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WASH 37 FROM NEW YORK
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JAHAM. REDUTEL MARCH SIXTEEN REQUESTING WHETHER OR NOT STATE DEPARTMENT
PHOTOSTATS AND PHOTOGRAPHS MADE FROM THE MICROFILM NEGATIVES,
GJ EXHIBITS FORTY SEVEN AND FORTY EIGHT, ARE TO BE SUBJECT OF COURT
TESTIMONY. THIS OFFICE CONTEMPLATES USE OF THESE PHOTOSTATS AND
PHOTOGRAPHS, HAS SET FORTH TESTIMONY CONCERNING THEM IN SUMMARY REPORT
BEING PREPARED AND PRESUMES UNTIL ADVISED OTHERWISE THAT USA SDNY,
WILL ALSO MAKE USE THEREOF IN PROSECUTION. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF
ANY CHANGE IN THIS MATTER.

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JAHAM. RE LOSA LET TO BUREAU MAR. EIGHT LAST, CAPTIONED "JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN WAS., ESP R." SAAG DONEGAN ADVISES IT IS NOT PRACTICABLE AT THIS TIME FOR HIM TO SUBPOENA SHERMAN FOR GJ APPEARANCE EITHER IN NYC OR IN CALIF. SUGGESTS SHERMAN BE INTERVIEWED WITHOUT SUBPOENA.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

510 Trust Company Building
New Haven 10, Connecticut
March 23, 1949

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

ATTENTION: SECURITY DIVISION

Director, FBI

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RE: JAHAM
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

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For the information of the Bureau, technical surveillance on the residence telephone of JOSEPH GIULIETTI, Waterford, Connecticut-Telephone New London 2-9346 and technical surveillance on DUDLEY CHAPMAN, Golden Spur, Waterford, Connecticut - Telephone New London 2-2973 were discontinued at 12:00 noon on 3/23/49 because the surveillances were not productive.

Very truly yours,

J. J. Gleason
J. J. Gleason
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Alexander M. Campbell
Assistant Attorney General

April 1, 1949

Director, FBI

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

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Reference is made to your telephonic conversation with Inspector H. B. Fletcher of this Bureau on March 23, 1949, at which time you advised that the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on that date, was going to present a resolution before the House of Representatives permitting the Committee to release to this Bureau all of the "pumpkin" film.

On March 31, 1949, Mr. Louis Russell, Chief Investigator of the Committee on Un-American Activities, advised that as of that date no formal request had been received by the Committee from the Department for the "pumpkin" film. He stated it would be necessary to receive such a formal request to be used as a basis for a resolution which would be placed before the House of Representatives by the Committee. Mr. Russell also advised that such legislative enactment requires several days and therefore will facilitate the release of the film by the Committee if a formal request is received by the Committee from the Department as soon as possible in order that the film can be made available in time for the trial of this case.

The above is being brought to your attention in order that you may make a formal request to the Committee for the release of the film.

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Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 24, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAHAM, WAS, ET AL
PERJURY;
ESPIONAGE - R

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
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At 5:40 p.m., March 23, 1949, Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell of the Department called over and stated that he had been in touch with the HCUA and they had located the slip of paper recently described by Chambers. This slip of paper was described by Chambers as being typewritten, addressed to Karl and signed "H". It read in effect, "If you have stopped playing around with my girl friend, will you please take your things out of her closet as she wants to use it." Chambers did not know whether the letter "H" referred to Henry Hill Collins, Jr. or to John Hermann, both members of the apparatus operated by Chambers, according to his statements. Chambers is of the opinion that the letter "H" did not refer to Alger Hiss. He was also of the opinion that he had turned this slip of paper over to his attorney in Baltimore; however, inquiries there were negative and by memorandum dated March 14, 1949, this matter was called to the attention of Mr. Campbell so that he could consider the advisability of contacting the HCUA to see if it was turned over to that Committee by Chambers.

It has been agreed that this slip of paper would be made available to the Bureau, and arrangements have been made by Mr. Campbell so that an Agent can contact Mr. Lou Russell, Investigator for the HCUA, today and obtain this slip of paper for the use of the Bureau in this investigation.

Mr. Campbell also advised that today the HCUA will present a resolution before the House permitting the release to the Bureau of all of the pumpkin film. When the foregoing has been accomplished, it will place in possession and control of the Bureau all of the known documents involved in the Chambers case.

ACTION:

The Washington Field Office has been instructed to contact Mr. Lou Russell for the purpose of obtaining the described paper.

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TO : MR. FLETCHER *1/137*
FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*
SUBJECT: GREGORY *DL*

DATE: March 14, 1949

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols *✓*
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
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- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
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f - Mr. Belmont called me on Saturday afternoon, March 12 from New York and advised that he had made inquiry of Mr. Donegan concerning the individuals who knew about the identification of Crane as the photographer in the Whittaker Chambers case. Mr. Donegan stated he had no inquiry from the press concerning the Crane angle. He stated that he had discussed the identification of Crane with Mr. Ray Whearty, that he had pointed out to Mr. Whearty that Crane and four other possible witnesses were on the West Coast and a discussion was had as to whether these five individuals should be brought to New York to appear before the Grand Jury or whether they should be called before a Grand Jury on the West Coast; that Mr. Whearty in turn had discussed this question with Mr. Campbell of the Department and Mr. Campbell stated it would be more desirable to have them appear before a Grand Jury in San Francisco.

As a matter of further information in connection with this matter, it might be noted that Mr. Donegan informed Mr. Belmont that he, Donegan, had been asked by a newspaper reporter whether Donegan knew about the fact that Chambers had admitted being a pervert. Mr. Donegan stated this indicated that apparently someone in the Department had mentioned it to a press reporter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: March 30, 1949

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
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With reference to the story by Jerry Green which appeared in the New York Daily News on March 11, indicating that the FBI had arrested a photographer on the West Coast as the missing link in the Hiss-Chambers case, I wish to advise that I have checked as far as I can check without a satisfactory answer with nothing but a few surmises to go on.

At first it was suspected by some of the reporters that Lou Russell had furnished the information to Jim Walter of the Times Herald and Jim Walter in turn had furnished it to Green. This has been pretty well checked out and is not correct.

Dave Sentner of the Hearst papers was one of the first to have the story and he started talking about it, which was prior to Green's using the story, on an occasion after he had left Mundt's office. He came to the Un-American Activities Committee and started inquiring about an individual named Sherman who was mentioned by Chambers. Subsequently, after Green's story appeared, Sentner confirmed it to various associates and when asked where he got it stated the story had originated from the Director. They asked if he had seen the Director and in a sly manner he stated, "Well, the Director attends cocktail parties, doesn't he?" He then changed the story and said the piece had been picked up out in San Francisco. It is not believed any credence can be given this.

Lou Russell called me and stated that they do have some information which has been furnished by Chambers on the identity of a photographer whom the FBI is supposed to have located out on the West Coast. Chambers still, according to Russell, sees Nixon and Nixon talks to Mundt. Russell is of the opinion that Mundt was the source of the story but that the story was badly garbled and that Green was merely surmising the FBI had arrested the photographer.

Ed Nellor and Jim Walter told me substantially the same thing.

On another occasion, Lou Russell called me and stated he had recalled that he had talked to Chambers about a false passport incident that Chambers had said this was very hot and he would have to clear with the FBI before saying anything. Subsequently Chambers called back and furnished Russell the name of Sherman. Russell stated that at an even later date Chambers told him he understood the FBI had developed a hot lead in California.

My frank opinion is that Chambers was the original source, that it probably went to Mundt or Nixon or even some of his other friends, and in that manner Jerry Green picked it up.

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CHAMBERS

Sentner is giving info. to the press as attributing info. to me. H.

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- Mr. Tolson _____ ()
- Mr. Clegg _____ ()
- Mr. Glavin _____ ()
- Mr. Ladd _____ ()
- Mr. Nichols _____ ()
- Mr. Rosen _____ ()
- Mr. Tracy _____ ()
- Mr. Gurnea _____ ()
- Mr. Harbo _____ ()
- Mr. Mohr _____ ()
- Mr. Nease _____ ()
- Miss Gandy _____ ()

It would be helpful to find source of this if possible.

- See Me _____ ()
- Note and Return _____ ()
- For Your Recommendation ()
- What are the facts? ()
- Remarks:

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*Memo to Tolson
3/30/47
JCN*

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Hiss-Chambers 'Aid' Found by FBI

By JERRY GREENE
of THE NEWS Bureau

Washington, D. C., March 11.—A Red spy suspect, long sought as a vital missing link in the famous case of the pumpkin papers, has been found in California by the FBI, and is singing his head off, The News was informed tonight.

The suspect, a photographer, has furnished startling new information about the affairs of Whittaker Chambers, the confessed ex-Communist courier, and his spy microfilms.

The revelations are expected to bring new action by the special federal grand jury in New York. The House Un-American Activities Committee, ready to launch its own new investigation of Red spy rings and Communist cells in Washington, is also following the California developments closely.

Witness' Name Withheld.

Officials are carefully guarding the name of the new witness and details of his testimony. It was learned, however, that he has cast new light on Chambers' role in the Red underground which filed top secret government papers for the Russians before the war.

The FBI and the House committee have been looking for the photographer since December, when Chambers suddenly produced five rolls of microfilm of the papers from a hollowed-out pumpkin on his farm near Westminster, Md.

At that time, committee investigators said two Communist photographers were suspected of help-

ing Chambers with the film in a secret studio, probably in Baltimore.

Check by FBI.

One suspect, linked to the Baltimore studio, was found quickly and grilled by the former New York grand jury, apparently without results. The California witness is the second suspect.

FBI agents are now checking the photographer's story. If it stands up, the information will be turned over to the new grand jury.

The former grand jury indicted Alger Hiss, ex-State Department official, for perjury in denying he gave some of the top secret papers to Chambers to be microfilmed. Hiss is still awaiting trial. No federal action has been instituted against Chambers.

Average net paid circulation
for February exceeded

Daily 2,225,000

Sunday .. 4,500,000

The Largest Daily and Sunday
Circulation in America

Hiss Furlough Extended

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has extended to early May the leave of absence granted its president, Alger Hiss, former State Department official indicted for perjury, it was announced yesterday. His leave was to have expired tomorrow. He has submitted his resignation but no action on it has been taken.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT

JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE WFO LETTER THREE DASH NINE.
JACK I. LEVY ADVISES THAT ARTHUR BACHRACH, CHICAGO ATTORNEY, AND
DIVORCED HUSBAND OF MARION BACHRACH, NEE ABT, SISTER OF JOHN ABT,
WAS EMPLOYED BY AAA, WASHINGTON, WHILE ALGER HIS S. THERE. MARION
BACHRACH WAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF COUNCIL FOR PAN AMERICAN
AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, A REPORTED CP FRONT IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX.
LEVY RECOMMENDS BACHRACH AND CHICAGO INDICES RE HIM NEGATIVE.
BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER INTERVIEW WITH BACHRACH DESIRED.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
March 14, 1949

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was;
ALGER HISS, et al.
ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
Bureau File 74-1333

Dear Sir:

On Saturday, March 12, 1949, the Los Angeles Examiner carried the headline, "WELPKIN CASE PHOTOGRAPHER LOCATED BY FBI IN CALIFORNIA: Suspect Tells New Details of Spy Story, Expected to be Subpoenaed for Appearance Before New York Jury." The accompanying article stated that the second missing photographer of stolen government documents in the HISS-CHAMBERS case had been located and questioned by the FBI somewhere in California and that he had talked freely. It was stated that the photographer was expected to be subpoenaed for an immediate appearance before the New York Grand Jury and also would be subpoenaed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The article stated that the name of this photographer had not been divulged. It is further noted that the Los Angeles Herald Express newspaper for the evening of March 12, 1949, carried a similar article.

In view of this publicity, WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE was contacted on Sunday, March 13, 1949, concerning the possibility that he had been visited by members of the press. He advised that he had not, but that he was extremely upset over the disclosures in the press. CRANE stated that as a result, it was his intention to consult with his attorney, EDWARD GATTONE, 639 S. Spring Street, Rm. 7946, who heretofore had not been advised of CRANE's activities as developed in this case.

It will be noted that in the early stages of the interview with CRANE he considered the matter of consulting GATTONE, his attorney, but decided against such consultation. At that time he referred to GATTONE as one who was "on your side" and not the least bit communistically inclined. He said that he had known GATTONE since he had been in school and that he considered GATTONE a reliable and trusted friend.

On Monday, March 14, 1949, EDWARD GATTONE contacted the Los Angeles Office and advised that on the previous day WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE had confided



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cc-New York

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Did we ever learn how this got out?
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in him concerning his activities in connection with this case. Mr. GATTONE stated that CRANE was extremely concerned about the publicity and was most desirous of avoiding such publicity for another thirty to sixty days, if such were possible. Mr. GATTONE inquired as to whether CRANE would be subpoenaed before the Grand Jury and the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He was advised that whether such action would be taken was unknown to this office, but that, of course, such a possibility existed. Mr. GATTONE stated that this would be all right if it could be delayed for a month or so. GATTONE stated that he was certain that CRANE would continue to cooperate with this Bureau in spite of the publicity which is particularly harmful to CRANE at this time. GATTONE, in requesting the delay on the publicity, referred to CRANE's business status at this particular moment which, of course, is already known to this office.

For the past few years, CRANE has been spending practically all of his time and considerable money on the development of two cameras, an underwater camera and an oil well camera. In the meantime, he has been earning his living through odd jobs of salvage work which he carried out with a small boat and barge which he owns. Occasionally he has done a little work with his underwater camera. However, it has not yet developed as he had expected and he has a considerable investment in it.

CRANE recently was called upon by the Long Beach Oil Development Company to photograph the interior casing of an oil well. This is the type of work for which his camera is designed and this is the first opportunity he had to display the effectiveness and value of his camera. This job was successfully completed and, as a result, there has been publicity in the oil industry concerning the possibilities of his camera. Likewise, as a result, he has been given the job of photographing the interiors of the entire group of twenty-six oil wells owned by the Long Beach Oil Development Company on Terminal Island.

