cable to the Bureau dated January 27, 1949.

Upon receipt of referenced Bureau cable, JAVIER PINEDA (RUIZ), now the manager of the local company known as Sumadoras "Llorens" de Mexico, S. A., Avenida Uruguay 35-301, and former manager of Distribuidora Continental, S. de R. L., Avenida Uruguay 35-204, Mexico City, was contacted. PINEDA (RUIZ) advised that HILARO MORENO, who was formerly associated with him in Distribuidora Continental, S. de R. L., had been requested to terminate said association due to his unethical business practices, his dishonesty and excessive drinking habits. He explained that while HILARO MORENO was connected with the old firm, the latter from time to time received shipments of typewriters and related items directly from exporters in the United States which were consigned to MORENO "in care of Distribuidora Continental" but that these sporadic shipments were handled exclusively by MORENO. MORENO, according to PINEDA (RUIZ), kept few records and when he terminated all relations with the firm Distribuidora Continental, the only records he took with him were two small unfilled loose-leaf correspondence folders containing his personal and business correspondence. PINEDA (RUIZ) added that usually all invoices for typewriting machines sold by either MORENO or himself in Mexico City were made out on Distribuidora Continental, S. de R. L., stationery. All invoices so made out were retained by the old firm.

PINEDA (RUIZ) and Special Agent WILLIAM T. BAKER of this office personally checked all invoices made out by Distribuidora Continental for the years 1946 and 1947 and also invoices for the new concerns Sumadoras "Llorens" de Mexico,

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PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

S. A., for 1948; however, no record was found pertaining to Woodstock typewriter #163-005, the subject matter of instant case in Mexico.

PIÑEDA (RUIZ) explained that when HILARO MORENO received a shipment of typewriters from the United States consigned to him personally, MORENO would take the invoice and contact various possible buyers. If a buyer were interested, he would furnish the money necessary to pay for the entire shipment, at which time MORENO would handle the importation details, paying the freight, etc. MORENO would then proceed to sell the individual typewriters after delivery in Mexico, paying back the individual who furnished the capital either from the proceeds of the sale of the machines or in typewriters. PIÑEDA (RUIZ) advised that many of the typewriters received personally by MORENO were sold in Puebla, Mexico, and that the two most reliable customers of MORENO in Puebla were MOISES DIAZ, Reforma #540, and FRANCISCO FONSECA, 3 Poniente #145. He added that Major ARMANDO RUIZ (GOMEZ), paymaster for the Guard of the Plaza, Puebla, was the silent partner of FRANCISCO FONSECA and usually was the person who advanced funds to MORENO in his typewriter deals.

MOISES DIAZ and FRANCISCO FONSECA were contacted by Agent BAKER in Puebla, Mexico, and after checking their respective records, informed they could not find any data in their files concerning Woodstock typewriter #163-005.

Through the efforts of MOISES DIAZ, HILARO MORENO was located in Puebla at 14 Oriente #5. MORENO could not recall anything concerning the typewriter in question but admitted he had handled very few Woodstock machines. He voluntarily began to check his records, which consisted of a suitcase full of unrelated papers, and located a list of 50 typewriters purchased from T. G. NELSON, Swift Adding Machine Company, New York City, together with a cover invoice letter dated April 25, 1946. This date, according to the referenced Bureau cable, is the specific date when Woodstock typewriter #163-005 was secured by T. G. NELSON. A careful check of the Woodstocks appearing on this invoice failed to disclose that Woodstock typewriter #163-005 had been included in the shipment. It was noted on this invoice that the customs broker handling the shipment was RODRIGUEZ & TENORIO, Laredo, Texas.

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

Contact with the main office of RODRIGUEZ & TENORIO at Isabel la Catolica #41, Mexico City, revealed that HILARO MORENO had received several shipments, all of which had been invoiced under date of April 25, 1946. MARIO DOMINGUEZ, Manager of RODRIGUEZ & TENORIO, secured through correspondence from their Laredo, Texas, agency a copy of all invoices for the pertinent period.

Another invoice dated April 25, 1946, from the Swift Adding Machine Company, New York City, was located, said invoice having been directed to HILARO MORENO and containing the charges for 15 typewriters. Woodstock-Electric #163-005 appears on this invoice, the price being \$7.33 U.S. currency.

The above-mentioned invoices were displayed to Major ARMANDO RUIZ (GOMEZ), partner in the firm of FRANCISCO FONSECA in Puebla, Mexico. Major RUIZ advised that he had furnished the money to MORENO for all of the typewriting equipment listed on the invoices but that he had refused to handle about eight typewriters included in the shipment which were either in very poor condition or which were purchased from the Swift Company so cheaply that the resale value in Mexico would prohibit him from making a profit. He advised that he never would accept a typewriter for resale if the original cost was much less than \$14.00 U.S. currency. He recalled very definitely that he had never accepted an old Woodstock-Electric.

Further contact was then made with HILARO MORENO. MORENO, after viewing the invoices and recalling Major RUIZ' comments concerning the rejected typewriters, stated that he believes he sold these old machines to typewriter repair shops in Mexico City for the purpose of their being used for parts in the repair of other machines. He recalled specifically that he had sold some machines of this type to GUSTAVO A. NOVELO, Cuba #57, Mexico City.

Confidential Informant  checked all the typewriters in NOVELO'S shop but could not locate Woodstock #163-005, nor did the records of NOVELO reflect the purchase of this machine.

An agreement was worked out with HILARO MORENO whereby he consented to come to Mexico City and contact all his old customers in an effort to locate the desired machine. He spent

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Letter to Director, 3-10-49

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; et al.  
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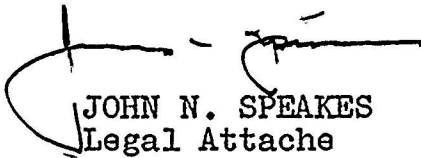
approximately one week in Mexico City but his search was unsuccessful.

It is the final opinion of MORENO that the machine actually was sold by him to some repair shop and that it has been dismantled for repair parts.

The two invoices described in this communication are being forwarded to the Bureau for its information and need not be returned to Mexico City.

In view of the fact that there appear to be no further logical leads in this case in Mexico, it is being placed in a closed status.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN N. SPEAKES  
Legal Attache

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**S. S. KISSLOFF**  
INVOICE

# Swift Adding Machine Co.

19 WEST EIGHTH STREET  
NEW YORK 11, N.Y.

NEW ADDRESS  
SWIFT ADDING MACHINE CO.  
22 PARK PL. **BO-7-3119**

Consigned to:  
Banco Anglo Mexicano, S.A.  
Mexico City, Mexico.

SOLD TO Hilario Larrosa,  
Distribuidora Continental, S. de C. A.  
Av. Uruguay 22-231,  
Mexico, D.F. Mexico.

DATE **APRIL 25, 1946**

YOUR ORDER NO.

INVOICE NO.

Notify: Rodriguez Y Gonzalez,  
Laredo, Texas.

TERMS:

VIA Universal Carloading & Dist.

Fifty (50) Reconstructed & Used Typewriters as per  
attached list.

**\$8,024.00**

Less Discount.

**512.00**

**\$7,512.00**

One (1) Case Typewriter Parts (Second Hand) To Charge.

**605197**

SWIFT ADDING MACHINE CO.  
19 West Eighth Street,  
New York 11, N.Y.

Consigned to:  
Banco Anglo Mexicano, S.A.  
Mexico City, Mexico

Date April 25th, 1946

Your Order No.

Invoice No.

SOLD TO Hilario Moreno,  
Distribuidora Continental, S. de R. L.  
Av. Uruguay 35-204,  
Mexico, D.F. Mexico.

Via Universal Carloading & Dist.

Notify: Rodriguez y Tenorio  
Laredo, Texas.

Monarch	#62027	* ROUGH	\$24.85
International	21955/18"	Rough	66.25
Woodstock	2645414	Rough	13.50
" Electric	171786	Rough	11.50
" "	163005	Rough	7.33
Remington	Y108738/12"	Rough	11.08
Remington	RD84597/14"	Rough	14.83
Remington	R394761	Rough	7.33
Remington	RE70374/18"	Rough	22.33
Remington	R386438	Rough	7.33
L.C. Smith	638157	Reconstructed. rough	23.50
Underwood	40431/4	Rough	11.00
Und. Tall Bill.	475	Rough	23.50
Underwood	4884040/11"	Reconstructed,	80.50
Underwood	4756272/18"	Reconstructed.	88.00

\$412.81



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **74-94**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/22/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/9-11, 25, 26, 28; 3/14, 16, 17, 21, 22/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JACK S. TURTON dmh</b>
TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was ETAL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY INTERNAL SECURITY - R ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Microfilm prints of State Department documents identified and correlated with original State Department documents. Copies of telegrams from which microfilm made not available. Method of processing and distributing copies of telegrams set out. Intradepartmental distribution of documents furnished. Results of FBI Laboratory examination set out. **JOHN E. PEURIFOY**, Assistant Secretary of State, or **WALTER K. SCOTT**, competent to produce documents and testify to their authenticity.

*cc: ASAC Campbell  
4-7-49  
ASB: [unclear]*

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file 74-1333  
Bureau letter dated January 19, 1949  
New York teletype dated March 3, 1949

**DETAILS:** AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

**GRAND JURY EXHIBITS 47 & 48  
STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS**

**ENCLOSURE**

**WALTER H. ANDERSON**, Chief, Communications and Records Division, State Department, advised that to the best of his knowledge it would be impossible to locate actual copies of the documents from which the microfilm of Grand Jury exhibits 47 and 48 were made. He stated that the procedure used in processing incoming communications during the pertinent period was as follows: An incoming telegram would have been decoded, paraphrased to protect the code, and a stencil cut from which copies would be made for distribution. An "action" copy would be run off first on yellow paper to be routed to the office primarily interested in the data received. In addition as many "information" copies were

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**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1/31/81 BY 018322  
[unclear]**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *Gray Hattis* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

**COPIES DESTROYED**

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2-Washington Field

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made on white paper as were necessary to supply those offices having a secondary or merely informational interest in the communication.

