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INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT CRUISE McMANUS  
REGARDING ALGER HISS.

ROBERT CRUISE McMANUS, Hopewell, New Jersey, was interviewed by the writer and SA CLARK D. TOMPKINS based upon information contained in Baltimore letter to the Bureau, dated January 26, 1949.

McMANUS related that he was acquainted with ALGER HISS in Washington, D. C., in the early 1930's while HISS was secretary to Justice OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES and later with the Department of Agriculture. He resided with HISS for a two-week period just prior to his marriage to PRISCILLA HOBSON. This period of residence was brought about by his renting HISS' apartment at 2833 (?) Connecticut Avenue and moving in two weeks before HISS vacated the premises. He stated that his association with HISS was not close and practically ceased after his marriage. He related that HISS' character changed after his marriage and he felt that he was dominated by his wife, whom he described as a "sinister person." He had no information that HISS or his wife were members of the Communist Party or had ever engaged in activities as described by CHAMBERS, but felt that HISS' wife was capable of influencing him into such channels.

McMANUS said that he is planning to someday write a book on Communism in the farm areas and that a portion of this book will be devoted to the attitude of key employees of the Department of Agriculture during the early period of the New Deal, including the "Agriculture Purge." In this connection, he exhibited to agents a blind memorandum, captioned "Agriculture Purge," the pertinent portion of which is as follows:

"AGRICULTURE PURGE

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"In the Department of Agriculture there is an Office of the Solicitor. On March 4, 1933 the Solicitor appointed was the Honorable SETH THOMAS, now a judge of a circuit court in the mid-west. When the Agricultural Adjustment Administration was formed, another legal division was set up and known as the General Counsel's Office of the AAA. This office was under JEROME FRANK, now a judge in New York. FRANK appointed HISS and PRESSMAN as his first two assistants. After GEORGE PEAK was replaced by CHESTER DAVIS, the General Counsel's Office was purged by DAVIS because they were trying to settle matters of policy rather than matters of law. He asked for the resignations of the top men of this department and when the top men went out, their subordinates followed. ALGER HISS was not asked for his resignation because he was the cleverest of the aides and did not work in the open. He

did resign, however, after the Office of the General Counsel was merged with the Office of Solicitor of the Department."

The remainder of the memorandum is taken up with the names and later connections of the persons who were purged, which information has previously been covered in this case. McMANUS refused to divulge the source from which this memorandum was prepared.

According to McMANUS, a copy of this memorandum was sent to CHESTER DAVIS, President, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, who was head of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at the time of the purge. By letter of August 11, 1948 to McMANUS, DAVIS said that the facts in the memorandum were true, but that HISS had resigned at the time he asked for resignations of certain persons in the Department. At that time DAVIS did not know there was any connection between these individuals and the Communist Party. He did feel, however, that these persons had the philosophy "to remake America nearer to their hearts' desire even if they first had to shatter it to bits to accomplish their objective."

McMANUS suggested that CHESTER <sup>X</sup>DAVIS be interviewed and suggested interview with GARDNER JACKSON, Cotuit, Massachusetts, an employee of the Welch Grape Juice Company, who was according to McMANUS a Communist Party member in the AAA but later turned anti-Communist. McMANUS related that he has been trying himself to interview JACKSON to corroborate the information he presently has.

A copy of the memorandum was sent to ALGER HISS by McMANUS with the request that he make comment on it. After considerable correspondence with HISS during August and September 1948, McMANUS secured an interview with him during which he denied the allegations made by CHAMBERS as well as any Communist Party connection. McMANUS stated that he left him an opening by stating that during the early 1930's many of the younger people thought it smart to be Communists but eventually outgrew this belief. McMANUS related that HISS still denied any Communist Party connection. Based upon this interview and the memorandum mentioned above, as well as newspaper accounts of the hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, McMANUS prepared an eleven page analysis of HISS' connection with the Communist Party. This analysis is in the form of two columns, one reading "Add" and the other "Subtract." Under the "Add" column is all information pointing toward Communist Party membership on the part of HISS and under the "Subtract" column is all information which might explain the allegation set out in the "Add" column. McMANUS advised that this analysis is a summary of all information in his possession concerning HISS and furnished a carbon copy of it to agents.

Since it is in the form of conclusions of McMANUS based upon information available to him, it is not being quoted herein but the following portions of the analysis may prove of value and are being set out verbatim:

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"2. When Hiss married Mrs. Priscilla Hobson in 1930, friends observed a notable change in his whole manner. He lost his sense of humour. He took on the air of one dedicated to an inner cause. This could have been the cause of Communism. At least three persons who were in a position to observe him intimately suspect that it was Communism, and that he was led into it by his wife, who was markedly left wing and exercised an extremely strong influence over him.