CRANE has been working incessantly at this for the past several weeks. On some occasions he has to photograph the oil wells when the conditions are just right, which necessitates starting working as early as 3:00 a.m. in the morning and continuing late into the evening. CRANE estimates that it will take him from thirty to sixty days to complete this job. If he successfully completes this job, he will have his camera well established in this field; however, if he is not able to complete the work immediately, there is a possibility that some other company or individual will develop a similar camera and his long work and expense will be lost. At the present time he is receiving inquiries from other parts of the country concerning his services for both his oil well and underwater cameras. CRANE feels that he is presently right at the crucial point where, if he is not interrupted, he will establish himself in his work.

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From the outset of the interview with CRANE he has been exceedingly cooperative and helpful in all respects. He made himself readily available for interview and has continued to do so in spite of the press of his personal business. In the course of the interview he has volunteered information heretofore unknown and which would not have been obtained in an ordinary interview if he had not been willing to disclose it. CRANE stated that ever since he has been married and had a family his entire attitude toward Communism began changing and at the present time he realizes that the bases for his earlier beliefs in the communistic system and ideology were not well-founded. He stated that while working for the Fishermen's News during the 1940s he was a member of the CP, but at this time he was not sincere, but had joined merely as an economic expediency in connection with his work on the paper.

EDMOND GATTONI, CRANE's attorney, was advised when he contacted this office that the time at which CRANE might be subpoenaed was a matter within the province of the representatives of the Attorney General's Office conducting the Grand Jury hearing. He was also advised, however, that his request for a delay would be transmitted to the Bureau in Washington. It is requested that the New York Office, if the Bureau approves, consult with Special Assistant to the Attorney General THOMAS J. DONEGAN concerning the possibility of accommodating CRANE in view of CRANE's cooperation to date.

It should be noted that CRANE at one time mentioned the possibility of himself testifying before the Grand Jury in New York. At that time he indicated that he considered this to be inevitable and also that there was a possibility that he might be subpoenaed before the House Un-American Activities Committee. With respect to the latter, he stated that he was not in agreement with its practices and he would dislike very much to be subpoenaed to appear before it.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
R. B. HOOD, SAC *RJH*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : MR. LADD *DL*

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

DATE: April 7, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Gurnea	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Reference is made to the attached letter from the Los Angeles Office to the Bureau dated March 14, 1949, which refers to an article which appeared in the March 12, 1949 issue of the Los Angeles Examiner entitled "PUMPKIN CASE PHOTOGRAPHER LOCATED BY FBI IN CALIFORNIA." The letter goes on to state that the photographer is William Edward Crane who has been interviewed for a considerable period of time by the Los Angeles Office. You inquired "Did we ever learn how this got out?"

By memorandum dated March 30, 1949 from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson reference was made to a similar story by Jerry Green which appeared in the New York Daily News on March 11, 1949. This article stated that the FBI had arrested a photographer on the West Coast as the "Missing Link" in the Hiss-Chambers case. Mr. Nichols stated that he had checked as far as he could without obtaining a satisfactory answer as to how this story got out.

Mr. Nichols advised that at first it was suspected by some of the reporters that Lou Russell, of the House Un-American Activities Committee, had furnished the information to James Walter of the Times Herald and that the latter in turn had furnished the information to Jerry Green. Mr. Nichols advised that this had been pretty well checked out and is correct.

Mr. Nichols further stated that Russell had called him and stated that the House Un-American Activities Committee does have some information which had been furnished by Chambers on the identity of a photographer whom the FBI is supposed to have located out on the West Coast. Russell said that Chambers still sees Congressman Nixon and that Nixon talks to Mundt. Russell is of the opinion that Mundt was the source of the story but that the story was badly garbled and that Jerry Green was merely surmising that the FBI had arrested the photographer. Mr. Nichols said that Ed Nellor and James Walter told him substantially the same thing.

In conclusion, Mr. Nichols stated that it is his frank opinion that Chambers was the original source of this information, that it probably went to Mundt or Nixon, or even some of his other friends and in that manner Jerry Green got hold of the story.

ACTION: None. The foregoing is for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. et al
 PERJURY
 ESPIONAGE - R
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: February 15, 1949

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Reference New York teletype dated January 14, 1949; New York teletype dated January 28, 1949; and Newark teletype dated February 8, 1949.

CHAMBERS upon interview at New York City on January 14, 1949 related the following story concerning the original underground apparatus operated by HAROLD WARE, which included DONALD HISS, CHARLES KRAMER, VICTOR PERLO, HENRY HILL COLLINS, Jr., LEE PRESSMAN and NATHAN WITT:

Each of these individuals had his own separate cell of ten to twenty persons who were employed in various Government agencies in Washington, D. C. These individuals were not abstracting documents from their various Government agencies at the time, but were so placed that their services might be used in the event that the opportunity might arise.

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One individual in HAROLD WARE's group was JOHN HERRMANN, who has been ascertained by the Washington Field Office to be JOHN THEODORE HERRMANN, who according to CHAMBERS, was a member of the Communist Party and was a member of the JOHN REED Club in New York City at the time CHAMBERS was a member.

PHOTOGRAPH

HERRMANN

HERRMANN was married to JOSEPHINE HERBST, a noted author of two or three fairly well accepted novels. HERRMANN and JOSEPHINE HERBST lived in an apartment on New Hampshire Avenue in Washington, D. C. during 1935 and 1936. The address of this apartment has been ascertained by the Washington Field Office to be 1230 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., apartment 706 of the Bond Apartments.

During a conversation between CHAMBERS and HERRMANN around 1936 the latter stated that a family by the name of SILVERMAN, which consisted of a wife, husband, and child, were residing on 28th Street, N. W. in Washington, D. C. and next door to the house of PRISCILLA and ALGER HISS. This SILVERMAN is not identical with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN mentioned prominently in this case.

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Further, that J. PETERS had instructed JOHN HERRMANN late one evening to go to the SILVERMAN household and arrange to take SILVERMAN out of his house and get him away from Washington, D. C. WARE and HERRMANN accomplished this, but CHAMBERS did not recall where they had taken him.

Investigation at the Washington Field Office could not locate anyone by the name of SILVERMAN living in this vicinity.

As explanation for this unusual situation, CHAMBERS related that HERRMANN told him that PETER or someone in the Party had found out that SILVERMAN and DAVID K. NILES, Present Advisor to President Truman, had been involved in homosexual acts and that while these acts were going on SILVERMAN had been writing to NILES and informing him of the activities of the underground apparatus in Washington, D. C. Further, that NILES, in an effort to get SILVERMAN from his family, had threatened to expose the facts around the Communist Party underground activities. CHAMBERS had no further information concerning this, but added that it was a common practice to accuse a Party member of some scandalous conduct in order to smear him. CHAMBERS had no further information concerning the identity of SILVERMAN or the whereabouts of JOHN T. HERRMANN.

This should be given to Silverman & Niles per H.B.F.

CHAMBERS further advised that when he first received documents from ALGER HISS, he photographed these documents himself either in the HISS home or at the home of HERRMANN. He stated that HERRMANN had been brought to Washington to be an assistant to HAROLD WARE in the apparatus.

CHAMBERS further stated that ROBERT GOE received documents from HARRY DEXTER WHITE and gave them to him and he took these to HERRMANN's apartment in Washington and photographed them.

JOSEPHINE FREY HERBST, former wife of HERRMANN, was interviewed by Agents of the Newark Office and revealed the following information:

She first met HAROLD WARE in the Fall of 1933 when HERRMANN contacted him for background information on farm subjects about which he was writing a play. Mrs. HERBST had previously met WARE on one occasion through his wife JESSICA SMITH, with whom Mrs. HERBST was friendly. JESSICA SMITH is a writer in New York City and did publish, or may still be publishing, an information magazine on Soviet Russia under her name.

HERRMANN went to Washington, D. C. in the Spring of 1934 to do free lance writing while Mrs. HERBST remained in Erwinna, Pennsylvania. She went to the District of Columbia and stayed with him from July to September 1934 when she went to the Middle West to write articles on the drought. She returned to Washington, D. C. in October 1934 and stayed for two weeks before leaving for New York City and then Cuba. She was separated from HERRMANN in the Summer of 1935, at which time she heard from him from Nebraska. Mrs. HERBST was not in Washington in 1935 or 1936.

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She recalled meeting WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as CARL through her husband in Washington and states he visited HERRMANN in their residence two or three times during her stay in Washington.

From conversation overheard between CHAMBERS and HERRMANN she gathered that CHAMBERS was collecting evidence for the Communist Party in New York City, but denies knowledge of his true activities as later brought out in the press. She further denies knowledge of the character of the association between HERRMANN and CHAMBERS and states she and her husband were not on good terms at the time and she did not question him.

She states that she met LEE PRESSMAN in Washington in connection with the organization of the CIO, but can recall no further contact with him.

She met GREGORY SILVERMASTER in Washington through MAXIM WEIBER, her Literary Agent, when she desired to secure information on foreign countries for background on her writings. SILVERMASTER, at that time, was with the Farm Reclamation Program.

She states that she has been a life-long friend of ^{D.C.} ROBERT COE, who was with the Bureau of Standards in Washington and later a scientist at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, but now he is in a tuberculosis sanatorium in Saranac, New York. (There is not sufficient information available to identify this ROBERT COE with the one mentioned in the New York teletype of January 14, 1949.)

She is not acquainted with any member of the HISS family, CHARLES KRAMER, VICTOR PERLO, HENRY HILL COLLINS, Jr., NATHAN WITT, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, or SILVERMAN, and knows of no connection HERRMANN had with any of these individuals.

Mrs. HERBST described HERRMANN to be 6' 2", white, 183 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair, and does not wear glasses.

^BThe files of the United States Coast Guard located in Washington, D. C. reflect that JOHN THEODORE HERRMANN, serial number 625-504, enlisted in New Orleans on May 1, 1942 and served until his discharge on October 3, 1945, at which time he held the rank of Lieutenant (jg). He was promoted to Full Lieutenant in the Reserves on October 7, 1948, at which time he signed an oath that he had not been drawing disability compensation. (Mrs. HERBST related that she thought he was drawing compensation for injuries received while in the service.)

HERRMANN took a physical examination at Curtis Bay, Maryland in October of 1948 to qualify him for this promotion to Full Lieutenant. This file also shows that he was born November 9, 1901 in Lansing, Michigan

and that he married his present wife, FLORENCE RUTH HERRMANN on September 1, 1940. The last address given for HERRMANN in the Coast Guard files was 305 8th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York on April 16, 1946. This file shows relatives, ROBERT HERRMANN, brother, no address listed; RICHARD HERRMANN, brother, 619 Lapiet Street, Lansing, Michigan; and sister, Mrs. DONALD VEEL of 1714 Lundbergh Drive, Lansing, Michigan; father, HENRY HERRMANN, 811 North Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan. (Mrs. HERBST believes the father to be deceased.)

This file reflects former employments as September 1921 to April 1942 with the Transport Union, 544 Comp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; September 1940 to May 1941, Stevens Davis Company, 1234 Jackson Place, Chicago, Illinois; and 1938 and 1939 with the Simon-Schuster Company, Rockefeller Center, New York City. *te*

This file shows HERRMANN banked with the Union National Bank at Frenchtown, New Jersey and the Union Building and Loan Association in Lansing, Michigan.

This file further shows that HERRMANN has two insurance policies, one with the Veterans Administration and one with the Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Company. The Veterans Administration was contacted by this office and it was disclosed that HERRMANN's file was sent to the Baltimore Office of the Veterans Administration on June 17, 1947. The Veterans Administration advised that the Baltimore Office covers all of the State of Maryland.

The Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Company's files were checked, but they had no record of HERRMANN paying his premiums with this branch office.

Photographs of HERRMANN were obtained through the Coast Guard and are being enclosed herewith to the Bureau and the New York and Baltimore Offices.

The Baltimore Office is requested to contact the local office of the Veterans Administration and locate HERRMANN and interview him thoroughly regarding the apparatus of the Communist Party underground as set out above.

Enclosures

cc: New York (Enclosures)
Baltimore (Enclosures)

*Records to City files
reveal Herrmann
presently in Mexico
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John Theodore Herrmann
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Born 11/9/01

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Wt 183 lbs

Eyes Brown (No glasses)

Hair Light Brown

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John Theodore Herrmann⁹⁶
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 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

Key Figure?
**FBI Is Mum
 On Spy Case
 Photographer**

By The Associated Press

A person with contacts in the Justice Department reported yesterday that the FBI had picked up a photographer said to have backed up part of the story Whittaker Chambers told about prewar Red espionage in the Government.

The man, he said, was located in California and so far as he knows still is there.

FBI officials replied steadily with a "no comment" to questions as to whether the photographer had been located.

Members of the House Un-American Activities Committee said the FBI had not notified them that the photographer had been found. Senator Mundt (R., S. Dak.), former member of the House committee, told reporters if the man has been picked up "they have a pretty important figure" in the case.

He explained that this photographer should be able to corroborate much of the testimony of Chambers.

The person who said he had learned the photographer was located said the man probably can testify that Chambers brought documents to him to copy. This photographer was supposed to have operated in Washington.

Chambers is a former courier for a Communist underground ring which he said operated here before the war. He testified that Alger Hiss, formerly a high official of the State Department, was one of his sources of supply.

Hiss has denied it. A New York grand jury indicted Hiss on a charge that he lied in saying he had not turned over secret information to Chambers. Hiss now is awaiting trial.

The Un-American Activities Committee located some stolen documents through microfilms Chambers disclosed he had hidden in a hollowed out pumpkin on his farm near Westminster, Md.

Chambers has testified that some copies of secret papers were relayed to Russian agents. He has said he held out some after he began to sour on communism.

(One informant told The Washington Post that one of the men sought since the Chambers-Hiss case developed was both a photographer and an "operator" and was suspected of having taken over Chambers' role in the Communist ring after Chambers left the party.—Editor's Note.)

A committee official said it is unlikely any attempt will be made by the committee to subpoena the photographer. He said he did not know how it could be done before the Hiss trial is over.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 7, 1949

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*SUBJECT: *opul*

I called ABAC Belmont with reference to the information indicating that the Grand Jury had indicated a desire to have you and the Attorney General appear before them.