At that time, ANDERSON stated, the Communications and Records Division was interested in and responsible for the retention of "action" copies only and they made no record of the handling of the "information" copies. He further advised that the only copies of communications remaining in the State Department files are the permanent file copies which were the original "action" copies and the official microfilm copy.

HARVEY FENSTERMACHER, assistant chief, Communications and Records Division, State Department, was present in ANDERSON's office at the time of the interview. FENSTERMACHER stated it was required of all offices that they return the "information" copies to be burned. He advised, however, that there was no enforcement of that requirement. FENSTERMACHER stated the normal procedure was that the "information" copies would be picked up by a messenger once a week and destroyed. FENSTERMACHER further advised that no record was ever kept of those returned and destroyed or of those that remained outstanding.

FENSTERMACHER reiterated ANDERSON's statement that the only copies remaining were the file copies and the official microfilm and stated there would not be one chance in a million that the copy with the SAYRE office stamp would be in existence unless it was outside the State Department.

ANDERSON and FENSTERMACHER were questioned with reference to the disposal of any material that may have remained in the files of SAYRE's office at the time SAYRE left the State Department. ANDERSON stated the usual procedure was that all material of interest to the Communications and Records Division would be returned there. That material which should have been previously returned for filing was sorted out and kept and the rest destroyed. ANDERSON further stated that if SAYRE's office had returned the copies of telegrams from which the Grand Jury microfilm exhibits were made they would have been destroyed by the Communications and Records Division upon receipt.

It will be noted that Grand Jury exhibits Nos. 48-37 through 48-48, entitled Aide Memoire, dated July 21, 1937, bears a Dewey decimal file number which differs from the number on the corresponding document maintained in the State Department files. It appears that the original document is the one that was microfilmed. FENSTERMACHER advised that the file number on the Aide Memoire was changed sometime after it was originally filed in the Division of Communications and Records but that it has been impossible to determine exactly when the change in file number was made.

FENSTERMACHER stated the corrected number that presently appears on the file copy is believed to have been changed sometime late in the same year that the document was filed, that is, changed either in November or December 1937.

This conclusion was reached inasmuch as the document bears a number which follows in the series used during that period. The factor that prevents a definite conclusion is that the number now on the file document may have been one that was missed in the series and may have been picked up at any time subsequent to the end of 1937.

DAVID A. SALMON, 3223 Klinge Road, NW, Washington, D.C. (retired), advised he had been chief of the Division of Communications and Records for 27 years and had been chief in 1937 and 1938. He repeated the procedure for the handling of messages from decoding through distribution as outlined above. SALMON stated he did not believe the actual documents from which the microfilms were made would still be in existence inasmuch as the film was made from "information" copies. He further advised that these copies are not kept but are destroyed after they have served their purpose.

SALMON stated he had been approached by the defense counsel in this case but he did not state the reason for the interview. He further stated his hopes that he would not be requested as a witness.

EUNICE A. LINCOLN, Correspondence Review Section, State Department, advised she had been secretary to FRANCIS B. SAYRE at the time ALGER HISS was employed under SAYRE at the State Department. She emphasized the fact that she was primarily SAYRE's secretary and that ANNABELLE NEWCOMB had been HISS' secretary.

Miss LINCOLN advised that normally she personally received all incoming communications at her desk and stamped them with the SAYRE office stamp as soon as they were opened. She stated that every telegram or other communication was stamped before it left her desk. Miss LINCOLN advised that she would route an incoming communication to either SAYRE or HISS depending upon the content of the message and further depending upon which of the men happened to be busy at that time. She further explained that she was cognizant of the type of material that would be of primary interest to SAYRE and that she would try to route the more important material directly to him. She stated that some incoming telegrams in her opinion would be of no direct interest to SAYRE and that these would be routed to HISS first. She further stated that some of the "information" copies of the telegrams first routed to HISS would not subsequently be sent to SAYRE by HISS. Miss LINCOLN advised that these were communications that HISS probably considered to be of insufficient importance to bother SAYRE. She said she has no way of knowing whether any of the telegrams making up the exhibits had been reviewed by both SAYRE and HISS. She further stated that she was able to discern ALGER HISS' initials in the corner of the SAYRE office stamp appearing on some of the documents in the exhibits.

Miss LINCOLN stated the "information" copies of telegrams remained in her office any length of time, from a week to six months or longer. Material that was of no lasting importance to SAYRE was picked up once a week by a State Department messenger and destroyed. Miss LINCOLN stated that prior to being picked up, it was kept in a locked file cabinet and was delivered to the messenger in a sealed manila envelope. Material relative to Trade Agreements or any subject of interest to SAYRE's office was kept for six months and then destroyed. Miss LINCOLN said she would keep material for more than six months if it remained of current interest or if it were pertinent to a current problem. With reference to the copies of telegrams in this report she stated she would definitely not keep them any length of time as they were not of interest in Trade Agreement problems.

Miss LINCOLN stated that to the best of her knowledge the pertinent Aides Memoire were not drafted in SAYRE's office. She advised that SAYRE's office was a "policy office" and that normally the Aides Memoire would be drafted elsewhere and sent to SAYRE for approval. She indicated the Aides Memoire included in the Grand Jury exhibits 47 and 48 appear to have followed the normal procedure in this respect.

The following compilation sets forth the State Department documents indicating the Grand Jury exhibit numbers, the FBI Laboratory Qc and Kc numbers, the titles, and the State Department distribution of each document:

Grand Jury Exhibit No.: 47-1 and 47-2  
Qc No.: 74 and 75  
Kc No.: 549 and 550  
Title: Memorandum of January 8, 1938, to A-S (Mr. Sayre) regarding German aide-memoire

Distribution:

<u>Office Symbol</u>	<u>Office Title</u>	<u>Chief or Head of Office</u>
A-S	Assistant Secretary	FRANCIS B. SAYRE
TA (drafting office)	Division of Trade Agreements	HARRY C. HAWKINS

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Grand Jury Exhibit No.: 47-3 through 47-18  
Qc No.: 76 through 91  
Kc No.: 551 through 566  
Title: Memorandum dated December 31, 1937 to Mr. HAWKINS (TA) regarding German Aide Memoire

Distribution:

<u>Office Symbol</u>	<u>Office Title</u>	<u>Chief, or Head of Office</u>
A-S	Assistant Secretary	FRANCIS B. SAYRE
TA	Division of Trade Agreements	HARRY C. HAWKINS

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Grand Jury Exhibit No.: 47-19 through 47-21

Qc No.: 92 through 94

Kc No.: 567 through 569

Title: Draft Memorandum dated December 31, 1937, to German Ambassador,  
re Most-favored-nation principle

Distribution:

<u>Office Symbol</u>	<u>Office Title</u>	<u>Chief, or Head of Office</u>
A-S	Assistant Secretary	FRANCIS B. SAYRE
TA	Division of Trade Agreements	HARRY C. HAWKINS

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Grand Jury Exhibit No.: 47-23 through 47-36

Qc No.: 96 through 109

Kc No.: 570 through 583

Title: Aide-Memoire from German Embassy, undated, (written in German)  
regarding most-favored-nation principle.

Distribution:

<u>Office Symbol</u>	<u>Office Title</u>	<u>Chief, or Head of Office</u>
U	Under Secretary	SUMNER WELLES
A-S	Assistant Secretary	FRANCIS B. SAYRE
EA	Advisor on International Economic Affairs	HERBERT FEIS

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Grand Jury Exhibit No.: 48-37 through 48-48

Qc No.: 120 through 131

Kc No.: 594 through 605

Title: Aide Memoire dated July 21, 1937, to German Ambassador  
re Trade Relations

Distribution:

<u>Office Symbol</u>	<u>Office Title</u>	<u>Chief, or Head of Office</u>
U	Under Secretary	SUMNER WELLES
EA	Advisor on International Economic Affairs	HERBERT FEIS

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Grand Jury Exhibit No.: 48-49 through 48-51

Qc No.: 117 through 119

Kc No.: 591 through 593

Title: Telegram No. 24 from Hankow, China, dated January 11, 1938, 3 p.m.

Distribution:

<u>Office Symbol</u>	<u>Office Title</u>	<u>Chief or Head of Office</u>
S	Secretary	CORDELL HULL
U	Under Secretary	SUMNER WELLES
C	Counselor	R. WALTON MOORE
A-M	Assistant Secretary	GEORGE S. MESSERSMITH
A-S	Assistant Secretary	FRANCIS B. SAYRE
A-W	Assistant Secretary	HUGH R. WILSON
SA	Special Assistant to the Secretary of State	LEO PASVOLSKY
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PA/D	Adviser on Political Relations	JAMES C. DUNN
FELS	Adviser on International Economic Affairs	HERBERT FEIS
CI	Division of Current Information	MICHAEL J. MC DERMOTT
CC	Chief Clerk & Administrative Assistant	EDWARD YARDLEY
CA	Office of Arms & Munitions Control	JOSEPH C. GREEN
SAVAGE	Office of the Historical ) Adviser )	HUNTER MILLER, Chief CARLTON SAVAGE, Asst. Historical Adviser
FE	Division of Far Eastern Affairs	MAXWELL M. HAMILTON
EU	Division of European Affairs	JAY PIERREPONT MOFFAT
RA	Division of American Republics	LAURENCE DUGGAN

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Qc No.: 116

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Title: Telegram No. 17 from Tsingtao (China), dated January 13, 1938, 3 p.m.  
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The results of the document examination by the FBI Laboratory are set out below:

It was concluded that the original of each of the photographs from the microfilm listed below in the left column and the original of each of the State Department photostats listed opposite were made by one typing run. That is, the originals of Qc74 and Kc549 were both typed at one time.