Hiss doesn't dispute the fact that he was an extreme left winger. He says the depression made a lot of idealistic young men extreme left-wingers. That doesn't mean they were members of a secret Communist conspiracy.

"4. One person who observed the AAA crowd from the inside presents me with a memorandum, which makes these points; a) they had a close knit, highly organized group which brought in recruits from outside, nearly all of whom ultimately scattered throughout the New Deal to places of key importance; b) they practiced 'intellectual dishonesty'; c) they wanted to 'make America over even if they had to shatter it to bits'; d) the shrewdest and most eluxive of all of them was Alger Hiss.

Hiss says they were brash, bright youngsters. They infuriated 'bigoted' old time bureaucrats who were afraid of their jobs. He says one such wrote the memorandum referred to here.

"8. Hiss says he and his colleagues were young idealists working for the good of the countey. Many of the young Frankfurter bo7s were my own friends, including both Hisses. I have other recollections about them. I found them giddy with the power none of them had dreamed of possessing.

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What was inconceivably daring today was 'old hat' tomorrow. They operated on a sliding, or toboggan-slide, scale to the left. They seemed to measure policy, not on its usefulness, but on whether it was exciting and shocking to believers in orthodox economic and political practice. They had a gleeful admiration for cunning and conspiracy. They had a capacity for unanimously hating and vilifying their opponents, which took the wind out of old-time Washington politicians and newspapermen, who had always managed to differ without throwing acid in one another's eyes. They appeared to believe that two years of depression had put capitalism on trial for its life, and that a cleverly managed conference in the White House could produce an Executive order which would banish it forever, in favor of socialism. (Hiss and his wife were both acknowledged Socialists, if not secret Communists.) They chose to be totally unaware of the fact that, though capitalism was admittedly in the doldrums, 'the great Socialist experiment' in Russia was proving its humanitarian spirit at that very moment by a fanatical state decreed famine of 4,000,000 peasants, which set the fashion in horror for an age that subsequently sank to the most horrible in modern, if not all history. In other words, they were giving one another good primary training, emotionally and intellectually, for membership in the Communist party.

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"1. Among the 'young idealists' were the Communists Pressman, Witt and Abt. Whittaker Chambers says that they were part of a Communist conspiracy, directed by Harold Ware. This checks with other information I have had for years. My source of information has proven reliable in the past. The source now implicates Hiss and wife. Hiss says he knew Ware casually."

Hiss says that if Pressman, etc., 'are Communists now, they weren't then'. He praises their ability.

McMANUS related that one VEZZANA, an investigator for the law firm defending CHAMBERS in his libel suit, had previously contacted him and secured this information. At that time VEZZANA told him that CHAMBERS at one time lived on the farm of DONALD MARSHALL, Califon, New Jersey, no date being mentioned. McMANUS stated he is acquainted with DONALD MARSHALL, who at one time raised goats, but no longer resides on his farm at Califon.

McMANUS said that he had been in the HISS home on more than one occasion after ALGER's marriage, but he cannot recall ever having seen a typewriter therein. He has no information as to the disposition of a typewriter, if there was one.

An examination of correspondence from ALGER HISS in the possession of McMANUS reveals it to be written during August and September 1948 in elite type on the letterhead of the Carnegie Foundation. For this reason no specimens were requested.

INTERVIEW WITH LT, COLONEL HART GIBSON FOSTER  
AND MRS. FLORENCE J. FOSTER CONCERNING ALGER HISS

Lt. Colonel HART GIBSON FOSTER, Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey, stated that he moved to 2918 N Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., in May 1936 immediately after his marriage and moved out in about September 1937. At that time Col. FOSTER was with the Federal Housing Authority. Col. FOSTER recalled, after the newspaper publicity given ALGER HISS, that he had resided around the corner from them on Thirtieth Street and identified a photograph of HISS taken in 1934 as being identical with his neighbor. FOSTER stated he had never been at all friendly with the HISS' and had never been in their home to his recollection. He recalled meeting ALGER HISS,

identical with the photograph exhibited, at the home of RICHARD GRISWOLD in Washington when FOSTER stopped in one evening for cocktails. FOSTER does not know the relationship between GRISWOLD and HISS and states GRISWOLD is presently General Agent of the Guardian Life Insurance Company, New London, Connecticut. Col. FOSTER has no further information concerning the associates, servants or activities of HISS and reiterated that he merely recalls the name as someone residing in the neighborhood. Col. FOSTER furnished the name of DELBERT CLARK, presently with the New York Times, as another neighbor during this time, but he did not know if CLARK was acquainted with HISS.