Mr. Belmont stated that Mr. Donegan could very easily arrange to have this whole matter dropped as far as you are concerned and that he would immediately contact Donegan and have him take the matter up with the Grand Jury discreetly at their next session and that he would then promptly advise the Bureau of the results thereof. I will continue to follow this matter for you.

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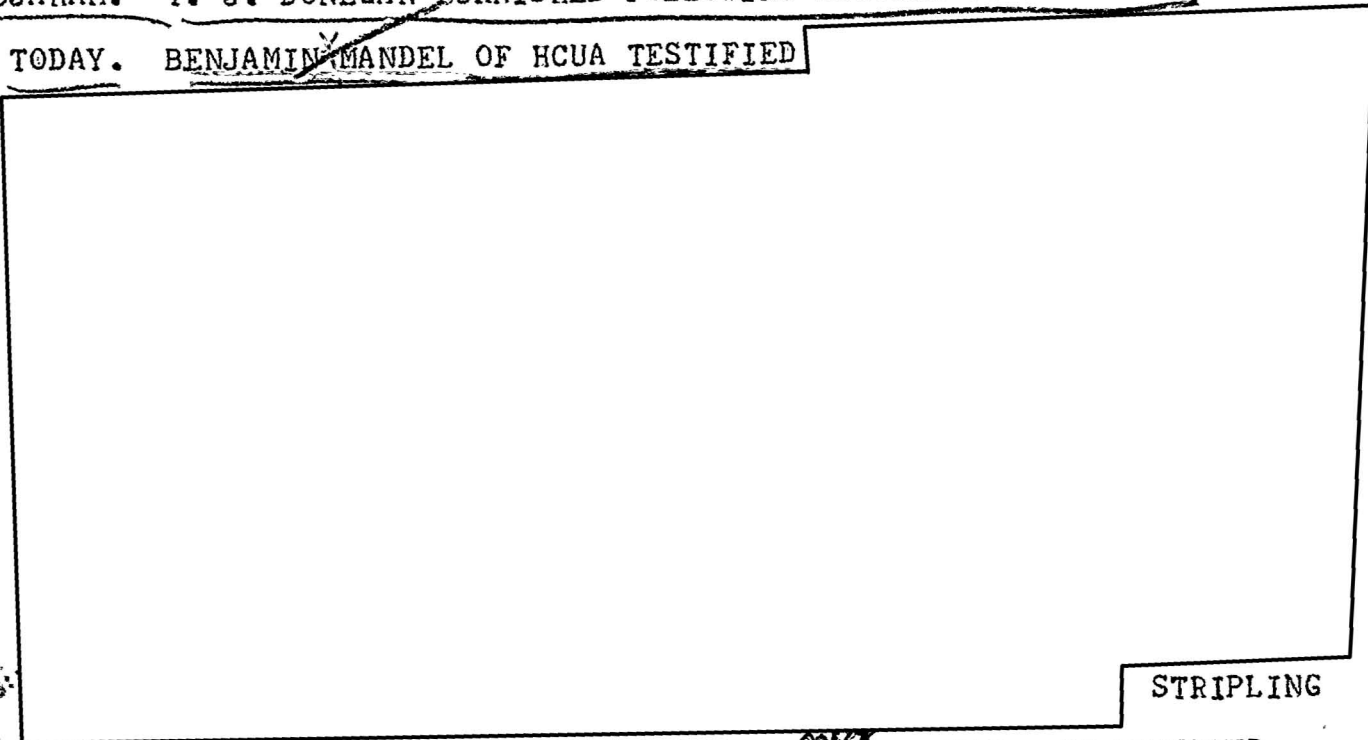
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
- Mr. Nease ✓
- Miss Gandy ✓

WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 3 7 12-22 AM
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OJAHAM. T. J. DONEGAN FURNISHED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT G. J. ACTIVITIES
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HAS AGREED TO TESTIFY BEFORE GJ APRIL THE NEXT. GJ INFORMED
 DONEGAN TODAY THAT IT DEFINITELY IS DESIROUS OF HAVING DIRECTOR HOOVER
 AND A.G. TOM CLARK APPEAR BEFORE IT.

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*3/11 a memo should be made SCHEIDT
 avoid my appearance. It is nothing
 but a publicity stunt on part of Grand Jur. N. D.*

*cc. Mr. Fletcher
 3/12*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 10, 1949

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: GREGORY GRAND JURY

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

ASAC Belmont called from New York and referred to the fact that the Gregory Grand Jury has been going pretty far afield recently in connection with their inquiry; that they feel that they should look into the over-all espionage picture. He stated that in connection therewith, Mr. Donegan has advised him that the Foreman of the Grand Jury has just contacted him and has indicated that the Grand Jury wanted to hear from the Attorney General and Mr. Hoover with reference to the over-all espionage picture and what can or should be done to correct the situation in order that they might hand down a presentment. Mr. Donegan stated that he will take care of contacting the Attorney General. He has advised the Grand Jury that it would not be possible at best to have either the Attorney General or the Director appear in the next week or ten days inasmuch as they were busy and had heavy commitments.

Mr. Donegan indicated that there were two things that could be done as far as the Director was concerned, if he desired. First, Mr. Donegan can very discreetly shunt off any further requests from the Grand Jury for the Director's appearance. The second, Mr. Donegan could arrange for the Director to appear, if he so desires at his convenience in the next two or three weeks to make a brief statement.

Mr. Belmont stated that Mr. Donegan intended to talk more fully to you about this the next time he sees you.

RECOMMENDATION

I would suggest that the New York Office contact Mr. Donegan and advise that he should make every discreet effort to avoid any further attempt to request or call for your appearance before this Grand Jury.

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I concur. I have no desire to lend myself to any such third ring circus.

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
Criminal Division

April 5, 1949

Director, FBI

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There is enclosed herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly, New York City, dated March 30, 1949, which bears the caption "Alger Hiss, Perjury, Espionage - R, Internal Security - R." This report summarizes the available evidence to date in connection with this matter and contains considerable information concerning numerous individuals whose names have been mentioned during the investigation and who may possibly be called upon as witnesses by the Government or their names may come up during the course of the coming trial.

A copy of this report has been made available to Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. Donegan in New York City and to the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Enclosure

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- Miss Gandy

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

Mr. Alexander Campbell
called-phoned. Assistant Attorney
General

Phone No. _____

Hour 4:39 PM Date Mar. 30 19 49

REMARKS

When advised of the Director's absence from the office Mr. Campbell consented to speak with the Acting Director. After checking he was referred to Mr. Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher advises that a memorandum is being prepared on the matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. LADD *DL*

SUBJECT: Special Grand Jury in New York
Investigating Espionage

DATE: March 30, 1949

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By reference from your office, Inspector H. B. Fletcher handled a telephone call from Mr. Alexander Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, at 4:35 p.m. today. Mr. Campbell stated he wanted to be certain that the Bureau was aware that the foreman of the Grand Jury in New York handling the spy inquiries had been in touch with him, Mr. Campbell, and inquired as to whether it was possible to secure the attendance of Senator Mundt, Congressman Nixon and Congressman Velde. He also planned to subpoena Mandel and Stribling. Mr. Campbell stated that he likewise was being subpoenaed. He advised that in response to the inquiry of the foreman as to requiring the appearance of the Senator and the Congressmen, he has prepared a memorandum to the Attorney General in which the opinion is set forth that the Grand Jury has the power to force the appearance of the Senator and the Congressmen by subpoena if they do not appear voluntarily. Mr. Campbell stated that these men named would appear before the Grand Jury on April 5, 6 and 7, 1949.

Inspector Fletcher assured Mr. Campbell that this information would be brought to your attention.

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SAC, New York

April 1, 1949

Director, FBI

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(DEAN IVAN LAMB)

Reference is made to the telephone conversation of Inspector H. B. Fletcher with ASAC Belmont of your office in connection with Dean Ivan Lamb, at 9:10 a.m., March 30, 1949.

For your additional information concerning Lamb there are attached herewith photostatic copies of the following Military Intelligence Service Reports. Report dated November 18, 1942, at Washington, D. C.; December 1, 1942, Louisville, Kentucky; January 11, 1943, Los Angeles, California and January 28, 1943, Governors Island, New York.

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TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.; ETAL		CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

~~DELETED~~ Mrs. MARGARET FANSLER states she was not closely associated with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, having only visited them for overnight stays during 1930's. List of relatives and acquaintances secured from Mrs. FANSLER set out. Professor OSWALD WEBLIN has no knowledge of espionage activities on part of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO. Typewriter in possession Mrs. FRANK BOWEN not identical with FANSLER-HISS machine. W. C. BOWEN, former Personnel Director, Railroad Retirement Board, has no knowledge of CP or espionage activities on part of PHILIP RENO but always considered him a Communist. Names of fellow employees more closely associated with RENO secured.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 74-1333.
Bureau teletype to Newark 1/31/49.
Report of SA JESSE F. FARR, Baltimore, 1/28/49.
Report of SA PAUL R. ALKER, Newark, 1/31/49.
New York teletype to Bureau and Newark 2/3/49.

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DETAILS:

Interview with Mrs. MARGARET FANSLER
re Associates of ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS

Mrs. MARGARET FANSLER, 55 Randolph Place, South Orange, New Jersey, furnished the following background information concerning ALGER HISS:

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C. A. G. Campbell
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FLJ

He graduated from Harvard University Law School in about the Spring of 1929 and went to Washington, D. C., to work as

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secretary to Supreme Court Justice OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES at which time she first met HISS. He left Washington in the Fall of 1930 after his one year appointment as secretary to Justice HOLMES had expired and went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he was employed by a law firm for about one and a half years. He then moved to New York City where he was employed by another law firm until June, 1933. Mrs. FANSLER could not recall the names of these firms but stated one of them had the principal names of COTTON and FRANKLIN. In June 1933 he returned to Washington where he was employed by the Department of Agriculture. He was later employed by the Department of Justice and State Department, years not recalled by Mrs. FANSLER. He then returned to New York City in 1946 to take a position with the Carnegie Foundation for which position he was recommended by JOHN FOSTER DULLES. He was not joined by PRISCILLA HISS until the Fall of 1947 because of her teaching job in Washington. She currently is teaching in New York.

Business associates of HISS known to Mrs. FANSLER are JEROME FRANK, formerly with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, now a Circuit Judge in New York; FRANCIS B. SAYRE and STANLEY HORNBECK of the State Department. HORNBECK is now U. S. Ambassador to Holland.

Relatives of ALGER HISS known to Mrs. FANSLER are Mrs. CHARLES (?) HISS, mother, Baltimore; ANNA HISS, sister, teacher in some University in Texas; DONALD HISS, brother, address unknown, and his wife, CATHERINE HISS.

Mrs. FANSLER stated that she has never been closely associated with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, her contacts being limited to infrequent visits to Washington, D. C., from 1929 to about 1937. She furnished the dates and approximate duration of these visits as follows:

1929 or 1930 - overnight visit while HISS was working for Justice HOLMES.

1933 - overnight visit returning from Maryland after taking her daughter to summer camp.

1934 - brief stop on returning from Maryland after taking her daughter to summer camp.

1935 - same as 1934.

1936 or 1937 - spent two nights in HISS' residence on a business trip to Washington inspecting libraries with her superior. This was in the Fall of 1936 or the Spring of 1937 while the HISSSES were residing on 31st Street in Georgetown Section.

She related that due to the brief nature of these visits, she had little opportunity to meet social acquaintances of the HISSSES but she did recall meeting Mrs. KATIE LOUCHHEIM and her husband, name not recalled; DONALD TILGHMAN, and having heard the name MAX LOWENTHAL mentioned. She was not sure of the spelling of the name LOUCHHEIM or that LOWENTHAL'S first name was MAX.

She also had occasion to meet two friends of PRISCILLA HISS whom she recalled only by their first names. She furnished these as ~~ISABEL~~ who lived on 31st Street, Georgetown Section, and who was an artist, and ~~HELEN~~ who had four or five children and had been forced to take up teaching on the death of her husband.

General acquaintances of PRISCILLA or ~~ALGER~~ HISS known to Mrs. FANSLER are as follows:

The ~~KELLOGG~~/~~SMITH~~ family at Chestertown, Maryland, with whom the entire HISS family is quite friendly.

Mrs. ~~PHELPS~~/~~SCOLE~~ (DORIS), Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, was quite friendly with PRISCILLA HISS, they having spent several summers at Peacham, Vermont.

Mrs. ~~JOHN~~/~~ALBERT~~ or ~~ALFORD~~, the first wife of ~~THOMAS~~ FANSLER, JR., who lives in Providence, Rhode Island, is a close friend of PRISCILLA HISS.

She further recalled that PRISCILLA HISS was very friendly with ~~BETH~~ PARKER, now deceased, who was a music teacher from the eastern shore of Maryland.

The following relatives of PRISCILLA HISS were furnished by Mrs. FANSLER:

Mr. and Mrs. ~~THOMAS~~ L. FANSLER, parents, deceased.

~~DAISY~~ FANSLER, sister, Music Library, Philadelphia Museum, Philadelphia.

~~DEAN~~ FANSLER, brother, deceased. He was in the Philippines during the last war and died as a result of privation upon returning to San Francisco. He had a daughter, now about thirty years of age, who married a doctor or scientist and is believed to reside in Honolulu or one of the Pacific islands.

~~RALPH~~ FANSLER, brother, resides in the Middle West, believed to be either St. Louis or Detroit. He has a wife and four children.

~~HENRY~~ FANSLER, brother, former husband of ~~MARGARET~~ FANSLER, now deceased. His second wife lives in Preston, Maryland, and has no children.