Qc74	Kc549
Qc75	Kc550
Qc77	Kc552
Qc78	Kc553
Qc79	Kc554
Qc80	Kc555
Qc81	Kc556
Qc82	Kc557
Qc83	Kc558
Qc84	Kc559
Qc85	Kc560
Qc86	Kc561
Qc87	Kc562
Qc88	Kc563
Qc89	Kc564
Qc90	Kc565
Qc91	Kc566

It was concluded that the original documents depicted on the photographs made from the microfilms listed below on the left are different documents than the originals of the State Department photostats listed opposite. However, the wording in each photograph is verbatim with its corresponding State Department photostat. For example, the typed wording on specimen Qc76 is verbatim with the typed wording on Kc551 although their originals are two different documents.

Qc76	Kc551
Qc92	Kc567
Qc93	Kc568
Qc94	Kc569

With reference to specimens Qc96 through Qc109, Qc120 through Qc131, Kc570 through Kc583, Kc594 through Kc605, the following observations and conclusions were reached: There are certain marks appearing on most of the microfilm photographs that appear in the same relative positions on corresponding State Department photostats. This in itself indicates the possibility that such microfilm photographs are from the same originals as the corresponding State Department photostats. However, there are also marks appearing on these photographs which are not present on the corresponding photostats and vice versa. This may be due to the different processes involved in making the

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documents that are in evidence. These differences plus the absence of the original documents for examination prevent a definite conclusion in this respect. However, it can be stated that either the above is true or that the originals of the microfilm photographs and the originals of their corresponding State Department photostats listed below opposite each other came from a common typing run. That is, Qc96 and Kc570 originate from a common original document or that the originals of Qc96 and Kc570 came from a common typing run.

Qc96	Kc570
Qc97	Kc571
Qc98	Kc572
Qc99	Kc573
Qc100	Kc574
Qc101	Kc575
Qc102	Kc576
Qc103	Kc577
Qc104	Kc578
Qc105	Kc579
Qc106	Kc580
Qc107	Kc581
Qc108	Kc582
Qc109	Kc583
Qc120	Kc594
Qc121	Kc595
Qc122	Kc596
Qc123	Kc597
Qc124	Kc598
Qc125	Kc599
Qc126	Kc600
Qc127	Kc601
Qc128	Kc602
Qc129	Kc603
Qc130	Kc604
Qc131	Kc605

With reference to specimens Qc110 through Qc119, Kc584 through Kc593 the following observations and conclusions were reached.

There are certain characteristics appearing in the typewriting on the State Department photostats and the microfilm photographs that indicate the possibility they originate from common stencils. There are also marks appearing on the photographs which are not present on the corresponding photostats and vice versa. This may be due to the different processes involved in making the documents that are at hand. These differences plus the absence of the original documents for examination prevent a definite conclusion in this respect. It can be stated, however, that either the above is true or the originals of the



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microfilm photographs and the originals of their corresponding State Department photostats listed below opposite each other came from a common typing run. That is, the originals of Qc110 and Kc584 were made by one stencil or by the same typing run.

Qc110	Kc584
Qc111	Kc585
Qc112	Kc586
Qc113	Kc587
Qc114	Kc588
Qc115	Kc589
Qc116	Kc590
Qc117	Kc591
Qc118	Kc592
Qc119	Kc593

The Washington Field Division has advised that the German Aide Memoire number 22 has previously been identified with an authentic State Department document and therefore the Laboratory is not requested to make any examination of the corresponding State Department document submitted.

DONALD L. NICHOLSON, chief, Division of Security, State Department, advised that JOHN E. PEURIFOY, Assistant Secretary of State for Administration or WALTER K. SCOTT are in charge of the originals of these documents and are in a position to testify as to their authenticity.

**ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:**

Two photostatic copies of documents constituting Grand Jury exhibits 47 and 48 with corresponding State Department documents.

**ENCLOSURE TO NEW YORK:**

One photographic copy and one photostatic copy of Grand Jury exhibits 47 and 48 and two photostatic copies of corresponding State Department documents.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **74-94**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/22/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/-11, 25, 26, 28, 3/14, 16, 17, 21, 22/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JACK E. TUNTON</b> dah
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Microfilm prints of State Department documents identified and correlated with original State Department documents. Copies of telegrams from which microfilm made not available. Method of processing and distributing copies of telegrams set out. Intradepartmental distribution of documents furnished. Results of FBI Laboratory examination set out. **JAMES E. PURNIFOX**, Assistant Secretary of State, or **WALTER K. SCOTT**, competent to produce documents and testify to their authenticity.

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**REFERENCES:** Bureau file 74-1333  
Bureau letter dated January 19, 1949  
New York teletype dated March 3, 1949

**DETAILS:** AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

**GRAND JURY EXHIBITS 47 & 48  
STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS**

**WALTER H. ANDERSON**, chief, Communications and Records Division, State Department, advised that to the best of his knowledge it would be impossible to locate actual copies of the documents from which the microfilm of Grand Jury exhibits 47 and 48 were made. He stated that the procedure used in processing incoming communications during the pertinent period was as follows: An incoming telegram would have been decoded, paraphrased to protect the code, and a stencil cut from which copies would be made for distribution. An "action" copy would be run off first on yellow paper to be routed to the office primarily interested in the data received. In addition as many "information" copies were

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 23, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

*EM  
Moseburg  
Jones*

K SUBJECT: JAHAM

Reference is made to your letter of March 16, 1949, wherein you request information concerning the rug which was given to HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH.

For your information, CHAMBERS has stated that after a conference with Colonel BORIS BYKOV, it was decided to give Oriental rugs to ALGER HISS, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, A. GEORGE SILVERMAN, and HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH. CHAMBERS arranged for the purchase of these rugs by a friend of his, Professor MEYER SCHAPIRO, and they were subsequently shipped from New York City to A. GEORGE SILVERMAN in Washington. CHAMBERS had instructed SILVERMAN to keep one of the rugs for himself and to turn another over to HARRY DEXTER WHITE. He knows that this was done because he later saw WHITE'S rug and SILVERMAN told him of the receipt of his rug.

With reference to the rug given to HISS, CHAMBERS states that he handled this himself and later saw the rug in HISS' possession. However, as to the rug which was given to HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, CHAMBERS states that he has absolutely no recollection how this rug went from SILVERMAN'S home to WADLEIGH. The information supplied by WADLEIGH to the effect that he received this rug through DAVID CARPENTER was brought to CHAMBERS' attention, but he was still unable to refresh his memory to the extent where he could remember the details of this latter transaction.

The above information has of course been included in the statement being submitted by CHAMBERS to agents of the New York Office.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 28, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: 0 JAHAM  
(WILLIAM ROSEN  
Bufile 74-1333)

*H. Thompson*  
*J. L. Jones*

Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of the reply brief filed in the Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, by EMANUEL BLOCH, counsel for WILLIAM ROSEN, in connection with the appeal from the recent contempt citation of ROSEN in U. S. District Court, New York, N. Y. The copy from which this photostat was made was loaned to this office by Mr. T. J. Donegan, and a photostatic copy is being retained in the New York file.

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APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF

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STATEMENT

It is respectfully submitted that the Government's brief, far from supporting its views, sustains the position of the appellant. The cases cited by the Government in support of the judgment of contempt seem to lead to an opposite conclusion. Even the Government's presentation of the facts, which overlooks decisive parts of the record, justifies the reasonable apprehension of the appellant that his answers, if coerced, will incriminate him.

THE GOVERNMENT OVERLOOKS THE FACTS

In its brief (p. 13), the Government concedes the following:

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"If the record showed any connection between appellant and Hiss, under suspicious circumstances, there might therefore arise an inference that appellant was involved in espionage activities and was a member of the Communist Party".

However, the Government asserts, "excluding for a moment the question of ownership of the car", there was no connection between appellant and Hiss because appellant stated he had never "seen or talked with or contacted an individual named Alger Hiss". Therefore, it is argued, appellant's position is "vitiating" because it proves that "he did not acquire the car by collusion or by any other transaction or association with Hiss" (Govt's Brief, p. 14).

But the Government appears to overlook a major portion of the testimony including that of Whittaker Chambers given at public hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (Resp. Exh. "B"), and the credence given the testimony of Chambers by the return of the perjury indictment against Alger Hiss (Resp. Exh. "A"). And it must be remembered that this Grand Jury is continuing the investigation into charges made by Chambers and Bentley concerning alleged conspiracies on the part of many persons in and out of Government to commit espionage and other related crimes, as the very inquiries here indicate.

What did Chambers testify? He stated that a "J. Peters" was the head of the underground section of the

American Communist Party" and his (Chambers) "immediate supervisor" (Hearings, Resp. Exh. "B", p. 1181). In 1936, Alger Hiss had a Ford car which Hiss wanted to turn over to the Communist Party "so it could be of use to some poor organizer in the West or somewhere" (Resp. Exh. "B", p. 666). Peters and Chambers tried to dissuade Hiss from this action, urged him to "trade it in", but Hiss was adamant.

Therefore, if Chambers is to be believed, the transfer from Hiss to Cherner Motor Co. to Rosen on the same day was not the ordinary trade in. If Chambers is to be believed, Peters arranged the transfer of the car owned by Alger Hiss to the "open Communist Party" (Resp. Exh. "B", p. 1183) to be used by "some poor Communist organizer" (supra, p. 1183). And this transfer, Chambers testified, was evidenced by the certificate of title and transfer (Grand Jury Exh. 103) from Alger Hiss to Cherner Motor Co. to William Rosen on July 23, 1936. If the Government is prepared to concede, as it must, that any connection between appellant and Hiss "under suspicious circumstances" (Govt's Br., p. 13) might give rise to serious inferences against appellant, it would appear clear, in the light of Chamber's testimony, that if the appellant made affirmative replies concerning his knowledge of the transaction and ownership of the motor vehicle transferred by Hiss on July 23, 1936, he would be required to testify against himself. That appel-

lant had no "contact" with Hiss appears not to be decisive for Chambers testified that in this widespread conspiracy, "people were kept far apart" (Resp. Exh. "B", p. 1263), "operating through small, conspirative groups of about five individuals" (Report, Dec. 31, 1948), who "sometimes do not know of each other's existence" (Report, Dec. 31, 1948). According to Chambers, it was "Peters", the "head of the underground" who bridged the gulf between Alger Hiss and the Communist Party organizer. Under such circumstances, can it be asserted that the answers sought from appellant would have no "tendency to conviction", would constitute no link in a chain of evidence against him in any charge of conspiracy to violate the espionage laws or the Smith Act of 1940 founded upon the testimony of Chambers or other witnesses?