Mrs. FLORENCE J. FOSTER, Building 115, Picatinny Arsenal, stated that she recalled the HISS family as being neighbors during their residence on N Street in Washington but she never was friendly with them nor can she recall ever having been in their home. She identified photographs of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS as persons she met somewhere and believes she may have met them at one or more social gatherings in Washington. It was her impression that this meeting may have taken place at the home of LAURENCE DUGGAN or at the Army-Navy Club at an official party. She said that the HISS family, according to society notes in Washington papers during her residence there, moved in a 'young smart set' to which the FOSTERS did not belong. She does not know any of the HISSes acquaintances, but believes they can be secured from social notes of the times. Mrs. FOSTER recalled an additional neighbor as JOHN GUENTHER, who she believes is identical with the author of "Inside U.S.A." She does not know if he was acquainted with ALGER HISS. She knows nothing of the HISS servants or any typewriter in the HISS home.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAUL HUDSON

Based upon Washington Field Office teletype of February 11, 1949 to New York and Newark, investigation was conducted at Fort Lee, New Jersey, to locate Mrs. EUGENIE C. HUDSON, mother of PAUL HUDSON, who resided at 2 River Road in 1936. It was ascertained from the records of the Post Office that Mrs. R. M. HUDSON had in 1936 filed a change of address from 2 River Road to 314 West 104 Street, New York City.

Investigation in the neighborhood of 2 River Road, now demolished, reflected that the building had been occupied by the RICHTER family and that a Mrs. HUDSON had lived there for a short while many years ago. Mrs. AUGUSTA RICHTER, 212 Main Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey, stated that about fifteen years ago Mrs. MATILDA BARING came to live with her at 2 River Road and was accompanied by Mrs. HUDSON, a nurse for her baby. Mrs. BARING and Mrs. HUDSON operated a rooming house at this address until Mrs. HUDSON's son took her to a home while Mrs. BARING was away. Mrs. RICHTER explained that Mrs. BARING

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was in show business and away a good deal of the time. She can now be located at 206 West 52 Street, New York City, and will probably be able to furnish the current address of Mrs. HUDSON, if still living, and her son.

WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE

By letter of February 18, 1949 to the Bureau, the New York Office advised that WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE and MARGARET FRANCES GUTELIUS resided at 112 Haven Avenue, Apartment 45, New York City, for nearly two years prior to 1931 and that Mr. and Mrs. M. SWANKE, 92 Rutgers Place, Riveredge, New Jersey, were residents of the same address during the period of CRANE's tenancy.

Mrs. MAX SWANKE, 92 Rutgers Place, Riveredge, New Jersey, stated that she and her husband had resided in Apartment "A", 112 Haven Avenue, New York City, from November 1931 to November 1934, when they moved to New Jersey. She related that it was several months after they moved in this building before she became acquainted with any of the other occupants and she was unable to identify CRANE or GUTELIUS by name or photograph. She recalled that the apartment next to theirs on the first floor was vacant at the time they moved in and was later occupied by a Miss PIERCE. She believed this apartment was lettered "A" also. Mrs. SWANKE stated that the building was occupied by several women doctors when they moved in and later taken over by refugees.

Mr. MAX SWANKE was not available for interview being at work as a clerk in the Church Street Post Office, New York City, but Mrs. SWANKE informed that he was not well acquainted with the other occupants of the building and she doubted that he would be in a position to furnish any more information than she could.

Inasmuch as it appears that the SWANKE family moved in the building at 112 Haven Avenue after or at the time CRANE and GUTELIUS moved out, no further effort is being made to contact MAX SWANKE at Riveredge.

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THE ST. LOUIS, BOSTON AND NEW HAVEN OFFICES

Copies of this report are being furnished the above offices in the event the office of origin desires interviews with CHESTER DAVIS, GARDNER JACKSON and RICHARD GRISWOLD.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will interview Mrs. MATILDA BARING, apartment 6, 206 West 52 Street, for the present whereabouts of PAUL HUDSON or his mother, EUGENIE C. HUDSON. (Teletype February 14, 1949.)

Will, if deemed advisable, interview MAX SWANKE, clerk, Church Street Post Office, for any information he may be able to furnish concerning WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE and MARGARET FRANCES GUTELIUS, who reportedly occupied apartment 45, 112 Haven Avenue, New York City, for two years prior to 1931. It is noted that interview with Mrs. MAX SWANKE at Riveredge, New Jersey, indicates that they moved into this building in November 1931 and did not become acquainted with any other occupants for several months thereafter.