~~THOMAS~~ L. FANSLER, JR., brother, Chicago, whose present wife is named ~~KATIE~~ and has no children,

Mrs. ~~BEN~~ MOORE, niece, daughter of Mrs. ~~MARGARET~~ FANSLER, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Interview with Professor OSWALD VEBLIN
regarding FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

Professor OSWALD VEBLIN, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, related that he was a consultant at the Ballistics Research Laboratory, Aberdeen, Maryland, from about April or May 1942 until about August 1946. He stated that shortly after his arrival he was introduced to FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO who was occupied on some phase of the work on bomb ballistics. He informed that his association with RENO was solely that of an advisor as was his association with others working in the Ballistics Research Laboratory. He was unable to furnish the identity of anyone closely associated with RENO in the Ballistics Research Laboratory other than ~~_____~~ KELLY and ~~_____~~ McSHANE, who, he stated, recently testified before a Grand Jury in New York. He recalled that during his assignment to the Ballistics Research Laboratory, this section was in charge of a Colonel ZORNIG and a Colonel SIMON. He advised that he was not associated socially with RENO and had no idea who his social acquaintances were. VEBLIN considers RENO very intelligent and devoted to his work but carried his work into a greater degree of accuracy than the military authorities thought necessary. VEBLIN'S impression of RENO'S character was described as extremely favorable and he had no knowledge of RENO ever having furnished information to unauthorized individuals or taking part in Communist Party activities.

VEBLIN does not recall making any efforts to secure an appointment to the Institute for Advanced Study for RENO and explained that RENO does not possess a PH.D which would make him ineligible. He related, however, that should RENO be deemed eligible, he would go as far as possible to assist him in securing such an appointment.

WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER IN POSSESSION OF
MRS. FRANK BOWEN, 54 BEACH ST., JERSEY CITY, N.J.

By letter of February 2, 1949, the FBI Laboratory advised that an examination of the typing specimens submitted from the above typewriter had revealed that it had not been used to type the documents previously submitted in this case.

INTERVIEW WITH W. C. BOWEN
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Bureau File 74-1333.
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Report of SA PAUL R. ALKER, Newark, 1/31/49.
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DETAILS:

Interview with Mrs. MARGARET FANSLER
re Associates of ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS

Mrs. MARGARET FANSLER, 55 Randolph Place, South Orange, New Jersey, furnished the following background information concerning ALGER HISS:

He graduated from Harvard University Law School in about the Spring of 1929 and went to Washington, D. C., to work as

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secretary to Supreme Court Justice OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES at which time she first met HISS. He left Washington in the Fall of 1930 after his one year appointment as secretary to Justice HOLMES had expired and went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he was employed by a law firm for about one and a half years. He then moved to New York City where he was employed by another law firm until June, 1933. Mrs. FANSLER could not recall the names of these firms but stated one of them had the principal names of COTTON and FRANKLIN. In June 1933 he returned to Washington where he was employed by the Department of Agriculture. He was later employed by the Department of Justice and State Department, years not recalled by Mrs. FANSLER. He then returned to New York City in 1946 to take a position with the Carnegie Foundation for which position he was recommended by JOHN FOSTER DULLES. He was not joined by PRISCILLA HISS until the Fall of 1947 because of her teaching job in Washington. She currently is teaching in New York.

Business associates of HISS known to Mrs. FANSLER are JEROME FRANK, formerly with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, now a Circuit Judge in New York; FRANCIS B. SAYRE and STANLEY HORNBECK of the State Department, HORNBECK is now U. S. Ambassador to Holland.

Relatives of ALGER HISS known to Mrs. FANSLER are Mrs. CHARLES (?) HISS, mother; Baltimore; ANNA HISS, sister, teacher in some University in Texas; DONALD HISS, brother, address unknown, and his wife, CATHERINE HISS.

Mrs. FANSLER stated that she has never been closely associated with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, her contacts being limited to infrequent visits to Washington, D. C., from 1929 to about 1937. She furnished the dates and approximate duration of these visits as follows:

- 1929 or 1930 - overnight visit while HISS was working for Justice HOLMES.
- 1933 - overnight visit returning from Maryland after taking her daughter to summer camp.
- 1934 - brief stop on returning from Maryland after taking her daughter to summer camp.
- 1935 - same as 1934.
- 1936 or 1937 - spent two nights in HISS' residence on a business trip to Washington inspecting libraries with her superior. This was in the Fall of 1936 or the Spring of 1937 while the HISSSES were residing on 31st Street in Georgetown Section.

She related that due to the brief nature of these visits, she had little opportunity to meet social acquaintances of the HISSSES but she did recall meeting Mrs. KATIE LOUCHEIM and her husband, name not recalled; DONALD TILGHMAN, and having heard the name MAX LOWENTHAL mentioned. She was not sure of the spelling of the name LOUCHEIM or that LOWENTHAL'S first name was MAX.

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She also had occasion to meet two friends of PRISCILLA HISS whom she recalled only by their first names. She furnished these as ISABEL who lived on 31st Street, Georgetown Section, and who was an artist, and HELEN who had four or five children and had been forced to take up teaching on the death of her husband.

General acquaintances of PRISCILLA or ALGER HISS known to Mrs. FANSLER are as follows:

The KELLOGG SMITH family at Chestertown, Maryland, with whom the entire HISS family is quite friendly.

Mrs. PHELPS SOULE (DORIS), Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, was quite friendly with PRISCILLA HISS, they having spent several summers at Peacham, Vermont.

Mrs. JOHN ALFRED or ALFORD, the first wife of THOMAS FANSLER, JR., who lives in Providence, Rhode Island, is a close friend of PRISCILLA HISS.

She further recalled that PRISCILLA HISS was very friendly with BETH PARKER, now deceased, who was a music teacher from the eastern shore of Maryland.

The following relatives of PRISCILLA HISS were furnished by Mrs. FANSLER:

Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS L. FANSLER, parents, deceased.

DAISY FANSLER, sister, Music Library, Philadelphia Museum, Philadelphia.

DEAN FANSLER, brother, deceased. He was in the Philippines during the last war and died as a result of privation upon returning to San Francisco. He had a daughter, now about thirty years of age, who married a doctor or scientist and is believed to reside in Honolulu or one of the Pacific islands.

RALPH FANSLER, brother, resides in the Middle West, believed to be either St. Louis or Detroit. He has a wife and four children.

HENRY FANSLER, brother, former husband of MARGARET FANSLER, now deceased. His second wife lives in Preston, Maryland, and has no children.

THOMAS L. FANSLER, JR., brother, Chicago, whose present wife is named KATIE and has no children.

Mrs. BEN MOORE, niece, daughter of Mrs. MARGARET FANSLER, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Interview with Professor OSWALD VEBLIN
regarding FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

Professor OSWALD VEBLIN, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, related that he was a consultant at the Ballistics Research Laboratory, Aberdeen, Maryland, from about April or May 1942 until about August 1946. He stated that shortly after his arrival he was introduced to FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO who was occupied on some phase of the work on bomb ballistics. He informed that his association with RENO was solely that of an advisor as was his association with others working in the Ballistics Research Laboratory. He was unable to furnish the identity of anyone closely associated with RENO in the Ballistics Research Laboratory other than ——— KELLY and ——— McSHANE, who, he stated, recently testified before a Grand Jury in New York. He recalled that during his assignment to the Ballistics Research Laboratory, this section was in charge of a Colonel ZORNIG and a Colonel SIMON. He advised that he was not associated socially with RENO and had no idea who his social acquaintances were. VEBLIN considers RENO very intelligent and devoted to his work but carried his work into a greater degree of accuracy than the military authorities thought necessary. VEBLIN'S impression of RENO'S character was described as extremely favorable and he had no knowledge of RENO ever having furnished information to unauthorized individuals or taking part in Communist Party activities.

VEBLIN does not recall making any efforts to secure an appointment to the Institute for Advanced Study for RENO and explained that RENO does not possess a PH.D which would make him ineligible. He related, however, that should RENO be deemed eligible, he would go as far as possible to assist him in securing such an appointment.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated January 6, 1949; Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, Washington Field, New York and Baltimore dated January 11, 1949; Washington Field teletype to Bureau dated January 17, 1949; and Bureau letter to Washington Field dated January 26, 1949.

Mrs. FRANCES FUSSELL of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, formerly employed in the Central European Unit of the State Department, possessed information in instant matter which might prove pertinent. This information concerned the problem of Yugoslavian river craft in the Danube River which were being withheld from Yugoslavia. According to Mrs. FUSSELL, the Central European Unit of the State Department held the unanimous opinion that the ships should not be returned until Russia and her satellites had agreed to the opening of the Danube River to international commercial shipping. Mrs. FUSSELL stated she and others working on the problem were dumbfounded when an order was issued by President Truman directing that the ships be returned to Yugoslavia.

Mrs. FUSSELL further advised that an official with whom she had talked during the week of December 12, 1948, had occasion to review the file on the Yugoslavian shipping question and had noted a pencilled memorandum by ALGER HISS in the file. It was apparent that the Yugoslavs in another attempt to get their ships back had appealed to the United Nations, and the United States official believed to be WINANT on the UN Committee which had the matter for discussion checked with the State Department to determine the U. S. position in the matter. ALGER HISS had arranged for DEAN ACHESON, then Acting Secretary of State, to come in on the telephone conversation. Mr. ACHESON outlined the position of the State Department to the effect that the ships would be held until Russia agreed to open the Danube. There was a pencilled memorandum of HISS' summarization of this conversation, and there was a note then written by ALGER HISS to the effect that he was unalterably opposed to the State Department's position and that he would do all in his power to see that it was changed.

The file contained a copy of a letter which President Truman had signed ordering the ships returned to Yugoslavia. It was indicated this letter was prepared by ALGER HISS.

When interviewed by agents of the Philadelphia Office, Mrs. FUSSELL stated she felt that the policies adopted by HISS during her employment with

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the State Department tend to favor Russia and that this feeling was prevalent among all the employees under him. Mrs. FUSSELL had obtained this information from MAXWELL HARWAY in the presence of JACK TUTHILL, both of whom are employed in the Inland Transport Division of the State Department.

MAXWELL HARWAY, Assistant Inland Transport Advisor, Office of Transport and Communications, Department of State, was interviewed on February 1, 1949, by SA JACK S. TURTON relative to the question of the disposition of Yugoslavian barges on the Danube. HARWAY furnished the following information:

During the war, Germany had taken over river craft belonging to Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Austria. At the end of the European phase of the war in 1945, numerous barges belonging to the Southern European countries were in the hands of the United States Army in areas occupied by this country. It was considered desirable by the personnel of the Central European Division that the barges of those countries be kept under United States control in order to have something with which to bargain at a later date.

HARWAY stated he had come to the State Department in October, 1947, and he had no actual contact with the situation prior to that time. He explained that he knew that WALTER RADIUS, presently Director, Office of Transport and Communications, and in 1946 the Inland Transport Advisor, and FROELICH RAINEY, formerly Inland Transport Advisor in the Central European Area and presently Director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum at Philadelphia, were opposed to the transfer of the barges to the Southern European countries. HARWAY stated the State Department's position was that the barges were not to be kept permanently but were to be used as a bargaining power in the final settlement of the Danube question.

After joining the State Department, HARWAY continued, he was appointed delegate to the Danube River Conference which was to settle the Danube problem. He advised that the United States was in an awkward position at the conference inasmuch as the return of the barges had left this country "with no cards, and the Russians with all the cards." HARWAY stated this forced the United States to "deal only with principles." HARWAY termed the Danube Conference "a farce." Furthermore, HARWAY stated, the barges, had they been retained in the possession of the United States, would have been used in the settlement of the Austrian treaty.

HARWAY stated that prior to his leaving for the conference, he had reviewed the files on the Danube shipping problem and had come across two documents which he considered interesting. He made these documents available for review.

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The first was a carbon copy of a dictated, typewritten and unsigned memorandum entitled "Department of State Memorandum of Telephone Conversation" dated October 3, 1946. The subject of the memorandum was: United States Position in the ECOSOC on Danubian Question. The memorandum indicated the participants in the conversation were JOHN G. WINANT, New York, Acting Secretary ACHESON, and ALGER HISS. Copies of this memorandum were designated for the Undersecretary, Undersecretary of Economic Affairs, the Office of Transport and Communications, the Office of European Affairs, and the Assistant Secretary, Occupied Areas. A notation at the bottom of the second page reads: SPA:AHISS:FR.

This memorandum indicated JOHN G. WINANT, at that time with the United Nations in New York, had called ALGER HISS, requesting information on the United States position on the subject of the Yugoslavian barges seized by the United States forces in Europe. WINANT stated he had been approached by the Yugoslavian representatives and that they had requested him to see what he could do to have the barges returned. HISS outlined the United States position and WINANT replied that he was opposed to the United States retention of the craft, inasmuch as the United States had already acknowledged Yugoslavian ownership. WINANT further stated that the United States position in the UN was to expedite the return of international commerce on the Danube to a normal condition and that if the United States withheld the barges, it would weaken the United States position in the United Nations. WINANT desired that the State Department authorize the return of the barges.

HISS called ACHESON in on the telephonic conference, and ACHESON stated his position as being in opposition to the transfer, as the United States would lose out on its bargaining power. ACHESON advised he would take the problem up with the Council meeting in the afternoon session, and that HISS would call WINANT and inform him of the decision.

The matter was taken up in the afternoon session, and the State Department did not change its stand. HISS called WINANT in New York and told him of the Department's decision. There was a personal statement by HISS at the end of the memorandum which indicated he would institute measures to alter the Department's decision as soon as the council sessions were over.

The second document was a photostatic copy of a memorandum from JAMES F. BYRNES to President Truman dated November 1, 1946. The subject of this memorandum was "Danube River Craft Belonging to Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Austria, now in U.S. Zones of Occupation in Germany and Austria." This memorandum outlined the situation relative to the river craft and requested Presidential approval to return

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the barges. The memorandum is signed JAMES F. BYRNES. President Truman approved and signed the memorandum on November 3, 1946. Attached to the memorandum is a "Draft of a possible press release" relative to this subject.

HARWAY stated that there were no documents in his files relative to this subject between the date of the first memorandum on October 3, 1946, and the second document dated November 1, 1946. HARWAY further advised there is nothing to indicate any action on the part of any person in the Inland Transport Section.

HARWAY refused to make the document available to the writer in order to have photostatic copies made and also refused permission to copy the documents verbatim. Prior to this refusal, he contacted JOHN TUTHILL, the Inland Transport Advisor, in the Office of Transport and Communications and suggested that it be taken up with JOHN E. PEURIFOY, Assistant Secretary - Administration. HARWAY and TUTHILL took this position due to the fact that DEAN ACHESON was involved in the conversations with JOHN WINANT and his present position would have to be taken into consideration.