It is argued that the transaction took place in 1936 and, therefore, no danger of prosecution exists today based on that transaction. But again this disregards the testimony of Chambers that the car was to be "of use" to the Communist Party and the Communist Party organizer. (Resp. Exh. "B", p. 686). Moreover, as the Addendum to our main brief reveals, Chambers and Bentley testified to a continuing conspiracy virtually to date, and the report of the House Committee did not doubt the imminence of indictments in connection with these alleged espionage activities.

Moreover, this witness, the appellant here, has been the subject of critical examination sufficient to create a reasonable apprehension concerning the incriminating effect of the answers he may be compelled to make. In the first place, the Government inquired whether he was a member of the Communist Party (s.m. 77). He was asked whether he had met Whittaker Chambers (s.m. 81); whether he had met, contacted or had any correspondence with Elizabeth Bentley (s.m. 81); whether he had been implicated in any manner in the allegations made by Chambers, Bentley or Hiss (s.m. 82); whether he had at any time been engaged in any activities which would involve him in the circumstances set forth in the testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee (s.m.82); whether he had any knowledge as to the truth or falsity of Chambers testimony (s.m. 82). This should be coupled with the charge made by a named reporter in a large newspaper (Resp. Exh. "C"), that "the Rosens, according to investigators, have been linked closely to Commie underground workers whose activities overlapped those of persons with whom Hiss has been accused of associating in the Washington spy ring"; and "particularly significant, it was reported, is the connection between the Rosens and Hyman Colodny, reputed former member of the OGPU - Russian secret police - and Colodny's association with alleged agents who were intimate with Hiss".

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The testimony before the House Committee has been detailed with some particularity in our main brief. A considerable portion of the testimony was given over to an examination of the facts relating to the transaction about which this appellant has been examined (See, Resp. Exh. "B", pp. 1100-1126). Mr. Stripling, the chief investigator of the Committee, referring to the transaction, stated: "We do know that William Rosen and his wife, Mrs. Rosen, are and have been members of the Communist Party (Resp. Exh. "B", p. 1313). He stated further: "Here is a transaction with no records. It turns out to be a phony" (Exh. "B", p. 1313). As to the vehicle itself, Mr. Hiss testified: "It is possible that he (Chambers) used it; it is even possible that he returned it to me after using it. I really would not be sure of the details" (Resp. Exh. "B", p. 1095; in a similar vein, see pp. 963, 983, 1093).

In the light of all this, can it be argued that this appellant had no plausible reason to feel any danger, that he was unjustified in invoking the privilege against self-incrimination?

The gist of the accusations here is conspiracy. The charges are grave in nature. In the light of the entire setting, can it validly be urged by the Government that the appellant is not being compelled to testify against himself if he is required to make reply concerning his knowledge of

and relationship to the transaction of July 23, 1936 from Alger Hiss to Cherner Motor Co. to William Rosen, or in Chamber's words, from Alger Hiss to the "Communist Party" for use of a Communist Party organizer? It is not sufficient for the Government to state, it is respectfully submitted, that if the witness had nothing to do with the transaction, if he was just an ordinary purchaser of a motor vehicle on July 23, 1936, then he has no reason to invoke the privilege. If the witness shows the danger, then it is for him to decide whether his answers will be incriminating, for him to decide whether he is willing to testify against himself.

An accused in a conspiracy case faces serious evidentiary rules. "It is not necessary that the participation of the accused should be shown by direct evidence. The connection may be inferred from such facts and circumstances in evidence as legitimately tend to sustain that inference. Indeed, often if not generally, direct proof of a criminal conspiracy is not available and it will be disclosed only by a development and collocation of circumstances" (Sutherland, J. in United States v. Manton, 107 F. 2d 834, 839, 1938). "It is not required that each of the conspirators shall participate in, or have knowledge of, all its operations. He may join at any point in its progress and be held responsible for all that may be or has

been done" (United States v. Manton, supra, p. 848). "Taken in connection with other evidence, it is hard to explain these devices upon any other theory than that they were adopted to conceal the real facts and to aid in the consummation of the criminal conspiracy" (supra, p. 848). See also, Marino v. United States, 91 F. (2d) 691 (C.C.A. 9th, 1937) cert. den. 302 U. S. 764. "...affirmative action on the part of the accused is required to show withdrawal from the conspiracy, for a conspiracy once established is presumed to continue until the contrary is established" (p.695), and note the following statement in the same case (p. 699): "But here, Gullis permitted his premises to be used for storage and the re-canning of alcohol. Such permission aided the purpose of the conspiracy, and as we have said, the jury could properly infer knowledge".

THE CASES CITED BY THE GOVERNMENT  
DO NOT SUPPORT ITS POSITION

The Government points to the decision of this Court in United States v. Cusson, 132 F. (2) 413 (1943). In that case the invocation of the privilege was sustained. The question which the witness declined to answer was whether she had met "any of the Groveses" upon a visit to Philadelphia in February, 1941. This Court inquired whether the answer could be incriminating as "a possible step in the disclosure of a crime" (p. 414). This Court found that it could. The Groves were under indictment in New York; the



witness was gone during the trial. She maintained that to answer whether she had talked with the Groveses might link her with them in a conspiracy to obstruct justice. This in turn depended upon the likelihood of her being subpoenaed as a witness. The record did not show that she had been subpoenaed as a witness; "she herself denied that she had", (p. 414); and the prosecution made no such claim. Yet, because in the grand jury inquiry, the prosecutor asked her whether she had been subpoenaed to attend the trial, this Court held that a sufficient dangerous setting had been shown.

"The fact that she had not been subpoenaed was no protection to a charge that she had agreed to go beyond the jurisdiction where she could not be subpoenaed, and the question put to her by the prosecutor, followed by the effort before the grand jury to learn whether she had talked with the Groveses just before the trial, in our judgment laid a warm enough scent to make its pursuit genuinely perilous to her" (p. 414).

It is submitted that the witness in the Cusson case was in for less danger than the witness here. Here the witness is asked to make reply to questions which concern the transfer of a motor vehicle from one who has been accused of being part of a conspiracy to commit espionage. Here the witness faces a plethora of testimony accusing him of being a Communist Party organizer while the conspiracy

was in full swing. The accusation has been made that the transaction concerning the motor vehicle was not an innocent "trade in"; that it was a transfer from Alger Hiss to William Rosen for the use of the Communist Party. All of these accusations, and others, face the witness. Clearly, the danger to be apprehended is real, and if the witness asserts that the answers will incriminate him, the decision in the Cusson case by this Court would appear to support his view that the answers are privileged.

United States v. Weisman, 111 F. 2d 261 (1940), cited by the Government, is another decision by this Court sustaining the privilege invoked by the witness. The questions were: first, whether he had ever received any cables at Murray's Restaurant, Sixth Avenue, New York; second, whether he knew anyone who visited, lived in, or stayed at, Shanghai in the years 1934 to 1939. The questions on their face appeared harmless. The record, however, indicated a pending indictment against thirty persons (not including the witness) charging a conspiracy to import narcotic drugs from Shanghai and a newspaper article which, in disguised language, appeared to point the accusing finger at the witness. This Court stated (p. 262):

"With this background it is easy to see that the danger from an answer to the first question was real. If the defendant had in fact received the three cables at Murray's Restaurant, there was reason to suppose either that, in spite of his denial,

he was the Spiegel to whom they were addressed, or that he was acting on Spiegel's behalf. The indictment was in turn evidence that some such cables had been used in executing the conspiracy, and there was an antecedent probability that the prosecution's cables were among these. Further, the defendant was plainly justified in supposing that he was the object of pursuit by the district attorney; and, while the irresponsible gossip of a newspaper is a weak reed, there is always the possibility that it may for once be right. It directly pointed to the defendant, and it would certainly have disturbed any but the most hardy."

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"Again we are to remember that the defendant had been the object of much more than casual interest by the prosecution. These things made it perilous for him to answer; if he had acknowledged such acquaintances, it would probably have directly connected him with the principals in the conspiracy."

In this case, it must be noted, the accusations made in the newspaper (Resp. Exh. "C") were real and direct. The charge that a continuing conspiracy to commit espionage was in force had been made by a House legislative committee. The imminence of conspiracy indictments exists. If the witness had testified that the motor vehicle was transferred to him by Hiss in the manner and for the purposes described by Chambers, it would have directly connected him with principals in the alleged conspiracy.

In United States v. Zwillman, 108 F. 2d 802 (1940) the questions were: "Who were your business associates?" in

1928, 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932. This Court held that "proof of who were defendant's associates in business might tend to establish a conspiracy to violate the revenue laws by failing to pay taxes, to affix stamps or to make returns under the applicable statutes" (p. 803).

"Evidence necessary to show that defendant was engaged in a conspiracy during the years from 1928 to 1932 might well be supplied by proof of the names of business associates engaged in violating the laws relating to the manufacture or sale of liquor. If a conspiracy was shown in those earlier years it would continue unless abandoned and the defendant would have to prove abandonment in order to take advantage of the statute of limitations. *Hyde v. United States*, 225 U. S. 347, 368-370, 32 S. Ct. 793, 56 L. Ed. 1114, Ann. Cas. 1914A, 614; *United States v. Rollnick*, 2 Cir., 91 F. 2d 911, 918; *Coates v. United States*, 9 Cir., 59 F. 2d 173, 174. The defendant claims, and we think with fair reason, that the answers sought would be a link in the chain of incriminating testimony and that he ought not to be compelled to give them - at least if he could show that he was likely to be endangered by answering. *United States v. Burr (In re Willie)* Fed. Cas. No. 14692e; *Counselman v. Hitchcock*, 142 U. S. 547, 12 S. Ct. 195, 35 L. Ed. 1110".