THE NEWARK OFFICE

\*AT WEST ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Will reinterview PAUL TAMER to develop more completely the background of the TAMER family and exhibit to him photographs of known espionage agents to be furnished by the New York Office.

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It is noted that in the case, entitled "LEMENT UPHAN HARRIS, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - R," information was received from ROBERT CRUISE McMANUS which he had secured from a source he declined to divulge. Information furnished by McMANUS at that time strongly indicated that his informant was former Bureau informant [redacted], New Jersey, considered unreliable by the Bureau and with whom the Bureau has instructed there be no further contact by the Newark Office. During the course of interview with McMANUS, he referred to his source as if it were only one person and indicated it to be the same source as in the HARRIS case.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Results of interviews with and concerning following persons in Los Angeles area set out: ~~STEPHEN M. FARRAND, Mrs. JOSEPH THOM, Mrs. RUTH TYLER, JOHN ROBB, EPHRAIM SWARTZMAN, WILLIAM ROSEN, BORIS ISRAEL, L. CLIFFORD TUBBS, MAYNARD J. TOLL, JEAN CLARY FRIED, LEIBERMAN, TIMOTHY HOBSON, ALBERT LEVITT, WILLIAM B. CARMAN, CRAWFORD F. BRUBAKER, JOHN COLLIER, JR., Mrs. ARTHUR TURNER.~~ Bureau advised on Jan. 18, 1949 that three typewritten letters (K-306, 307 and 308) from ALGER HISS to STEPHEN M. FARRAND were not typed by typewriter used to type documents Q-6 through Q-69. WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE presently being interviewed at Los Angeles. Letter setting forth information received from CRANE regarding ALGER HISS and associates forwarded to Bureau and New York City on March 4, 1949.

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Report of Special Agent HAROLD F. DODGE, dated January 20, 1949 at Los Angeles.

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INTERVIEW WITH STEPHEN L. FARRAND

Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated January 26, 1949, requested that a photograph of CHAMBERS be exhibited to STEPHEN M. FARRAND to determine if he ever saw CHAMBERS with ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS and also obtain from FARRAND names and addresses of associates, business, social or otherwise, of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS inasmuch as these associates may have typewritten specimens.

On February 1, 1949, FARRAND was interviewed at his office at 215 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, at which time he was shown several photos of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and advised that he does not recall ever having seen CHAMBERS and certainly does not recall having seen CHAMBERS in the company of either ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS.

FARRAND recalled that the following individuals were employed at the Solicitor General's office in Washington at about the same time that ALGER HISS was so employed:

~~PAUL FREUND~~ who is presently a professor at Harvard Law School and who, FARRAND states, was quite close to ALGER HISS.

~~LEE JACKSON~~, now in the Tax Division in the Department of Justice, who FARRAND doubts had a great deal of contact with ALGER HISS.

~~WARNER GARDENER~~, now in the private practice of law in Washington, D.C., who was fairly close to ALGER HISS.

~~CHARLES E. WYZANSKI~~ who, FARRAND believed, was now a Federal Judge somewhere in the East.

FARRAND also recalled the following individuals as acquaintances of HISS:

~~HENRY HART~~, presently a teacher at Harvard Law School.

~~THOMAS HARRIS~~, who lived several doors from HISS and, according to FARRAND, was quite well acquainted with HISS. He is presently believed by FARRAND to be employed with the Department of Justice.

~~TOM EMERSON~~ who, according to FARRAND, played tennis with ALGER HISS and was present at the same social gatherings as the HISSSES. FARRAND believed he is presently employed in some Government office in Washington, D.C., the identity of which FARRAND does not know.

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The interested offices were advised by teletype regarding the above information on February 2, 1949.

It will be recalled that at the time FARRAND was first interviewed he furnished three typewritten letters which he had received from HISS. These letters were forwarded to the Bureau for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

By letter dated January 18, 1949, the FBI Laboratory advised regarding these three letters (which were marked "Specimens K-306, K-307 and K-308"): "The conclusion was reached that the machines used to type K-306 through K-308 were not used to type Q-6 through Q-69. It was also concluded that K-306 through K-308 were not typed on the machine which was used to type Q-5."

INTERVIEW OF JOHN ROBB

By teletype dated January 27, 1949 from the Washington Field Office to the Bureau and Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Office was requested to interview JOHN ROBB, 833 Flower Avenue, Los Angeles, inasmuch as ROBB had been a member of a Boy Scout Troop with TIMOTHY HOBSON.