HARWAY requested that if the Bureau desired to get photostatic copies of these documents, and if they approached Assistant Secretary PEURIFOY's office for these, that his office be protected as being the source of the information. He suggested that it might be possible that the Bureau make a request of the State Department, stating that they knew these documents to be in existence, that they knew the dates, headings and the distribution of these documents and therefore that the information may have come from any one of a number of sources.

No further investigation in this matter is being conducted without specific instructions from the Bureau.

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 MET ALGER HISS IN OCTOBER FORTYSEVEN AT THE HARVARD CLUB, NYC AT A
 MEETING OF THE STIMSON COMMITTEE OF THE MARSHALL PLAN. LOVESTONE SAID
 THAT HE WAS THE AFL REPRESENTATIVE AT THIS MEETING WHICH INCLUDED
FEDERAL JUDGE PATTERSON, DEAN ACHESON, LOVESTONE, AND ALGER HISS.
 LOVESTONE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD CONSIDERABLE INFO IN RECENT YEARS RE
ALGER HISS ACTIVITIES IN WASH DC AND WELCOMED THE
OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING HIM. AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ABOVE COM-
 MITTEE, LOVESTONE SAID THAT HE AND HISS WATCHED EACH OTHER VERY CLOSELY
AND APPARENTLY WERE CIRCUMSPECT IN THEIR REMARKS. THE PURPOSE OF THE
MEETING, LOVESTONE RECALLED, WAS TO MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS
TO HEAD THE CIVILIAN BRANCH OF THE MARSHALL PLAN IN NYC AND WASH, DC.
JUDGE PATTERSON, WHO PRESIDED AT THE MEETING, CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS

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AND LOVESTONE SAID THERE WAS A SILENCE FOR NOMINATIONS TO HEAD THE NYO,
WHEN SUDDENLY ALGER HISS TOOK THE FLOOR AND SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS
EN ROUTE TO THE MEETING THAT NIGHT, HE MET AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE AND
ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING IN CHARGE OF THE NYO OF
THIS ORGANIZATION, AND IN FACT, HISS TOLD THE GATHERING THAT HE HAD
BROUGHT THIS PARTY TO THE HARVARD CLUB AND HE WAS AT THAT TIME IN THE
LOBBY. HISS THEN IDENTIFIED THIS PERSON AS HAROLD STEIN, WHO WAS
EITHER FORMERLY AFFILIATED WITH OR WAS AT THAT TIME A MEMBER OF THE
BUDGET BUREAU, WASH, DC. LOVESTONE SAID THAT HE REFRAINED FROM VOTING
ON THIS NOMINATION BECAUSE HE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING RE STEIN-S
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A BILL OF PRINCIPLES BE DRAWN UP, AND THAT A COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED
TO DRAW UP THIS REQUEST. ACHESON SUGGESTED, ACCORDING TO LOVESTONE,
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WAS APPOINTED BY ACHESON TO SUPPLANT LOVESTONE ON THE COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP THE BILL OF PRINCIPLES. LOVESTONE SAID THE NEXT MEETING WAS HELD A MONTH LATER IN THE EMPIRE STATE BLDG, AT WHICH TIME HISS PRESENTED A ONE PAGE BILL OF PRINCIPLES SETTING FORTH EIGHT POINTS WHICH WERE TYPED AND PREPARED BY HISS. LOVESTONE SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS RE THE ADOPTION OF THESE PRINCIPLES WERE TABLED, AND HE OBTAINED THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE BILL OF PRINCIPLES PREPARED BY HISS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY. PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THIS STATEMENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY LOVESTONE-S OFFICE THE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE EMPIRE STATE BLDG OF THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED COMMITTEE, LOVESTONE SAID HE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH HISS IN WHICH HE ASKED HIM IF HE WERE GOING DOWNTOWN. HISS REPLIED HE WAS SORRY HE HAD BUSINESS TO TRANSACT UPTOWN. LOVESTONE WENT ON AND SAID THAT WHEN HE BOARDED THE UPTOWN FIFTH AVE. BUS, HE DISCOVERED HISS WAS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND HIM, BUT NO DISCUSSION WAS MADE RE HISS STATEMENT THAT HE INTENDED TO GO UPTOWN ON BUSINESS LOVESTONE SAID HE RECALLS THE CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH HISS DURING THIS PIDE BECAUSE HE HAD SEVERELY CRITICIZED THE TACTICS OF THE COUNTRIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, AND LOVESTONE SAID THAT HISS WAS VERY SILENT IN ANSWER TO THESE REMARKS. AS THE BUS REACHED THE LOWER PART OF FIFTH AVE, LOVESTONE STATED HE TOLD HISS HE WAS GOING TO DIS-EMBARK AT EIGHTH ST AND HISS INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO CONTINUE ON

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TO WASHINGTON SQUARE, A FEW BLOCKS FURTHER. LOVESTONE SAID WHEN HE GOT OFF THE BUS AT EIGHT ST, HE FOUND HISS WAS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND HIM, ALSO LEAVING THE BUS, AND THEY PROCEEDED TO WALK FOR A SHORT PERIOD TOWARD UNIVERSITY PLACE, AND IT WAS LOVESTONE-S IMPRESSION THAT HISS APPEARED TO BE CONFUSED AND UPSET. WHEN THEY REACHED UNIVERSITY PLACE, LOVESTONE EXCUSED HIMSELF, AND HISS SAID HE WAS GOING UP TO TWELFTH ST, AND NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE PASSED. IT MAY BE NOTED THAT HISS RESIDENCE IN NYC WAS AT TWENTY TWO EAST EIGHTH ST, NYC, A FACT WHICH LOVESTONE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW AND EXPRESSED GREAT SURPRISE. LOVESTONE SAID THAT HE HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH HISS UNTIL SPRING OF FORTYEIGHT, WHEN HE TOOK THE INITIATIVE OF CONTACTING HISS AT THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT, AND REQUESTED A LUNCHEON APPOINTMENT, TO WHICH HISS AGREED. LOVESTONE RECALLS THAT HE INVITED HISS TO COME TO THE ILGWU OFFICES AT FIFTY FOURTH ST AND BROADWAY, AND PROCEEDED TO SHOW HISS ABOUT THE ILGWU OFFICES AND WAS DISAPPOINTED WHEN DAVID DUBINSKY, HEAD OF THE ILGWU, WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO MEET HISS. LOVESTONE SAID THEY HAD LUNCH ON THAT DATE AT THE BRYANT HOTEL, FIFTY FOURTH AND BROADWAY, AND LOVESTONE TOLD HISS HE HAD TWO SPECIFIC REQUESTS TO MAKE OF HISS. FIRST, LOVESTONE SAID, HE REQUESTED HISS AND THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT TO MAKE AVAILABLE FUNDS TO BRING UNION LEADERS FROM GERMANY TO US AND ALLOW THEM TO OBSERVE POLICIES AND OPERATIONS

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OF UNIONS IN US. HISS REJECTED THIS PROPOSAL, SAYING THAT THE EN-
DOWMENT IS INTERESTED ONLY IN ACADEMIC WORK AND AFFILIATIONS WITH UNI-
VERSITIES RATHER THAN LABOR UNIONS. SECONDLY, LOVESTONE SAID, HE
ASKED HISS IF THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT COULD SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO
BRING OVER REFUGEES FROM THE BALTIC COUNTRIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN,
AND ALLOW THEM TO SEE FIRST HAND OPERATIONS OF VARIOUS ENTERPRISES
AND LABOR UNIONS IN THE US. THIS REQUEST, LOVESTONE SAID, WAS ALSO
REJECTED BY HISS. REGARDING HISS PERSONALLY, LOVESTONE SAID THAT
HE HAS NO INFO OF EVIDENTIARY VALUE INDICATING THAT HISS WAS EVERY CON-
NECTED IN ANY WAY WITH THE CP, BUT HE SAID AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED,
AND OBSERVING HISS OBVIOUS RELUCTANCE TO CRITICIZE THE SOVIET UNION,
THAT HE IS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT HE WAS AT THE VERY MINIMUM SYMPA-
THETIC WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. LOVESTONE MADE REFERENCE TO
AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY ALGER HISS IN THE NY TIMES SOMETIME DURING DEC
FORTYEIGHT ON THE MARSHALL PLAN, IN WHICH LOVESTONE NOTED THERE WAS NO
CRITICISM LEVELED AT THE TACTICS OF RUSSIA TOWARD THE MARSHALL PLAN.
LOVESTONE SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION, HISS WAS A MEMBER OF THE QUOTE
IDEALISTIC HARVARD GROUP UNQUOTE THAT CAME TO WASHINGTON, AND STATED
THAT BECAUSE AT THE TIME THEY DID COME, AMERICAN PRODUCTION WAS LAG-
GING WHILE RUSSIAN PRODUCTION WAS ON THE UPGRADE, INDICATED TO LOVE-
STONE THAT HISS WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH TACTICS USED BY.
RUSSIA TO ACHIEVE THIS END. LOVESTONE ALSO SAID IN HIS OPINION, HISS
WOULD NOT BE REGARDED WITHIN WHAT HE DESCRIBED "THE LOOSELY USED WORD
SPY," BUT RATHER THAT HE WAS A PERSON WHO WAS AFFILIATED WITH POLICY
LEVEL AGENCIES WHICH WOULD BE MUCH MORE BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNIST
CAUSE THAN TO HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO STEALS DOCUMENTS AND OTHER
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THINGS GENERALLY BELIEVED TO BE THE WORK AND DUTIES OF SPIES. LOVE-
STONE THINKS HISS ACTIVELY CEASED CP WORK AT THE TIME OF THE HITLER-
STALIN PACT, BUT LIKE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS MADE IN A SIMILAR VEIN,
LOVESTONE COULD NOT SUBSTANTIATE THESE BELIEFS. LOVESTONE ALSO SAID
AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THAT HISS WAS WITH ROOSEVELT AT THE YALTA
CONFERENCE IN BODY ONLY, AND HIS HEART WAS AT LEAST HALF WITH STALIN.
LOVESTONE ADVISED AGENTS THAT HE HAD THREE LEADS REGARDING HISS BACK-
GROUND WHICH HE SUGGESTED BE COVERED WITHOUT MENTIONING HIS NAME.
HE SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU CONTACT THE BRITISH SECURITY OFFICERS
WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF BRITISH SECURITY AT THE SAN FRANCISCO CON-
FERENCE BECAUSE HE HEARD THAT HISS WAS REGARDED MOST UNFAVORABLY BY
THE BRITISH AT THAT TIME. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CONTACT BE MADE WITH
HARVEY T. MANN, AN ATTORNEY ON WEST THIRTY FOURTH ST, NYC, WHO IS
AFFILIATED WITH THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE. MANN WILL BE IN-
TERVIEWED. HE SAID THAT THIS GROUP SEEKS TO PROMOTE FAVORABLE
LEGISLATION UPON A NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL REGARDING VITAL ISSUES,
FOR EXAMPLE, HOUSING. HE SAID THAT HE KNOWS THAT THIS ORGANIZATION
WROTE A LETTER TO THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT SINCE HISS BECAME AFFILIATED
THEREWITH, SEVERELY CRITICIZING RUSSIAN TACTICS, AND REQUESTED A FIVE
HUNDRED DOLLAR BEQUEST FROM THE ENDOWMENT TO PUT OUT A SERIES OF PAMP-
HLETS WHICH WOULD CRITICIZE THE RUSSIAN POLICIES BEHIND THE IRON
CURTAIN. LOVESTONE CLAIMS HISS WROTE A LETTER TO MANN REJECTING THIS
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REQUEST. LOVESTONE WAS INTERVIEWED RE PREVIOUS INFO SET OUT IN
WFO TEL OF JAN NINETEENTH LAST. LOVESTONE REITERATED THE INFO SET
FORTH IN REF TEL, AND STATED THAT HE HAD VISITED WITH MRS. WHITE AT
A COCKTAIL PARTY, NEW YEARS DAY LAST. LOVESTONE INDICATED AT THAT
TIME MRS WHITE HAD BEEN UNDER INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR AND MADE INQUIRY OF
LOVESTONE RE HIS OPINION OF THE QUOTE HISS MESS UNQUOTE. LOVESTONE
TOLD MRS. WHITE THAT HE THOUGHT HISS WAS QUOTE GUILTY AS SIN UNQUOTE,
TO WHICH LOVESTONE CLAIMS MRS WHITE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AND AGREE-
MENT. LOVESTONE QUOTE^o MRS WHITE AS SAYING IN THE SUBSEQUENT CON-
VERSATION THAT SHE HAD ATTENDED PARTIES IN THE COMPANY OF THE HISSES
AND BEATRICE HEIMAN. IN REGARD TO THE ALLEGED CONVERSATIONS WHICH
TOOK PLACE BETWEEN MRS WHITE AND PRISCILLA HISS REGARDING W. I. WHITE-S
BOOK QUOTE A REPORT ON THE RUSSIANS UNQUOTE, LOVESTONE STATED THAT
HE IS POSITIVE THAT THIS DISCUSSION WAS REPORTED TO HIM AS HAVING
TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THEM RATHER THAN THRU CLARA HEUSS AS SET FORTH IN
NYTEL FEB SEVENTH LAST. LOVESTONE SAID HIS IMPRESSION OF THE CON-
VERSATION WAS THAT MRS WHITE HAD A HEATED DISCUSSION WITH MRS HISS
CONCERNING THE MERITS OF THE BOOK MENTIONED ABOVE, AND THAT MRS
WHITE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HER HUSBAND KNEW WHAT HE WAS WRITING
BECAUSE HE WAS IN RUSSIA, AND IN TURN ASKED MRS HISS HOW DID ALGER
KNOW, HE WAS NEVER IN MOSCOW. LOVESTONE SAID MRS HISS REPLY TO THAT
WAS QUOTE, OH, YES, HE WAS. HE WENT TO MOSCOW ON A SECRET MISSION WITH

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MR STETTINIUS AFTER THE YALTA CONFERENCE UNQUOTE. LOVESTONE SAID THAT HE COULD RECALL NO FURTHER OBSERVATIONS REGARDING THIS CONVERSATION, BUT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT MRS WHITE COULD REVEAL THE COMPLETE DETAILS OF THIS CONFERENCE. IT MAY BE NOTED THAT IN NYTEL OF TWO SEVEN LAST, MRS WHITE DENIED MAKING SUCH A STATEMENT. MRS WHITE WILL BE RE-INTERVIEWED. LOVESTONE DID NOT INDICATE HE KNEW CLARA HEUSS, OR LOLA HORTON AND BOB HORTON MENTIONED IN REF TEL OF TWO SEVEN. IT MAY BE POINTED OUT THAT THE INTERVIEW WITH LOVESTONE WAS INCOMPLETE AS TO DETAILS BECAUSE OF A HEAVY SCHEDULE HE HAD AT THE PARTICULAR TIME OF THE INTERVIEW WHICH WAS NECESSARILY TERMINATED AT HIS REQUEST. HE STATED HE WAS DEPARTING NYC FOR A TRIP TO THE WEST COAST AND WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL MARCH FIFTH NEXT. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW THAT LOVESTONE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DETAILED QUESTIONING ON STATEMENTS MADE IN THE ABOVE INTERVIEW AT THAT TIME. IT IS POINTED OUT ALSO AT THE CONCLUSION OF INSTANT INTERVIEW, LOVESTONE ADVISED AGENTS THAT HE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY ALGER HISS SINCE THE PRESENT INQUIRY STARTED TO OBTAIN ANY DEROGATORY INFO LOVESTONE MAY HAVE RE WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED WHEN INTERVIEW WITH LOVESTONE HAS BEEN ARRANGED AND RESULTS OF SAME.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAHAM;
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E.H. Washburn
J. Jones

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS during interview has stated that one BOB GOE obtained some material from HARRY DEXTER WHITE and delivered it to CHAMBERS in 1935 in Washington, D. C. prior to the death of HAROLD WARE. He stated that he had to wait for one hour for GOE on a street corner in Washington, D. C. to return this material to him and thereafter CHAMBERS told WARE that he refused to work with GOE.