The only other cases cited by the Government, *Counselman v. Hitchcock*, 142 U. S. 547 (1892) and *United States v. St. Pierre*, 132 F. (2) 837 (1942) cert. granted 318 U. S. 751 and writ dismissed, 319 U. S. 41 (1943), are obviously contrary to its position.

Indeed, it is significant that the Government has

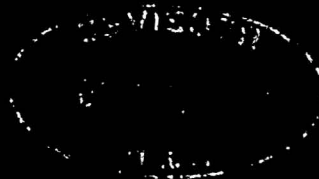
been unable to cite a single decision where, under circumstances similar to the ones involved here, the privilege of the witness has not been sustained.

CONCLUSION

The Government has failed to establish that the answers of the appellant were contumacious. The appellant has clearly shown that his answers were privileged. The judgment of conviction for contempt should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 28, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
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- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

*Emm  
Morseburg*

Stanley Hornbeck, formerly with the State Department, was the immediate superior of Alger Hiss for some years and he was interviewed in December, 1941, with reference to Donald Hiss, at which time he advised he was not well acquainted with Donald Hiss, but was acquainted with Alger Hiss and he had heard that the Hiss brothers were classed as "fellow travelers". He stated he was not aware of the basis for this report, but he had no reason to doubt the loyalty of Alger Hiss.

*H. B. Fletcher*  
*J. J. [unclear]*

On October 15, 1948, Hornbeck was interviewed with reference to a Voice of America applicant, at which time he expressed surprise that he had not been contacted concerning Alger Hiss, since he had been Hiss' superior for 4½ years. Mr. Hornbeck was making reference to the current investigation. The Agent interviewing Mr. Hornbeck stated that he had no official connection with the Hiss-Chambers investigation, but he would be happy to report any information Mr. Hornbeck might desire to offer. Hornbeck refused, stating he was personally acquainted with the Director and he would prefer to discuss it with the Director.

As a result, the Washington Field Office was instructed to have an Agent thoroughly familiar with the case contact Mr. Hornbeck for any information he might have. He was again interviewed on November 18, 1948, at which time he stated he would furnish whatever information he might have to the Director, with whom he was personally acquainted, but under no circumstances would he do so until after Alger Hiss' litigation, presently pending in Baltimore, Maryland, was disposed of. Hornbeck was referring to the Alger Hiss libel action asking for damages against Whittaker Chambers.

On March 9, 1949, Mrs. James S. Lewis advised Special Agent J. A. Sizoo that she thought Mrs. Stanley Hornbeck had Communist leanings, since a contact of hers, Madame Goo, had reported that she recently had talked to Mrs. Stanley Hornbeck, who had expressed the strong feeling that Alger Hiss was reliable, and she also stated it had been agreed among the Judges that Alger Hiss would not be convicted.

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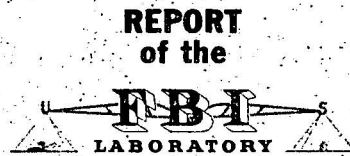
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Since Mr. Stanley Hornbeck has indicated officially in 1941 that he had no disloyal data concerning Alger Hiss and since he has refused to make any further comment at this time pending the results of the civil action brought by Hiss against Chambers; also since the criminal trial of Hiss on perjury charges will occur prior to the trial of the civil action, further effort to secure whatever information Mr. Hornbeck might wish to convey is not deemed desirable.

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*J. J. [unclear]*



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

March 29, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 29, 1949.

Re: JAHAM

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.  
FBI FILE NO. 65-14920  
LAB. NO. 74-1393 - 2724  
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Examination requested by: New York

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Reference: Letter dated March 28, 1949

Examination requested: Document

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Specimens:

K734 Questionnaire and Statement of Applicant form of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court, dated December 3, 1932, bearing the known handwriting and signatures of ALGER HISS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that ALGER HISS, whose known handwriting specimens are listed above as K734, wrote the questioned writing appearing on specimens Q1 through Q4 and the ALGER HISS signature appearing on specimen K10.

If handwriting testimony is contemplated in regard to the above identifications it will be necessary to prove K734 as being authentic known handwriting of ALGER HISS.

The Bureau should be immediately advised whether K734 is to be used by the document examiner in testimony that Q1 through Q4 and the ALGER HISS signature on K10 were written by the writer of K734.

Specimen K734 was returned to the New York Office March 29, 1949, by Special Agent Norman J. Magwall of the New York Office. Photographs of K734 are retained in the Laboratory.

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, N. Y.



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FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

March 28, 1949

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: JAHAM

*RF Harbo*

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith by Special Agent Norman P. Bagwell the original questionnaire of ALGER HISS verified January 9, 1933, and submitted by HISS in connection with his application for admission to practice law in the State of New York. This questionnaire was received from the Clerk of the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, First Department, on the afternoon of March 28, 1949. It is to be returned to the Appellate Division within two days. Mr. Bagwell will remain at Washington to bring the questionnaire back with him.

The Laboratory is requested to compare this document with the known specimens of ALGER HISS in instant case, pursuant to the desires of the Bureau as expressed by Dokex Ramos C. Feehan, on March 11, 1949.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
SAC

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Enclosure

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/29/49

FROM : SAC, Houston

SUBJECT: JAHAM

Re Charlotte teletype 3/22/49 to Bureau and Washington Field.

No further action is contemplated <sup>E</sup> in the Houston Division unless contrary instructions are received from Washington Field to the effect that ROBERT STRIPLING was not interviewed at Washington, D.C. in accordance with Houston letter dated March 16, 1949.

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interviewed  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/30/49

FROM *al* SAC, BuffaloSUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(Bureau File 74-1333)

Rebulet 2/23/49.

HANNAH PICKERING, upon interview, advises she first met HAROLD WARE in New York City in 1925 through unknown mutual friends and worked with him in Russia on the "Russian Reconstruction Farms." She advises of numerous social contacts with WARE from 1933 until the time of WARE's death. However, she denies any knowledge of espionage activities on the part of WARE. She stated she does not know CHAMBERS or HISS and does not know if HAROLD WARE knew them. She can furnish no information relative to possible contacts of HAROLD WARE except those mentioned in New York teletype to Buffalo dated January 25, 1949. *W*

A report will be submitted in the immediate future.

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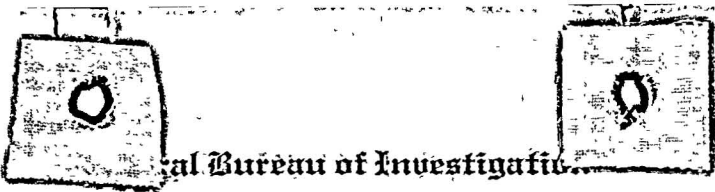
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United States Department of Justice  
San Diego, California.  
March 30, 1949

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AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

RE: JAHAM  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
BuFile #74-1333

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter to the Director from Washington Field dated February 23, 1949.

DANIEL E. MURPHY, United States Indian Field Service, 132 North Indian Avenue, Palm Springs, California, stated that he was the Director of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Indian Division from 1933 to 1941, with offices in Washington, D. C. Mr. MURPHY stated that he did not recall anyone by the name of ANDREW EMERREY and that he did not recall meeting anyone that could have been a secretary of this individual, in view of the fact that the name EMERREY was not at all familiar to him. He stated that he had a vague recollection of a rather tall and attractive dark-haired woman, about 35 years of age, who came to that department with a Ph.D. degree from some Vienna school and that this individual worked in WARD SHEPARD's office and that he never did meet this individual. At this point, Mr. MURPHY stated that WARD SHEPARD was an irresponsible sort of an individual and was thought by some to have been suffering from a mental ailment.

Mr. MURPHY further stated that he did not recall ever having met a secretary to the above-described woman. Mr. MURPHY stated that he had the complete organization plans and charts of his organization turned over to the Personnel



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Director, FBI

RE: JAHAM

March 30, 1949

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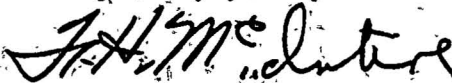
Unit of the Indian Office in 1942 and that these records were transferred to the Merchandise Mart Building in Chicago. Mr. MURPHY added that he did not know anyone by the name of JAY PETERS or HAROLD WARE and that he had never heard of them.

Mr. MURPHY stated that RAY O. HALL, former statistician in the Indian Service, was an acquaintance of WARD SHEPARD and that he may be acquainted with individuals employed in that office at that time. HALL's present whereabouts are not known, but he is thought to be connected with the Commerce Department in Washington, D. C.

C. A. BARBER, retired Personnel Officer, U. S. Indian Service, presently living in Washington, D. C., address unknown, may also have information concerning this matter and will be very cooperative in assisting in any way he can.

No leads are being set out by this office to contact HALL or BARBER, inasmuch as it is not known whether these individuals have been previously contacted.

Very truly yours,



F. H. MCINTIRE  
SAC

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

TO : Director, FBI

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

SUBJECT: ① JAHAM

DATE: March 31, 1949

*Declassified 1/31/81 by [signature]*

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*\*Leak in Department of Justice*

*\*House Committee on Un-American Activities*

While contacting Mr. <sup>LOUIS</sup> ~~LEWIS~~ J. RUSSELL, Chief Investigator, HCUA, in connection with an official matter on March 31, 1949, Mr. RUSSELL advised an agent of this office that he had received information to the effect that Attorney General TOM CLARK had informed the newspapers that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS "is a pervert". Mr. RUSSELL said that on March 23, 1949, newspapermen whose identity he did not disclose, approached Congressmen NIXON, VELDE, and MUNDT of the HCUA, and asked them about the statement made by the Attorney General.

Mr. RUSSELL stated that the three Congressmen are incensed, angry, and quite agitated over this matter. They feel that the Department of Justice is going out of its way to discredit and embarrass the Committee. These three Congressmen feel that the Attorney General is deliberately passing this information to the press in order that it will reach the attorneys for ALGER HISS. The Committee feels that the Attorney General should and could be impeached for this action.

The foregoing is submitted for the information of the Bureau, and RUSSELL's name should be protected as the source of this information.

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*Another leak from the Dept.*

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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: JAHAM  
Re: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

DATE: March 31, 1949

Rebulet February 3, 1949.

Information developed in this office indicates that Mrs. JAMES N. SCHMITZ, 300 West 23rd Street, Apartment 7, New York City, was formerly secretary to SILVERMAN for approximately four months during 1943 at the U. S. Army Air Force, Analysis and Plans Branch.

The New York Office is requested to interview Mrs. SCHMITZ along lines heretofore followed in this investigation.

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① JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP-R, IS-R. REF LA LET MAR. FOURTEEN, LAST RE CRANE. WHILE CONTACTED ON ANOTHER MATTER, SPECIAL ASST. TO AG T. J. DONEGAN EXPRESSED DESIRE TO KNOW WHEN THE INTERVIEW OF CRANE BY LA WOULD BE COMPLETED, SAYING THAT THE GJ, SDNY, CONTEMPLATES SUBPOENAING CRANE AS SOON AS THE FBI HAS FINISHED INTERVIEWING CRANE. REFERENCE LET REFLECTS THAT CRANES ATTY HAD REQUESTED THAT SUBPOEN- AING OF CRANE BE DELAYED, AND SAID LET REQUESTED THAT NYO, IF BUREAU APPROVES, CONSULT WITH SAAG T. J. DONEGAN SONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF DELAYING CRANES TESTIFYING. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY BUREAU, THIS OFFICE DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE CONSULTING WITH MR. DONEGAN RE DELAYING CRANES APPEARANCE BEFORE GJ, SDNY. ASST. DIR. E. J. CONN- ELLEY INSTRUCTED THAT LA SUBMIT A REPORT ON COMPLETE INTERVIEW OF CRANE, PRIOR TO HISS PERJURY TRIAL, APRIL ELEVEN, NEXT, FOR THE BENEFIT OF USA, SDNY, WHO MAY DESIRE TO CALL CRANE AS A WITNESS AT THE HISS PERJURY TRIAL. LA WILL HANDLE.

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*J. Donegan*

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① JAHAM. REBUTEL MARCH TWENTY FOUR, FORTY NINE. ~~KIRSCHENBAUM INTERVIEWED~~. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT MASLOW WAS EVER A MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY BUT THAT HE SUSPECTED HE WAS AND THAT FURTHER HE HAD HEARD INDIRECTLY THAT MASLOW HAD NOW CHANGED HIS OPINION AND MAY HAVE IMPORTANT INFO. ~~MASLOW INTERVIEWED~~. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ANTI COMMUNIST AND DENIED THAT AT ANY TIME HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP OR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS. HE ADVISED THAT HE WANTED TO COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT WITH THE GOVT. AND THAT HE WAS WILLING TO GIVE ANY INFO THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED OF VALUE. HE DENIED EVER KNOWING ALGER HISS BUT ADMITTED THAT HE DID KNOW ~~LEOPRESSMAN~~ AND ~~NATHAN WITT~~. HE WAS UNABLE TO SUPPLY ANY PERTINENT INFO RE THIS CASE OR GENERAL COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. HE ADVISED THAT AT ONE TIME HE HAD BEEN CONECTED WITH ~~INTERNATIONAL JURIDICAL ASSOCIATION~~. ALGER HISS IS KNOWN TO HAVE WRITTEN FOR THE BULLETIN PUBLISHED BY THIS ORGANIZATION BUT HE STATED THAT HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS ORGANIZATION WAS FOR A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ALGER HISS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ORGANIZATION.

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NO FURTHER CONTACTS WITH KIRSCHENBAUM OR MASLOW RE THIS MATTER WILL BE MADE BY THIS OFFICE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

K TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Washington Field  
 SUBJECT: JAHAN  
 Perjury; Espionage - R  
 Internal Security - R

DATE: April 1, 1949

This office has been instructed to locate persons who were associated departmentalwise with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and to interview these persons concerning SILVERMAN's activities, associates, etc.

ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN was mentioned by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLY in recent HCUA Hearings as one of the persons who was supplying confidential information to unauthorized sources when he was employed by the War Department from 1943 to 1945. SILVERMAN was also mentioned by CHAMBERS concerning the same matter when he recently went before the HCUA.

A review of SILVERMAN's War Department Civilian Personnel file reflects he was employed as Chief Production Specialist, Analysis and Reports Branch, Army Air Forces Material Command, Washington, D. C., from March 27, 1942, to August 18, 1945. An examination of SILVERMAN's efficiency report for the period March 31, 1942, to March 31, 1943, reflects that SILVERMAN was rated by DONALD F. FRITCH, Colonel, Air Corps, Assistant Chief of Staff (A). Colonel FRITCH rated SILVERMAN's services during that period as Excellent.

The Norfolk Office is requested to interview DONALD F. FRITCH, retired Brigadier General, who presently resides at 209 36th Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia, regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during the period mentioned. Ascertain the names of associates of SILVERMAN; especially social and luncheon companions. Determine if General FRITCH ever suspected or knew of SILVERMAN's supplying confidential information to unauthorized persons. Also determine if he knew if SILVERMAN ever took confidential information from the office and retained the same overnight. Obtain any information that would indicate SILVERMAN knew ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or that he was engaged in subversive activities.

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JAHAM DASH PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R, IS DASH R. RENEYTEL APRIL ONE, NINETEEN FORTY NINE WFO INTERVIEW T. W. D. DUKE FOR LOCATION. JOHN EDGHAN KELLY DUKE STATES KELLY'S WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN BUT CAN BE REACHED THROUGH MOTHER AT TWENTY BARKER ST., PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS. MOTHER'S NAME UNKNOWN TO DUKE BUT STATES IS NOTED CHEMIST. NYC SET OUT LEAD TO BOSTON TO INTERVIEW KELLY'S MOTHER IF DESIRABLE. DUKE SAYS DOES NOT KNOW KELLY WELL BUT BELIEVES HIM RELIABLE ALTHOUGH KELLY PRO HYPHEN NAZI IN EARLY DAYS OF HITLER.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
Perjury; Espionage - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: April 4, 1949

This office has been instructed to locate persons who were associated departmentalwise with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and to interview these persons concerning SILVERMAN's activities, associates, etc.

SILVERMAN was mentioned by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY in recent HCUA Hearings as one of the persons who were supplying confidential information to unauthorized sources when he was employed by the War Department from 1943, to 1945. SILVERMAN was also mentioned by CHAMBERS concerning this same matter when he recently went before the HCUA.

SILVERMAN was employed as Chief Production Specialist, Analysis and Plans Branch or as Economist, Control Office, both Army Air Forces Material Command, Washington, D. C. from March 27, 1942, to August 18, 1945. An examination of SILVERMAN's efficiency report for the period September, 1944, to March 31, 1945, reflects that SILVERMAN was rated by Lieutenant Colonel SAM S. MULLIN and that Lieutenant Colonel MULLIN rated his services during that period as excellent.

Investigation reflects that SAMUEL S. MULLIN is no longer on active duty with the Air Forces and that he is an attorney with offices in the State Tower Building, Syracuse, New York. His home address is 1364 South Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

The Albany Office is requested to interview SAMUEL S. MULLIN regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during the period mentioned. Ascertain the names of associates of SILVERMAN, especially social and luncheon companions. Determine if MULLIN ever suspected or knew of SILVERMAN's supplying confidential information to unauthorized persons. Also ascertain if SILVERMAN ever took confidential information from the office and retained the same overnight. Obtain any information that would indicate SILVERMAN knew ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or that he was engaged in subversive activities.

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~~DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK~~ U R G E N T

JAHAM. REBUTEL TODAY. RE REPORT SA LEONARD F. JOHNSON, MADE NEW HAVEN MARCH TWENTY THREE LAST. PAGE TWO, PARAGRAPH TWO, LAST WORD, FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD BE NINETEEN FORTY FIVE INSTEAD OF NINETEEN FORTY ONE. PLEASE CORRECT.

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① JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP. R., IS-R.

RE NY TEL NEW HAVEN APRIL FIRST.

EDWARD THORD-GRAY, BELLE HAVEN, GREENWICH, CONN., PRESENTLY ON TRIP AND NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL TUESDAY EVENING. UPON ARRIVAL HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED, ALONG LINE SET OUT IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON, FIELD

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
Perjury; Espionage - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: April 4, 1949

This office has been instructed to locate persons who were associated departmentalwise with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and to interview these persons concerning SILVERMAN's activities, associates, etc.

SILVERMAN was mentioned by ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY in recent HCUA Hearings as one of the persons who were supplying confidential information to unauthorized sources when he was employed by the War Department from 1943, to 1945. SILVERMAN was also mentioned by CHAMBERS concerning this same matter when he recently went before the HCUA.

SILVERMAN was employed as Chief Production Specialist, Analysis and Plans Branch or as Economist, Control Office, both Army Air Forces Material Command, Washington, D. C. from March 27, 1942, to August 18, 1945. An examination of SILVERMAN's efficiency report for the period April 1, 1943, to March 31, 1944, reflects that SILVERMAN was rated by FRANKLIN H. KISSNER, Major, Air Corps, Deputy Control Officer, War Department. KISSNER rated SILVERMAN's services during this period as excellent. Another efficiency report of SILVERMAN covering the period September, 1944, to March 31, 1945, reflects that SILVERMAN was rated by Lieutenant Colonel SAM S. MULLIN and that this efficiency report was reviewed by Lieutenant Colonel F. H. KISSNER, the Deputy Control Officer. On the latter report KISSNER approved the rating of excellent that was given to SILVERMAN.

Investigation reflects that FRANKLIN H. KISSNER, serial number AO-900237, is not on active duty and that his Air Forces Service Record (201 file) is on file at the Ninth Air Force Headquarters, 701 North New Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Philadelphia Office is requested to review FRANKLIN H. KISSNER's Air Forces Service Record to determine his home address and to arrange for KISSNER's interview.