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It has (been) ascertained that BOB GOE is CHARLES J. COE, brother of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, a subject in the Gregory Case. It is further noted that CHARLES J. COE has been the subject of an investigation in the New York Office and also was investigated in connection with the investigation of Farm Research Incorporated, an alleged Communist front organization.

CHARLES J. COE was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office in connection with allegations of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and any connection he might have with Communist underground activities. When asked whether or not he had known at any time or had any dealings with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, he made the following statements: That he would answer any questions that concerned his own personal life but he considered it a witch hunt and foolhardy investigation to inquire about individuals who worked for the Government in Washington in the early 1930's. He recalled that he himself had resided in Washington and at one time was connected with the Government in the early 1930's and he knew that Washington was a place where gossip and rumor were the vogue and true facts were seldom distinguished from mere gossip. He felt that the investigations now being conducted by the FBI were investigations of the gossip that went on in Washington during the 1930's and that there was little factual foundation for these investigations.

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In replying to the question as to whether or not he knew WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, he stated, "I certainly do not know ALGER HISS and as to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS whether I know him or not I refuse to answer such a question as I do not consider it pertinent to anything that I believe as important."

At this point GOE went into a tirade concerning the investigations that are being conducted by the Government relative to individuals who are believed to be Communists. He continued to state that he believed that the FBI was mainly interested in seeking publicity and getting their name in the headlines without due regard to the facts themselves. He inferred that Mr. Hoover as Director of the Bureau was also interested in publicity. He further stated that he did not believe that Tom Clark, the Attorney General of the

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United States, had any right to draw up a list of organizations and list them as subversive. He challenged the right of the Government of the United States through its Attorney General to label any organization as subversive. *E*

At this point the interviewing Agents strongly reminded Mr. COE that Mr. Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were interested in the national defense of the United States and that all investigations conducted in this connection were done so with the aim in view of doing the most for the benefit of the United States. It was further pointed out to COE that investigations conducted by this Bureau were conducted in an impartial manner with a view toward obtaining facts and not publicity.

In view of COE'S attitude, the interview was brought to a close.

The files of this Office indicate that COE was born on August 9, 1909 at Richmond, Virginia and presently resides with his wife ROSE and his son ALLAN and his daughter MARY at 769 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, New York. He is at present employed as the head of ~~Farm Research Incorporated~~, 39 Cortlandt Street, New York City. He is also editor of ~~"Facts For Farmers"~~ which is published by Farm Research Incorporated. COE is known to have been employed by Farm Research since 1935.

Concerning this organization, it will be noted that in 1932 a special delegation arrived from Moscow to start new activities in the rural areas of the United States. It is to be noted that ~~LEM NARRIS~~ and ~~HAROLD WARE~~, known Communists, were among the original organizers of Farm Research Incorporated. HAROLD WARE took charge of this organization originally and it has been believed to be a Communist front organization since that time. It was first organized in Washington, D. C. and was later moved to New York City in 1941. Investigation has been conducted concerning the organization both by the Washington Field Office and the New York Office. The Bureau has received copies of reports concerning the investigation of Farm Research Incorporated.

The report of Special Agent John J. Ward, Jr. dated November 29, 1944 at New York entitled, "CHARLES JOSEPH COE, with aliases; SECURITY MATTER - C", of which the Bureau received copies, sets forth background information concerning COE. In this connection it will be noted that COE was a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, the Washington Committee for Aid to China and he was the signer of a call to meet for the picketing of the White House by the American Peace Mobilization at the time of the HITLER-STALIN Pact. COE has also been a

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contributor to "New Masses". In connection with his position with Farm Research Incorporated, he has been in contact with various Communist Party functionaries in New York.

Confidential Informant A has advised that through a confidential source it was determined that when ROSE COE, wife of CHARLES J. COE, placed her children at the Woodward School, Brooklyn, New York, she stipulated that the children should be kept apart from Orthodox Jews as they were atheists and believed only in Communism.

The above information concerning the interview of CHARLES J. COE and a brief summary of his background is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
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SUBJECT: FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, was.
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DATE: March 18, 1949

RE: ANDERS WILLY FRIDLUF ARNHEIM, was.,
 Anders Franklin Willy Arnheim,
 Willie Arnheim, Willie Arnstein,
 Willie Arnstein, Willy Arnold,
 Willie Arnold
 Bureau File No. 74-1333 (Jaham)

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 3, 1949, to the New York Office with a copy to the Washington Field Office on the Jaham Case. The above letter requested the Washington Field Office to locate and interview SIDNEY SHOSTECK and RAY WARNER who, according to FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, had directed RENO's Communist Party activities in Washington, D. C., from 1935 until 1937.

Investigation disclosed that SIDNEY SHOSTECK was active in Communist Party activities in Washington, D. C., in the early and middle 1930's until he went to Spain with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. He was killed in Spain in about 1937 and became a Communist Party hero on his death. He was active in the Communist Party under the names SIDNEY PHILLIPS and BILL PHILLIPS.

The names RAY WARNER and ROY WARNER were checked through the indices of the Washington Field Office with negative results.

On October 15, 1946, Confidential Informant [] advised Special Agents COURTLAND J. JONES and KENNERLY R. CORBETT of the Washington Field Office that one WILLY ARNESTEIN, Communist Party name, WILLIE ARNOLD, was a member of the Communist Party and used to work at the Old Bookshop.

On February 3, 1949, [] advised that WILLIE ARNOLD was the Communist Party name of WILLY ARNOLD, true name, ARNSTEIN or ARNHEIM. ARNOLD lived with SIDNEY SHOSTECK in 1936 and 1937 until SHOSTECK went to Spain with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and he was killed in Spain and became a Communist Party hero on his death. Prior to going to Spain he was extremely important to the Communist Party. [] continued that WILLIE ARNOLD was City Secretary of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., from about June until September, 1936. He held this position prior to MARTIN CHANCEY who took over in September, 1936. Informant stated that ARNOLD at one time was business agent for the Building Laborers Union. Informant stated ARNOLD also at one time created quite a disturbance in his efforts to organize employees of the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

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Informant stated ARNOLD was a close associate of CHARLES GIFT. In 1935 ARNOLD was expelled from the Central Labor Union. Informant did not know the details concerning this expulsion or how the Central Labor Union had become aware of his Communist Party connections but believed this was the real reason for his expulsion.

In connection with a loyalty investigation of CHARLES GIFT conducted in 1948, [] had advised Special Agent KENNERLY R. CORBETT of the Washington Field Office that CHARLES GIFT, Machinist, U. S. Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C., had been recruited into the Communist Party in 1937-1938 through the efforts of SOPHIE ~~WITCH~~ with the assistance of DOROTHY BAILEY and WILLY ARNHEIM.

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The current telephone directory reflected that WILLY ARNHEIM resides at 1702 North Troy Street, Arlington, Virginia. It was ascertained that ARNHEIM is presently employed as a stonemason by the Ross Stone Setting Company, 510 Rhode Island Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.

It was decided to interview ARNHEIM to determine if he might be identical with RAY WARNER or if he might have any information regarding the Communist Party activities of FRANKLIN RENO in Washington, D. C., in the middle 1930's.

On March 10, 1949, at 11 a.m. Special Agents JOHN J. MASSE and JAMES PREW of the Washington Field Office located ARNHEIM at the Tyler School, 10th and G Streets, S. E., where an addition to the school is being built. The Agents identified themselves to ARNHEIM, and he stated he had no objection to being interviewed at that time.

The preliminary interview took place near the door of the school on 10th Street. At the start of the interview no workers were closer than 150 feet. After about ten minutes two negroes arrived with a small truckload of stone and proceeded to unload the truck about twenty feet from the Agents.

ARNHEIM was quite cooperative and told the Agents about having been involved in labor union matters during the 1930's. He stated that he had been active in the Central Labor Union and Locals 74 and 456 of Building Laborers Union, A. F. I. He stated that he had furnished information to the Government in the embezzlement case against LARRY KELLY, then president of Local 74, in about 1944 (JOSEPH ~~SPEED~~, et al - Embezzlement in the District of Columbia; Conspiracy, Bureau file Nos. 62-74171 and 23-4730).

ARNHEIM stated that as a result of the above case, he was followed around Washington, D. C., for several days in 1944 by two gangsters who, he stated, had been hired by KELLY or JACK ~~MONESCHI~~, another union official, to kill ARNHEIM. ARNHEIM stated that he had been very upset about the above

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matter and hated to think about it. He stated that he had dropped out of union affairs and had no desire to become involved in union matters again. In response to a question he stated that as a result of his union activities he had become acquainted in the 1930's with some persons he believed to be Communists. He was asked if he knew SIDNEY SHOSTECK. He said "Yes", that he had become acquainted with SHOSTECK, as SHOSTECK had been active in the Teamsters Union, and that they had met now and then at union meetings. ARNHEIM was asked if he was very well acquainted with SHOSTECK. He answered that he had known SHOSTECK only casually.

He was then asked if he had roomed with SHOSTECK at 1121 Orren Street, N. W., just before SHOSTECK went to Spain. At this time ARNHEIM evidenced some nervousness but stated that he had roomed with SHOSTECK at the above address in about 1936 or 1937. He was then asked if he knew SOPHIE ~~MINTEN~~. He stated he did know SOPHIE but he had not seen her for several years. He stated he believed that she had been the girlfriend of SIDNEY SHOSTECK and had gone to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in about 1938. He stated that it is his understanding that she had married the editor of "The Pilot", the official publication of the National Maritime Union, ~~JOE CURRAN~~'s outfit.

At this point with no warning ARNHEIM suddenly fainted. The Agents obtained some water and revived him. About two minutes later he fainted again, and again he was revived. He expressed surprise at having fainted and stated he had never done so before to his knowledge. He stated that he did not have heart trouble, although he had been going to a Doctor for treatment for an upset stomach.

No persons were attracted to the scene except the two negroes who were working on the truck and who were helpers of ARNHEIM. They stated they saw ARNHEIM faint. They were identified as PHILLIP ~~THOMPSON~~, 1201 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Place, N. W.; and JOHN ~~L. BROWN~~, 1241 Wylie Street, N. W. Both stated they had been employed by the Ross Stone Setting Company for about ten years.

After receiving assurances from ARNHEIM that he felt fine, the Agents left the scene. ARNHEIM was not interviewed after he fainted. The Agents contacted JOHN ROSS, Owner of the Ross Stone Setting Company, who advised that he had never known ARNHEIM to be in ill health and to be subject to fainting spells. ROSS stated that ARNHEIM served his apprenticeship under him as a stone setter from 1929 until 1934 when he left to join the Laborers Union.

Mr. ROSS stated that ARNHEIM had been rehired in about 1947 after he returned from service with the Armed Forces of the United States in Korea. Mr. ROSS stated that until a few weeks ago ARNHEIM had been working on the new

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seventeen-story telephone building in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was required to work on a swing scaffold. He stated that if he had known ARNHEIM to be ill or subject to fainting spells, he certainly would not have permitted him to work on the scaffold. He stated that ARNHEIM was paid about \$200 per week. Mr. ROSS stated that he understood ARNHEIM had been mixed up with some Communist matters in the District of Columbia after he was employed with the Ross Company, but it was his belief that ARNHEIM had severed all connections with the Communist Party. Mr. ROSS stated that he believed ARNHEIM would be cooperative and would furnish information to Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The files of the Washington Field Office reflect that ARNHEIM was the subject of the case entitled "ANDERS WILLY FRIDLORF ARNHEIM, wa., Security Matter - C", which investigation was conducted in 1943 and 1944.

The following is a summary of the information appearing in the files of the Washington Field Office regarding WILLY ARNHEIM:

In 1941 [] advised that ARNHEIM had been an active member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia from 1933 through 1938. ARNHEIM was born November 16, 1911, at Gremla, Sweden; entered the United States March 28, 1928; and was naturalized January 3, 1939, under Certificate No. 4610217. He married JENNY OLIVE at Baltimore, Maryland, on June 24, 1931, and was divorced from her on April 29, 1940. It appears that JENNY OLIVE was also known as Mrs. JANE C. ARNHEIM. He married FLORENCE ADES at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on November 9, 1940, and appears to be still married to her.

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[] advised in 1943 that ARNHEIM had been in frequent contact with MARTIN CHANCEY, former City Secretary of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia, HENRY THOMAS, SADIE SOKALOVE, JACK ZUCKER, and other individuals prominent in Communist Party activities in Washington, D. C.