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The interviewing office is requested to interview FRANKLIN H. KISSNER regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during the period mentioned. Ascertain the names of SILVERMAN's associates, especially social and luncheon companions. Determine if KISSNER ever suspected or knew of SILVERMAN's supplying confidential information to unauthorized persons. Ascertain if

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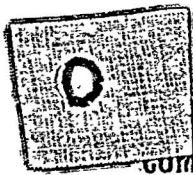
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SILVERMAN ever took confidential information home and retained the same overnight. Obtain any information that would indicate SILVERMAN knew ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or that he was engaged in subversive activities.

For your information, Lieutenant Colonel SAM S. MULLIN is being interviewed in regard to this matter.

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FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION MOST URGENT

① JAHAM. MRS. FLORENCE T. STAFFORD, ASSISTANT, REGISTRAR-S OFFICE, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTO., ADVISED TODAY THAT FRANKLIN ALLEN, OF LAW FIRM OF MARBURY, MILLER, AND EVANS, ATTORNEYS FOR ALGER. HISS, CONTACTED HER THIS MORNING AND ASKED TO BORROW A TYPEWRITTEN LETTER IN HER FILES DATED MAY TWENTYFIVE, THIRTYSEVEN, WRITTEN BY PRISCILLA FANSLER HISS TO W. M. HILLEGEIST, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS, UNIV. OF MD., BALTO. THIS SPECIMEN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY FBI LAB AS HAVING BEEN WRITTEN ON SAME TYPEWRITER AS QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS. SUGGEST THAT NEW YORK OFFICE CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF CONTACTING SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THOMAS J. DONEGAN, FOR ADVICE RELATIVE TO THIS REQUEST BY MARBURY LAW FIRM. NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT INSTRUCTIONS TO BALTO. OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO MRS. STAFFORD MAY BE ADVISED ACORDINGLY.

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JAHAM. T. J. DONEGAN ADVISES ASST. AG ALEXANDER CAMPBELL WAS ONLY GJ WITNESS TODAY. DETAILS OF HIS TESTIMONY WILL BE FURNISHED BY DONEGAN LATER. BENJAMIN MANDEL OF HCUA AND CHAMBERS ARE SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY APRIL SIXTH, NEXT.

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① JAHAM. REMYLET FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST TRANSMITTING MOTION PAPERS FILED BY DEFENSE RE INDICTMENT OF ALGER HISS. SAAG DONEGAN TODAY MADE AVAILABLE COPY OF MEMORANDUM OF USDJ BONDY DATED APRIL FIRST, NINETEEN FORTY NINE RE THOSE MOTIONS. COURT DENIED MOTION TO INSPECT GJ MINUTES. WITH RESPECT TO MOTION FOR BILL OF PARTICULARS, COURT DENIED DEMANDS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPHS ONE, FOUR, AND FIVE. STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS ARE DISPOSED OF AS INDICATED ON ARGUMENT...PARAGRAPHS TWO, THREE, SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ON ORAL ARGUMENTS, SAAG RAYMOND P. WHEARTY DECLARED THAT GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THE BALTIMORE AND PUMPKIN PAPERS WERE GIVEN TO CHAMBERS BY HISS ON OCCASION OF MEETINGS BETWEEN THEM AT INTERVALS OF A WEEK OR TEN DAYS OR TWO WEEKS ON OR ABOUT AND BETWEEN THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY AND THE THIRTY FIRST DAY OF MARCH, NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, AND THAT PARTICULAR DATES CANNOT BE SPECIFIED. FURTHER, THAT GOVERNMENT WILL CLAIM HISS ABSTRACTED THE DOCUMENTS, BUT GOVERNMENT HAS NO INFO AS TO MANNER OF ABSTRACTION, WHAT WAS SAID AND HOW DOCUMENTS GOT BACK IN FILES. ALSO THAT GOVERNMENT CANNOT SPECIFY EXACT DATES OF EACH MEETING BETWEEN CHAMBERS AND HISS EXCEPT TO STATE THAT

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THEY MET FORTNIGHTLY OR EVERY TEN DAYS OR SO IN ADDITION TO WHICH THERE WERE THREE TO FIVE SOCIAL VISITS BETWEEN THEM. MOTION FOR PRODUCTION AND INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS AND MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO PRODUCE THE SAME DOCUMENTS UNDER A SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM WERE DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS...ITEMS ONE, TWO, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, AND EIGHT WERE GRANTED AS CONSENTED TO BY GOVERNMENT. ITEM THREE WAS GRANTED ON CONDITION THAT THE WORDS "BY HISS" BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE WORDS "BY ANY PERSON." ITEM SEVEN WAS DENIED. ITEMS NINE, TEN AND ELEVEN WERE DENIED WITH LEAVE TO RENEW MOTION AS TO THEM AT THE TRAIL. COURT DIRECTED THAT AN ORDER BE DRAWN ON NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABOVE DESCRIBED MEMORANDUM.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

DATE: April 6, 1949

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al  
PERJURY - INTERNAL SECURITY, R  
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(Bureau File 77-1333: Jaham)

Reference is made to report of Special Agent JAMES FREY dated March 30, 1949, at Washington, D. C., and entitled "PHILIP RENO, INTERNAL SECURITY - R, ESPIONAGE - R."

The title page of the above referenced report has been revised and is to be replaced by the revised page enclosed with this letter.

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Enclosure  
cc - Thomas J. Donegan, SAAG (Encl.)  
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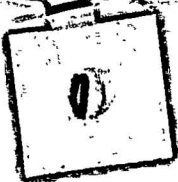
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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R, INTERNAL SECURITY R.

RE N.Y. TELETYPE MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, FORTYNINE AND WFO TELETYPES  
 IN MATTER OF Q DASH ONE AND MARY MARTIN. IN SIGNED STATEMENT  
 MARCH THIRTYONE, FORTYNINE, MARY MARTIN OLKOWSKA ADVISED PERSON  
 SHE KNEW IN RIGA WAS AAROL ROBINSON, NOT RUBENS, AS <sup>ST</sup> OUT IN WFO  
 TELETYPE MARCH THIRTY, FORTYNINE. STATE ALSO DID NOT SEE THIS  
 INDIVIDUAL IN PITTSBURGH, BUT SAW AN UNKNOWN WOMAN THERE DISTRI--  
 BUTING COMMUNIST PARTY PAMPHLETS IN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE. THEN,  
 IN THIRTYEIGHT, SAW PICTURES OF MR. AND MRS. ADOLPH ARNOLD RUBENS  
 IN NEWSPAPER AND RECOGNIZED RUBENS AS LATVIAN ROBINSON AND MRS.  
 RUBENS AS UNKNOWN FEMALE SEEN IN PITTSBURGH, OLKOWSKA VIEWED  
 PICTURES OF MR. AND MRS. RUBENS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT FILES,  
 RECOGNIZED MRS. RUBENS, BUT ADVISED RUBENS NOT LATVIAN ROBINSON.  
 INSISTS STATE DEPARTMENT PHOTO OF RUBENS NOT IDENTICAL WITH NINETEEN  
 THIRTYEIGHT NEWSPAPER PHOTO. APRIL ONE, FORTYNINE, OLKOWSKA  
 CALLED OFFICE, ADVISED LATVIAN SHE KNEW ONE INVOLVED WITH HARRY  
 HALL IN VISA FRAUDS WAS NEITHER RUBENS NOR ROBINSON, BUT RUBENS.  
 OLKOWSKA CONSIDERED INCAPABLE OF TELLING STRAIGHT STORY. STATE  
 DEPARTMENT FILES REFLECT HARRY HALL DISCHARGED FOR ISSUING

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FALSE VISAS AT WARSAW POLAND, FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY.  
SERVED AS CLERK AND VICE CONSUL CHARGE OF ALIEN VISAS, RIGA,  
AUGUST TWO, TWENTYFOUR UNTIL JULY TEN, TWENTYEIGHT. EOD POLAND  
NOVEMBER TWELVE, TWENTYEIGHT. ROBERT P. KELLY, FORMER STATE  
DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ACQUAINTED WITH OLKOWSKA ADVISED UNRELIABLE.  
WHO WILL DISCONTINUE WITHOUT CHECKING RUBENS-ROBINSON PASSPORT  
UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU,  
FILE OR HUGH MARTIN'S DISPATCHES, /AS IT APPEARS OLKOWSKA HAD NO  
CLEAR CUT PURPOSE IN SENDING CABLE TO MOSCOW AND HER APPEARANCE  
AS A WITNESS WOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE DESIRABLE. IT IS CONSIDERED  
THAT TRACING INFORMATION COPY OF MOSCOW CABLEGRAM TO ACCESS OF  
HISS EXHAUSTS POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCTIVE OR ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION  
IN THIS DIRECTION. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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J. D. W. CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP -R. MRS. ESTHER CHAMBERS WAS INTERVIEWED IN BALTIMORE OFFICE ON FEB. TEN LAST AND AT THE CHAMBERS FARM ON FEB. ELEVEN BY AGENTS OF BALTIMORE AND NY OFFICES. AT BOTH INTERVIEWS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WAS PRESENT. ESTHER RELATED SHE RECEIVED HER FORMAL EDUCATION IN NEW HAVEN, CONN., AFTER WHICH SHE WENT TO NYC, ATTENDED THE RAND SCHOOL AS A RESULT OF FUNDS RAISED BY SOCIALISTS IN NEW HAVEN. WHILE IN NY SHE WAS ON STAFF OF MAGAZINE "WORLD TOMORROW" AND WAS EMPLOYED FOR A TIME AT AMTORG TRADING CORP. AFTER HER MARRIAGE TO WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, SHE RESIDED IN NY FOR SOME TIME. HOWEVER, IN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE THE CHAMBERS FAMILY MOVED FROM NY TO NINE ZERO THREE ST. PAULS ST. IN BALTIMORE. SHE RELATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN BALTIMORE HER HUSBAND INTRODUCED HER TO ALGER HISS AND THIS INTRODUCTION TOOK PLACE AT ST. PAULS ST. ADDRESS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS HAD DINNER AT THE CHAMBERS RESIDENCE.