It is to be noted [] advised that WILLY ARNOLD, wa., ARNHEIM was City Secretary of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia from about June until September, 1936. He held this position prior to MARTIN CHANCEY.

[] further advised that on April 13, 1943, he overheard a conversation between JACK ZUCKER and MARTIN CHANCEY concerning the Industrial Union Council, Jefferson Memorial Celebration, and that on that occasion MARTIN CHANCEY said that he was including ARNHEIM among the list of members of the Executive Board and Progressive Delegates to the celebration. Informant further advised that he had overheard MARTIN CHANCEY contact ARNHEIM on

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various occasions concerning Communist Party meetings and also in relation to the infiltration of labor groups by the Communist Party.

[] also advised in 1943 that on May 22, 1943, he overheard a conversation between MARTIN CHANCEY and several other members of the Communist Party and that CHANCEY was talking about the infiltration of the Communist Party into various groups in the District of Columbia and at that time CHANCEY made a statement to the effect that there are two nonmembers around whom they (Communist Party Leaders) hoped to build a stronger Party. CHANCEY stated that one was ARNHEIM who had dropped membership in the Communist Party because of his ambition to get ahead in the A. F. L. and that ARNHEIM was okay politically and a regular reader of the Daily Worker. In connection with the Building Laborers Union No. 74, it is noted that HENRY THOMAS, a Communist Party member, has been very active in attempting to take advantage of a situation brought to light in 1943 in the Public Press. The Washington Daily News on Friday, April 9, 1943, contained an article to the effect that LARRY KELLY, President of this Union, had allegedly spent several thousands of dollars of the Union's money to purchase liquor which was seized by Internal Revenue Agents for nonpayment of retain floor tax. The liquor was seized at the Club El Patio of which Mr. KELLY was a co-owner. The article in the April 9 issue of the "News" reflects an interview with HENRY THOMAS who, it was indicated, was the rank and file candidate for Financial Secretary and Treasurer of Local No. 74.

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[] further advised that MARTIN CHANCEY and WILLY ARNHEIM had discussed on several occasions a most effective manner by which THOMAS and known Communists might attain an office in the Union.

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Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that on August 17, 1943, ALICE BURKE, Secretary of the Communist Party for the State of Virginia, kept an appointment with WILLY ARNHEIM in Room 1044 of the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia.

On March 4, 1943, Special Agents ROBERT W. HELD and OSCAR J. KEEP of the Washington Field Office observed MARTIN CHANCEY, a man believed to be ALBERT BLUMBERG, Executive Secretary of District 34 of the Communist Party, and an unidentified negro riding in a car bearing Virginia License Plate No. 433-260. It was ascertained that the above plates had been issued to WILLY ARNHEIM.

The files reflect that FLORENCE ADES, present wife of WILLY ARNHEIM, formerly was employed at the Department of Agriculture. Her father's name is reflected as HARRY ADES.

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Following is a description of ARNHEIM in 1943:

Born:	November 16, 1911, Gremla, Sweden
Height:	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	230
Race:	White
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark

From personal observation it was noted that at the time of the above interview in March, 1949, ARNHEIM was about six feet tall and weighed about 220 pounds.

In connection with the Search for RAY WARNER, it is to be noted that the El Paso Office recently advised in an interview by Agents of the El Paso Office FRANKLIN RENO had indicated that ROBERT E. RAY was the Communist Party name of RAY WARNER. Investigation is continuing with regard to locating ROBERT E. RAY.

It appears from the above information that ARNHEIM would be an excellent source of information if he can be developed as an informant. He appeared to be cooperative during the brief interview with the Washington Field Office Agents and stated he had no objection to being interviewed in the future. It is believed that he may possess further information regarding FRANKLIN RENO because of his close association with SIDNEY SHOSTECK. However, in view of his physical and emotional reaction during the above interview, it was decided to advise the Bureau of the facts regarding ARNHEIM.

ARNHEIM advised that his doctor is Dr. SAMUEL MORRISON who has his office on the same street as the Belvidere Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland.

It is requested that the Baltimore Office contact Dr. MORRISON and obtain information regarding ARNHEIM's physical condition. In particular, it should be ascertained, if possible, whether ARNHEIM has any physical impairment which would preclude his being interviewed about his past activities.

It is desired that the above information be obtained and forwarded to the Washington Field Office as soon as possible so ARNHEIM may be reinterviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office.

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JAHAN., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, R, IS R. R. REHYTEL EIGHTEENTH INST. FRANKLIN

VICTOR RENO RECALLED THE NAME QUOTE TASCA UNQUOTE AS THE NURSE HE MET ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY SIX OR THIRTY SEVEN AS BEING FRIEND OF HENRIETTA SIRKIN, STANLEY BLUMBERGS WIFE AT THAT TIME. MRS. ~~██████~~ SIRKIN ADVISES THE FULL NAME IS MARY ANN TASCA WHO ATTENDED SCHOOL WITH HER AT SINAI HOSPITAL ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY AND WHO LIVED AT ABOUT FOUR OR SIX MT. VERNON PLACE IN ABOUT THIRTY SIX . SIRKIN CONFIRMS THAT STANLEY MET TASCA BUT DENIES THAT SHE SIRKIN EVER MET RENO. MRS. SIRKIN MENTIONED MRS. DONALD KIRKLEY WHOSE HUSBAND WAS A MOVIE CRITIC FOR THE BALTIMORE SUN IN THIRTY SEVEN, WAS A FRIEND OF ALBERT BLUMBERGS WIFE DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG AND STANLEY BLUMBERG. SHE ALSO MENTIONED THE FOLLOWING. ANCELO BIZON AN INTERIOR DECORATOR AS A FRIEND OF MARY ANN TASCA BUT NOT OF STANLEY BLUMBERG. A RED HEADED LALOR ORGANIZER AMONG STRAWBERRY OR TOMATO PICKERS ~~████████████████████~~ WHOSE WIFE TAUGHT SCHOOL, AND A LATIN APPEARING MAN WHO LORROWED MONEY FROM STANLEY BLUMBERG. FRANKLIN RENO DENIED KNOWING THE ABOVE EXCEPT TASCA, BUT MENTIONED THAT HE DATED A UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA TEACHER, TENA BRANCH, ON OCCASION WHILE IN WASHINGTON, DC, ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY SIX. SHE WAS FROM RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, HOWEVER, RENO EXPLAINED SHE WAS NOT EVEN AWARE OF HIS RADICAL THINKING. BUREAU AND ORIGIN WILL ADVISE ~~██████~~ BALTIMORE IF ADVISABLE

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TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MARY ANN TASCA, ANGELO BIZON AND MRS. DONALD KIRKLEY, AND TO REINTERVIEW STANLEY BLUMBERG RE ~~IDENTITIES~~ IDENTITIES OF RED HEADED LABOR ORGANIZER AND LATIN APPEARING MAN. WILL ADVISE RICHMOND IF TENA BRANCH SHOULD BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

DATE: March 29, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAHAM
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- Mr. Tolson _____
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

ASAC Belmont of New York called in at 5:30 P.M., and stated that Chambers had claimed that Colonel Dean Ivan Lamb had been named by one of Chambers' Soviet superiors. Chambers was told to try to work Lamb into the work. The New York Office has located Lamb. They partially interviewed him today. He is claiming disability, and the interview was not completed, having in mind his alleged physical disabilities. *JL*

Mr. Belmont stated further that his mental status might be questioned, but the Agents had not made a definite conclusion.

Lamb today stated that in 1934 he had been approached to do some work by Alger Hiss, and that he had actually done some work for Alger Hiss with reference to the activity in this case. Mr. Belmont stated that until the interview was completed with Lamb they do not know whether or not this is reliable information. He stated that a complete detailed teletype would be forwarded upon the completion of the interview with Lamb tomorrow.

He stated in the interim that the Bureau's files be checked to see if there is any information available on Colonel Lamb. He apparently has been a resident of New York for a long period of time. He is described as age, 55 to 60; height, 5'5"; build, slight. He was supposed to have been a Major in the Army Air Force Intelligence during the war.

ACTION:

The files are being checked and the results thereof will be furnished telephonically to Mr. Belmont.

HBF:TMJ

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NK FILE NO. **65-3917**

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/29/49	REPORT MADE BY PAUL R. ALKER
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: In addition to **GEORGE F. HUNTER** and **WALTER DEWEY BALDSTIEFEN**, G. J. Exhibit #47 viewed by **ELMER DIEKER**, Plant Technical Superintendent, DuPont Photo Productions Dept., but not handled by him. Addresses of all witnesses set out. **ALBERT E. RUTAN** can be reached in NYC.

- RUC -

REFERENCE: Bureau File 74-1333
Report of SA **DONALD D. CONNORS**, 3/23/49, Washington, D. C.
Report of SA **DAVID EDWIN TODD**, 3/23/49, San Francisco, Cal.

DETAILS: Mr. **WALTER DEWEY BALDSTIEFEN**, DuPont Photo Productions Department, Parlin, New Jersey, advised that the examination of the film brought to DuPont by **WILLIAM A. WHEELER** of the HCUA and SA **ROBERT K. McQUEEN**, which has been identified as Grand Jury Exhibit #47, was conducted by him and **GEORGE F. HUNTER**, Chief Supervisor, Finishing Area, but that when the film was under a comparison microscope it was examined also by **ELMER DIEKER**, Plant Technical Superintendent, who concurred in the opinion that it was of the same texture as a film manufactured beginning in 1936 and still in production. Mr. **BALDSTIEFEN** stated that **DIEKER** did not handle the film, but only viewed a portion of it and gave his opinion. Mr. **BALDSTIEFEN** furnished the following residence addresses for the persons viewing the film:

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Mr. WALTER DEWEY BALDSIEFEN
93 Clive Street
Metuchen, New Jersey

Mr. GEORGE F. HUNTER
80 Grove Avenue
Woodbridge, New Jersey

Mr. ELMER DIEKER
18 Woodlawn Avenue
Parlin, New Jersey

In an effort to contact ALBERT E. RUTAN, former Security Officer in the Analysis and Plans Branch of the Army Air Forces at Washington, D. C. from 1942 to 1945, it was ascertained that he can be reached at his Office in care of the ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY, 711 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City

Will interview ALBERT E. RUTAN, care of ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY, 711 Fifth Avenue, along the lines set out in the report of Special Agent DAVID EDWIN TODD dated at San Francisco, March 23, 1949. (Teletype 3/29/49).

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TITLE JAY DAVID WEITZAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al			CHARACTER OF CASE FELONY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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- RUC -

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : E. J. Connelley, Assistant Director - New York

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

DATE: March 30, 1949

With reference to the Summary Report of SA Joseph M. Kelly, New York, March 30, 1949, which concerns the indictment of ALGER HISS for perjury and which is not intended as a summary of all the activities in the total subject matter of this case, this was, for these reasons, entitled, as noted, "ALGER HISS; PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

It is believed that this covers substantially the proof presently available, or as can be made available as of this date. As to any other possibilities regarding any situation covered in the Summary Report or as otherwise may be developed, this will receive continuous attention in order to develop any and all of these possibilities before the matter goes to trial.

The trial has now been set for April 11, 1949 and the defense has not, as yet, indicated whether or not they will ask for a continuance at that time.

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 MEYLER WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED UNLESS BUREAU SO REQUESTS.

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FILE NO. **100-243 RJU-ep**

REPORT MADE AT MOBILE	DATE WHEN MADE 3/31/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24/49	REPORT MADE BY ROYAL J. UNTREINER
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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JOHN ROBERT CARROLL, USAF, Eglin Air Base, Fla., former business manager of magazine "**Work**", states he has never known **DAVID ZIMMERMAN** and never assisted him or anyone else in photographing documents.

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REFERENCE:

74-1333
Report of SA **JOSEPH E. KELLER**, Washington, D.C., 3/10/49
Washington Field Office letter to Bureau, 2/24/49
Boston letter to Bureau dated 3/17/49

DETAILS:

AT EGLIN FIELD, FLORIDA

The following is the joint investigation of Special Agent **LEO A. STEVENS** and the writer:

JOHN ROBERT CARROLL, AF 13049316, 3200 Photo and Measurement and Analysis Squadron, United States Army Air Force, stated his home was 60 Mason Terrace, Brookline, Massachusetts but he has been in the Air Force five and one-half years and does not claim any particular place as his home.

*CPAAG Campbell
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Mr. **CARROLL** stated that he was Business Manager of "**Work**" Magazine, put out by the **Workers Alliance** in Washington, D. C. He re-

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signed this position in 1939 because he was in a squeeze between the Socialists on one hand and the Communists on the other. He stated that the Communists were taking over the Workers Alliance and pressure was being brought on him by the Communists, who felt he was leaning towards the Socialists in the Alliance. The Socialists, on the other hand, thought he was leaning towards the Communists. CARROLL said the situation became intolerable and he had to leave. He said that his title of Business Manager meant nothing because he was actually a glorified office boy or "flunkie". He gradually took on more and more duties and in the end was helping with all the photographic work that was done for the magazine.

Mr. CARROLL stated he is not and never has been a Communist, but that considerable pressure was put on him by others in the Workers Alliance to get him to join and he came very close to doing it. Mr. CARROLL stated that although he was never a Communist, he was and still is a liberal. He stated that his definition of a liberal is a man who likes to see the government's problems solved with common sense. He said it was extremely popular in Washington in 1939 for a person to be radical and was considered the thing to do by many of the younger people in Washington. Since then, it has become unpopular and he now knows that he has hurt himself by ever being associated with those people. He said that he had notified his superior officer in the Air Force of his background of membership in the Workers Alliance and Business Manager of the magazine "Work".

Mr. CARROLL stated that he has never known anyone by the name of DAVID ZIMMERMAN and never copied or photographed any documents for anyone. The background of ZIMMERMAN, as set out in referenced report, was read to Mr. CARROLL, and he still said he knew of no one like that. He stated that if ZIMMERMAN followed him as Business Manager of "Work", he did not meet him because he left the magazine before his successor was named. He stated he had no idea where ZIMMERMAN might have had his copy work done and knew none of ZIMMERMAN's friends.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

One copy of this report has been designated for the Washington Field Office for information, so that that office will know that CARROLL denies knowing ZIMMERMAN and could not give any information of value in locating the apartment used by ZIMMERMAN for his copy work or name any of ZIMMERMAN's friends.