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OCCASIONAL TRIPS FROM HER HOME IN WASHINGTON TO THE CHAMBERS RESIDENCE IN BALTIMORE, THAT ON THESE VISITS PRISCILLA, ESTHER AND THE LATTERS BABY WOULD VISIT VERNON SQUARE PARK NEARBY. ON ONE OF THESE VISITS PRISCILLA HISS GAVE ESTHER A BOOK ON CHILDS DIET AND CARE, A SMALL TABLE AND CHAIR AND SMALL CHEST, ALL OF WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN USED BY PRISCILLAS SON, TIMMY. ESTHER STILL HAS THE CHAIR AND THE CHEST AT THE CHAMBERS FARM. ESTHER ON ONE OF THESE VISITS GAVE PRISCILLA A COPY OF A VAN GOETHE PAINTING THAT ESTHER LATER SAW IN THE P. ST. ADDRESS OF THE HISSES. THE CHAMBERS FAMILY REMAINED AT ST. PAULS ST. FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS AND THEN MOVED TO THE TWENTY EIGHTH ST. APARTMENT OF ALGER HISS.. ESTHER STATES SHE KNEW OF NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SIGNING OF A SUBLEASE OR THE PAYMENT OF RENT FOR THIS TWENTY EIGHTH ST. ADDRESS. FURTHER, THAT ON THE DAY THEY WERE TO MOVE INTO THE TWENTY EIGHTH ST. ADDRESS SHE WENT TO THE HISS APARTMENT ON P. ST., BUT ALGER HISS HAD FOR SOME REASON TAKEN THE KEY TO WORK WITH HIM AND SHE REMAINED IN THE HISS APARTMENT UNTIL HIS RETURN FROM WORK. ESTHER ALSO STATED THAT PRISCILLA HISS ARRANGED FOR HIRING JULIA RANKIN AS A MAID FOR THE

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CHAMBERS. ESTHER STATES THAT WHILE RESIDING IN THE TWENTY EIGHT ST. HOUSE ALGER, PRISCILLA, WHITTAKER AND HERSELF VISITED HAINES POINT AND RECALLED GOING TO THE ROSE GARDEN AND DRIVING AROUND THE TIDAL BASIN. IN JULY OF NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH ST. LEASE, CHAMBERS FAMILY MOVED TO MEYER~~S~~SCHAPIROS APARTMENT IN GREENWICH VILLAGE, NYC, THAT ALGER AND PRISCILLA ARRANGED TO TAKE ALL OF THE CHAMBERS PERSONAL BELONGINGS FROM WASHINGTON TO NYC IN THEIR FORD AUTOMOBILE AND THAT THIS WAS DONE. AFTER RESIDING IN THE GREENWICH VILLAGE ADDRESS FOR ABOUT ONE MONTHS, THE CHAMBERS FAMILY MOVED TO THE SUMMER HOME OF MAXIM~~S~~LIEBER AT SMITHTOWN, PA. PRISCILLA VISITED AT THIS SUMMER HOME FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. ESTHER WAS UNABLE TO RECALL THE METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION USED BY PRISCILLA IN COMING TO THE HOUSE BUT RECALLS SPECIFICALLY THAT WHEN SHE LEFT, ALGER HISS CAME TO THE HOME IN HIS CAR AND DROVE HER AWAY. ESTHER IS OF THE OPINION THAT MAXIM LIEBER, ALTHOUGH HE WAS PRESENT ON WEEKENDS AT THE SUMMER HOME, NEVER SAW ALGER HISS. AFTER LEAVING THE SMITHTOWN SUMMER HOME, ESTHER, HER HUSBAND, AND HER CHILD, AT THE REQUEST OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS, MOVED INTO THE HISS HOUSEHOLD ON P. ST. IN WASHINGTON. THE CHAMBERS

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FAMILY OCCUPIED THE TOP FLOOR OF THIS ADDRESS. HOWEVER, THIS ARRANGEMENT DID NOT WORK OUT DUE PRIMARILY TO THE FACT THAT THE NECESSITY OF FEEDING THE BABY AT RATHER IRREGULAR INTERVALS INTERFERRED WITH THE STRICT ROUTINE OF THE HISS HOUSEHOLD. AFTER RESIDING THERE APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS, THE CHAMBERS FAMILY MOVED TO EUTAW PLACE IN BALTIMORE. ESTHER STATES THAT DURING THE TIME SHE SPENT AT THE P. ST. ADDRESS SHE RECALLS SPECIFICALLY SEEING A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER IN THE STUDY ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HISS APARTMENT. ESTHER RELATED IN DETAIL THE FURNISHINGS AND LAYOUT OF THE HISS RESIDENCE AT P. ST., THIRTIETH ST, AND VOLTA PLACE. ESTHER RECALLED THAT WHITTAKER BORROWED HISS AUTOMOBILE AND USED IT TO TRANSPORT THEIR BELONGINGS FROM P. ST. TO BALTIMORE. ESTHER RECALLED THAT IN HER CONVERSATIONS WITH PRISCILLA AND ALGER BOTH WERE WORRIED ABOUT ~~THE~~<sup>THE</sup> BEHAVIOR OF THE FRIENDS THEY ASSOCIATED WITH PRIOR TO ALGERS TAKING ON HIS WORK WITH WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. ONE INSTANCE IN PARTICULAR SHE RELATED WHICH CONCERNED <sup>MRS</sup> CATHY, DONALD HISS WIFE, EITHER PICKETING OR ANTICIPATING SOME ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH AN AFFAIR IN WASHINGTON. ALGER AND PRISCILLA WERE OF THE OPINION THAT IF THIS WERE DONE THAT I MIGHT CAST SOME REFLECTION ON THEM, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THEY HAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF THEIR PRESENT WORK CUT THEMSELVES OFF FROM ALL PREVIOUS "FELLOW TRAVELERS."

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SHE RECALLED THAT AT THE TIME THEY MOVED INTO THE EUTAW ST. RESIDENCE IN BALTIMORE THAT THE HISSSES HAD GIVEN THEM A NUMBER OF PIECES OF FURNITURE AND ALSO AN ORIENTAL RUG. SHE RECALLED FURTHER THAT THIS RUG WAS BROUGHT TO THEM BY ALGER HISS AND HAD BEEN RECENTLY CLEANED AND MENDED AT THE MONUMENT CLEANING CO. IN BALTIMORE, MD. IT WAS HER IMPRESSION THAT THE RUG HAD BEEN DELIVERED BY THE CLEANING CO. TO THE HOME OF ALGERS MOTHER IN BALTIMORE AND HE HAD BROUGHT THE RUG FROM THERE TO THEM. ESTHER DEFINITELY RECALLS HAVING BEEN IN THE VOLTA ST. ADDRESS OF THE HISSSES ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION. SHE RECALLS SPECIFICALLY TALKING TO PRISCILLA ON SEVERAL OCCASTONS RE THE DRAPES, FURNITURE AND OTHER MATERIAL WHICH WAS GOING INTO THIS HOUSEHOLD IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST HOUSE THAT THE HISSSES RENTED THAT WAS NOT COMPLETELY FURNISHED. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT ALGER HISS AND HIS WIFE RESIDED AT THE VOLTA ST. ADDRESS FROM JAN. FIRST, NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT TO SEPT. THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTY THREE. THE BALTIMORE AGENTS WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE INTERVIEWS OF MRS. CHAMBERS HAVE MADE APPROPRIATE NOTATIONS OF LEADS THAT SHOULD BE COVERED BY THAT OFFICE. DETAILS RE MRS. CHAMBERS INTERVIEW WILL BE SET FORTH IN SEPARATE REPORT INCLUDING INFO OBTAINED FROM WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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TO : Director, F.B.I.

DATE: March 1, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAHAM; PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R  
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Special Employee CLINTON POLLACK examined the registration and voting records in New York City relative to ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS covering the addresses of 180 Claremont Avenue and 378 Central Park West, New York City, where the HISSSES resided prior to May, 1933. These records reflected that in 1932 ALGER HISS registered as a Democrat and his wife registered as a Socialist. From 1933 through 1936, during which time the Communists were listed as a Party and persons could register as Communists, it was noted that there was no record in New York City reflecting that the HISSSES had registered during this period. The voting registration for 1948 was examined and it reflected that ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS registered as Democrats from their address, 22 East 8th Street, New York City.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 29, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ET AL  
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Reference New York teletype March 28, 1949 in captioned case re-  
questing interview of ISAAC FOLKOFF.

For the assistance of the San Francisco Office in its investiga-  
tion of this case, there is being forwarded as enclosures with a copy of  
this letter to San Francisco photographs of the following:

- (1) Two photographs of JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was..
- (2) One photograph of ALGER HISS
- (3) One photograph of PRISCILLA HISS
- (4) Two photographs of DAVID VERNON ZIDLERMAN, was.
- (5) One photograph of FELIX A. INSLERMAN
- (6) One picture containing two photographs of WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE
- (7) One photograph of HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH
- (8) " " " WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN
- (9) " " " ELEANOR NELSON, was. Eleanor Nelson Soyring,  
Eleanor Nelson Porter
- (10) One photograph of MORRIS ASIMOV
- (11) " " " MAX BEDACHT
- (12) " " " CHARLES KRAMER
- (13) " " " PETER M. MAGRINI, was.
- (14) " " " VLADIMIR de Sveshnikoff

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In connection with the last enclosed photograph, that is, the picture  
of PETER M. MAGRINI, it is suggested that this photograph not be displayed to  
ISAAC FOLKOFF since investigation of MAGRINI's current activities in espionage  
is presently being conducted.

CC: San Francisco (encs. 16) (AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY) ~~DELETED~~

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