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TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory DATE: March 31, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM

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Attached hereto is typewriting specimen, on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, dated February 17, 1948, and signed by ALGER HISS, which it is requested the FBI Laboratory examine and compare with known specimens in instant case.

This specimen was obtained by Special Agent JACK S. TURTON of the Washington Field Office and should be returned to this office upon completion of the Laboratory examination.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

Mr. Fletcher
[Signature]

JAHAM. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM INSPECTOR H. B. FLETCHER OF THE BUREAU TO ASAC A. H. BELMONT, NY, ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH THIRTYONE, FORTYNINE ASSISTANT USA THOMAS MURPHY, SDNY, HAS BEEN CONSULTED RE HANDWRITING STANDARDS THAT THE PROSECUTION PLANS TO USE IN INSTANT CASE. HE ADVISED THAT HE IS CONSIDERING THIS MATTER AT THE PRESENT TIME AND THAT AS SOON AS HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER ALL THE DOCUMENTS HE WILL ADVISE THE ONES THAT HE FEELS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR USE AT TRIAL. HE STATED HE FELT THAT HE SHOULD REACH A DEFINITE CONCLUSION IN THIS MATTER THE EARLY PART OF NEXT WEEK. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS A DEFINITE DECISION IS MADE IN THIS MATTER

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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/4/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/29, 31/49	REPORT MADE BY JOHN C. GARR
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., Etal			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHAMBERS unable to identify Hosford Tourist Home at Plymouth, Conn. as place where he stayed. House-to-house check in Thomaston does not indicate additional tourist houses. CHAMBERS has been in the tourist home formerly operated by WILLIAM ASCHOFF and has stated that this was not the place where he stayed and an examination of the register for the pertinent period did not reflect the names of HISS or CHAMBERS. Such register supplied the New York City agents when they were in Thomaston, Conn.

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New Haven letter to Bureau, cc New York, 3/2/49
Report of SA Leon O. Prior dated 3/26/49 at Miami
~~Trip of Mr. Chambers to Thomaston and Plymouth, Conn.~~

DETAILS:

AT PLYMOUTH, CONNECTICUT

Re New Haven letter to Bureau dated March 2, 1949, indicating that this division believed that the Frederick Hosford home in PLYMOUTH was the tourist home in which CHAMBERS stayed in 1937. On March 22, 1949 Mr. CHAMBERS at Plymouth, Conn. visited the HOSFORD home and stated that it was definitely not the establishment at which he had stayed.

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The guest book for this tourist home was made available and does cover the pertinent period in this investigation. An FBI Laboratory report under date of March 4, 1949 indicates that the signatures for the year 1937 appearing on the photographs printed from the film pack submitted have been compared with the known writing specimens of ALGER HISS, PRISCILLA HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. The questioned signatures are not sufficiently comparable with the known handwriting of the above-mentioned three individuals for any definite conclusion to be reached. The entry "Capt. and Mrs. H. T. SMITH, Washington, D.C." dated "7-16-37" is in the same general style of writing as that used by PRISCILLA HISS. The entry after the date "Sept. 15" which is practically illegible but possibly is the signatures "Mr. and Mrs. GRAHAM NYC" and "Dr. Wm. DOONE NYC" is in the same general style of writing as that employed by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Other than general styles of writing nothing of particular significance was found.

AT THOMASTON, CONN.

Re New York City teletype dated 2/25/49 to New Haven in which CHAMBERS indicates that the house at which he stayed was in a triangle bounded by the town main street, Route 202 on the West, Elm Street on the East and Union Street. The following investigation on March 31, 1949 was conducted by Special Agents Lloyd S. Goodrow, Robert E. Tivnan and the reporting agent, and covers the area mentioned by Mr. Chambers.

All of the persons contacted were queried as to whether they knew of any tourist houses in such area and also if they knew of any tourist houses in Thomaston, Connecticut other than those previously located by this division. There was no indication received that there was ever a tourist house in the area mentioned by Mr. CHAMBERS and no information was secured relating to additional tourist houses in the area not already known to this division.

<u>Person Contacted</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>How Long at Address</u>
ELSIE VOLOUSKI	11 Maple Street	13 years
JAMES A. KENNEDY	17 Maple Street	20 "
SHEILA DRZEWECKI	21 Maple Street	Entire life

It was ascertained that Mrs. ANNE INNOCENT at 74 South Main Street, Thomaston had at one time taken in boarders. Mrs. INNOCENT states that she never took in transients.

Mrs. W. E. WRIGHT	55 Elm Street	27 years
Mrs. H. G. SAGENDORF	65 Elm Street	15 years

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<u>Person Contacted</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>How Long at Address</u>
MARY MULVANEY	75 Elm Street	20 years
H. F. PINGPANK	81 Elm "	20 "
MRS. SPRINGBERG	103 Elm "	15 "
Miss JULIA HUTCHINSON	186 Elm "	20 "
MRS. JEFFREY DONAHUE	174 Elm "	55 "
MRS. CATHERINE SAVAGE	166 Elm "	30 "
MRS. MARY McINTYRE	154 Elm "	40 "
MRS. MINNIE JOHNSTON	146 Elm "	Over 50 "
MRS. HAROLD BIDWELL	136 Elm "	12 "
MR. BENJAMIN MENKE	128 Elm "	20 "
MRS. MARGARET CONAGHAN	219 Elm "	20 "
MRS. ELIZABETH GILLAND	195 Elm "	40 "
MR. CHARLES O'NEILL	191 Elm "	67 "
Mrs. MARSHALL SANGSTIN	46 Elm St.	Entire life in Thomaston
Mrs. W. C. MONROE	56 Elm "	13 years
MRS. GEORGE SANGSTER	70 Elm Street	30 "
MRS. EMILY HALL	80 Elm "	Since 1924
MRS. MAYBELL ROUSE	86 Elm "	54 years
MRS. R. C. JOHNSON	96 " "	35 "
MRS. HERBERT GRIMSHAW	120 " "	30 "
MRS. JOHN SIMPSON	155 " "	Since 1937
MRS. DAVID POTTER	163 " "	25 years
Mrs. ARTHUR PFAEFFLEN	181 " "	27 "
G. BRADSHAW	19 Goodwin Court	Since 1929
MRS. ANDREW O'NEILL	25 " "	Entire life
MR. ROBERT WORLAND	23 " "	40 years
J. TERWILLGER	17 " "	18 "
ANN REEVES	31 " "	16 "
ANTONIO LOMBARDI	60 Park Street	50 "
MRS. FLOYD SUTLIFFE	47 " "	Lifelong resident

Also interviewed was Mr. THOMAS McGRAW, proprietor of McGraw's Restaurant, a lifelong resident of Thomaston, Conh. and who for many years resided on Park Street and who did reside on Park Street in 1937.

Previous reports have covered the Park Hotel located on this street, and also

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in 1937 on this street on the present theater parking lot, the Knights of Columbus had a clubroom in a private home. The housekeeper was Mrs. MAMIE GLENNON. Mrs. Glennon states that the Knights of Columbus had no facilities for overnight guests; they never accommodated same and that the same could be said of her home which was in the rear of the K. of C. establishment.

Mrs. JULIA GEARIN, 222 South Main Street, a resident of Thomaston for thirty years, was interviewed inasmuch as she and her husband handle newspaper distribution in the Thomaston area. Results were completely negative.

<u>Persons Contacted</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>How Long at Address</u>
MRS. JAKE MCCRAK	23 Union Street	20 years
MRS. ALEXANDER DICK	29 " "	20 "
MRS. CHARLES A. CURTIS	35 " "	50 "
MRS. HARRY BENSON	50 " "	30 "
MRS. ROBERT HAZEN	45 " "	40 "
MRS. J. R. BLACKNER	55 " "	15 "
MRS. EDWARD HOTCHKISS	67 " "	25 "

Chief of Police JAMES RYAN and First Selectman EUGENE TORRANCE were previously interviewed concerning structural changes in the area mentioned by Mr. Chambers and also concerning the possibility of fire in such area. No information concerning structural changes or fires was received. Chief Ryan was of the opinion that if a tourist house did exist in such area, he personally would have known of it.

Re report of Special Agent Leon O. Prior dated March 26, 1949 at Miami, in which a lead is set out for New Haven at Thomaston to perform investigation to locate Mr. WILLIAM ASCHOFF, whose deceased wife operated a tourist home in Thomaston, Conn. and determine whether he is able to recall CHAMBERS, ALGER HISS or PRISCILLA HISS as having been guests at the tourist home in 1937. This home is now occupied by a Mrs. PARKS and on the occasion of Mr. CHAMBERS' first trip to Thomaston, he was in such establishment and stated that he did not believe that it was the place at which he had stayed. Likewise at this time the register for the year 1937 was furnished to the writer who in turn furnished the same to the special agents of the New York Division who brought Mr. Chambers to Thomaston. An examination of the register did not reflect the names of HISS or CHAMBERS. If a handwriting examination is desired, New York should furnish the register to the Bureau.

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LEADS

NEW HAVEN DIVISION

AT GREENWICH, CONN.

Will interview EDWARD THORD-GRAY in accordance with request of New York City in New York tel to New Haven 4/1/49.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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CHAMBERS unable to identify Hoeford Tourist Home at Plymouth, Conn. as place where he stayed. House-to-house check in Thomaston does not indicate additional tourist houses. CHAMBERS has been in the tourist home formerly operated by WILLIAM SCHOFF and has stated that this was not the place where he stayed and an examination of the register for the pertinent period did not reflect the names of HIRS or CHAMBERS. Such register supplied the New York City agents when they were in Thomaston, Conn.

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REFERENCE:

New York teletypes to New Haven 2/25/49 and 4/1/49
New Haven letter to Bureau, cc New York, 3/2/49
Report of SA Leon O. Prior dated 3/26/49 at Miami

DETAILS:

AT PLYMOUTH, CONNECTICUT

Re New Haven letter to Bureau dated March 2, 1949, indicating that this division believed that the Frederick Hoeford home in PLYMOUTH was the tourist home in which CHAMBERS stayed in 1937. On March 22, 1949 Mr. CHAMBERS at Plymouth, Conn. visited the HOEFORD home and stated that it was definitely not the establishment at which he had stayed.

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TO : H. B. Fletcher

DATE: April 5, 1949

FROM : L. Whitson

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al
PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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RE: ANDERS WILLY FRIDLÖF ARNHEIM, was.

SYNOPSIS

Anders Willy Fridlof Arnheim, former Communist in Washington, D. C., fainted twice on March 10, 1949, while being interviewed by Bureau Agents at Tyler School, Tenth and G Streets, Southeast, where Arnheim was employed as a stonemason on a construction job. He expressed surprise at having fainted and stated that he had never fainted before. He was cooperative with the interviewing Agents and expressed his willingness to be interviewed in the future. An additional interview with Arnheim is contemplated after the Baltimore Office contacts his personal physician to obtain any information regarding Arnheim's physical condition which might preclude a future interview with Arnheim.

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PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW

The purpose of the interview with Arnheim was to obtain any information he might have concerning the Communist Party activities of Franklin Victor Reno in Washington, D. C., in the middle 1930's, and to determine if he was identical with one Ray Warner who, according to Franklin Victor Reno, had directed Reno's Communist Party activities in Washington, D. C.

You will recall that Reno was formerly employed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, and Reno has admitted furnishing information to Chambers while so employed.

DETAILS OF INTERVIEW

Investigation has disclosed that Arnheim lived with Sidney Shosteck in Washington, D. C., in 1936 and 1937. Shosteck was active in Communist Party activities in Washington, D. C., in the early and middle 1930's until he went to Spain with the Abraham Lincoln brigade. Shosteck was killed in Spain and became a Communist Party hero.

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On March 10th, the Agents of the Washington Field Office located Arnheim at the aforementioned school. They identified themselves to Arnheim who expressed no objection to being interviewed at that time, 11:00 a.m. The interview took place near the door of the school on 10th Street. Arnheim was quite cooperative. During the interview he was asked if he was very well acquainted with Shosteck and he answered that he had known Shosteck casually. He was asked if he had roomed with Shosteck at 1121 Curren Street, Northwest, just before Shosteck went to Spain. At this point Arnheim exhibited some nervousness. He stated that he had roomed with Shosteck at this address about 1936 or 1937. He was interrogated next regarding one Sophie Linkin. During this interrogation, Arnheim suddenly fainted. The agents obtained water and revived him. About two minutes later he fainted again and was again revived. He expressed surprise at having fainted. He informed agents that he had never fainted before and to his knowledge had no physical ailments. He stated that he had been going to a doctor for treatment for an upset stomach. After receiving assurance from Arnheim that he felt fine, the agents left the scene. No persons were attracted to the scene except two Negro fellow employees of Arnheim who were working approximately 150 feet from the scene of the interview. These employees were identified.

BACKGROUND

Arnheim was born November 16, 1911, at Gremla, Sweden. He entered the United States March 28, 1928, and was naturalized on January 3, 1939. He resides at 1702 North Troy Street, Arlington, Virginia. He is presently employed as a stonemason by the Ross Stone Setting Company, 510 Rhode Island Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D. C.

Mr. John Ross, employer of Arnheim, advised that he rehired Arnheim in approximately 1947, after Arnheim returned from the service with the United States armed forces in Korea. He stated that until a few weeks ago, Arnheim had been working on the new seventeen story telephone building in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was required to work on a swing scaffold. Mr. Ross advised that if he had known Arnheim to be ill or subject to fainting spells he certainly would not have permitted him to work on the scaffold.

COMMUNIST BACKGROUND

Confidential informants have reported that Arnheim was an active member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia from approximately 1933 through 1938.

ACTION

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In view of Arnheim's past activity in the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., and his cooperativeness, a future interview with him

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is contemplated. However, this interview will not be conducted until the Baltimore Office has contacted Arnheim's personal physician to obtain any information concerning his physical condition which might preclude the interview. A lead has been set forth for Baltimore to contact the physician.

cc - Mr. Ladd
Mr. Fletcher
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