On January 28, 1949, JOHN ROBB was interviewed at 833 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, which is the office building of MORAL REARMAMENT, with which organization ROBB is employed. He stated that he joined the Boy Scouts when he was about twelve years old but that he has no recollection of TIMOTHY HOBSON. He does not recall the name and has no recollection as to what TIMOTHY HOBSON looks like. He has not seen TIMOTHY since he left the Boy Scouts. ROBB further stated that he has no recollection of ever attending any Boy Scout meetings at the home of ALGER HISS. He recalls that the patrol to which he belonged sometimes met at the homes of the members, but this is the extent of his recollection.

Pictures of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS were shown to ROBB who could not identify either of them.

ROBB recalled that his former Scout Master, one HERBERT C. TUCKER, had recently written to him stating that the FBI had called to see him, TUCKER, and would probably interview ROBB. In his letter TUCKER mentioned that he recalled that TIMOTHY HOBSON would not take that part of the Scout oath which recognized a God. In his letter TUCKER also mentioned that the FBI was interested in a typewriter owned by HISS. Regarding this, ROBB stated that he has no recollection of a typewriter and, as stated above, does not even have a recollection of being in the HISS home.

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INTERVIEW OF CRAWFORD F. BRUBAKER

Reference is made to teletype from San Francisco dated February 2, 1949, requesting that CRAWFORD F. BRUBAKER, State Department of Education, Room 308 Stevenson Building in Pasadena, California, be interviewed for information concerning TIMOTHY HOBSON who was in the Navy at Union College, Schenectady, New York, during the period in which BRUBAKER was an executive Naval officer. Los Angeles was requested to interview BRUBAKER regarding his knowledge of the dismissal of HOBSON as a homosexual, and correspondence in his possession from ALGER HISS.

Interested offices were advised regarding pertinent information concerning this interview on February 11, 1949.

CRAWFORD F. BRUBAKER was interviewed by Special Agent GILMER G. ROBINSON at his office on February 11, 1949, at which time he advised that he vaguely recalled the name of TIMOTHY HOBSON. However, he did not remember anything regarding the aforementioned problem and stated that it would have been handled in a routine manner. He continued that he definitely did not recall any correspondence from ALGER HISS and could remember no details concerning the above case but stated that he would remember if he had received any correspondence from ALGER HISS.

INTERVIEW OF EPHRAIM SWARTZMAN

By teletype dated January 19, 1949, from New York City to the Director and Los Angeles, it was stated that BENJAMIN MANDELL at Washington, D.C. had suggested that EPHRAIM SWARTZMAN, a former Communist, be interviewed regarding HISS inasmuch as SWARTZMAN had had a contact in the State Department; further, that SWARTZMAN on interview in New York in 1942 said he had acquaintances in the State Department but could not recall the name ALGER HISS. The teletype furnished SWARTZMAN's address as 945 South Grandview, Los Angeles, California.

SWARTZMAN had moved from 945 South Grandview to 937 South Westlake, and from there to Ontario, California. He was located on January 26, 1949, through a friend of his named HARRY GRAND, 123 East Second Street, Los Angeles. Photographs of ALGER HISS were exhibited to SWARTZMAN, and he stated that he does not recall ever having known HISS. With reference to contacts in the State Department, SWARTZMAN stated that some time prior to 1939 he was an official on the Committee against Fascism and anti-Semitism and that he went to Washington on several occasions in connection with refugee legislation. While in Washington he contacted several Congressmen and had hopes of also contacting persons in the State Department but added that he had never reached the stage of seeing the individuals in the State Department. He added that other than this he has no connection or contacts with anyone in the State Department.



INTERVIEW WITH MRS. JOSEPH A. THOM

Washington Field letter dated January 27, 1949 requested the interview of Mrs. JOSEPH A. THOM, 249 North Euclid Avenue, Pasadena 4, California, since Mrs. THOM had lived with her husband (now deceased) in apartment 43 at 2831 28th Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. during the time that ALGER HISS lived at that address.

Mrs. THOM was unable to recall Mr. or Mrs. ALGER HISS as having lived in the apartment in the same building in Washington and was shown photographs of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS which she failed to recognize. Mrs. THOM stated that she recalls that Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH CONRAD FEHR lived in the same apartment and that FEHR works for the Department of Justice. She thought that he might possibly remember the HISS family. She also suggested that Mr. and Mrs. HARRY J. DONOHUE who also lived in the apartment building, might recall information regarding ALGER HISS. She stated that the DONOHUES presently live in Bethesda, Maryland and Mr. DONOHUE is connected with the WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL LOAN COMPANY BANK, 1407 "K" Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. Mrs. THOM said that both the FEHRs and the DONOHUES resided in this apartment building in 1934 and 1935.

She also recalled that a man named TRACY TYLER, with his wife and son and daughter, lived in the apartment building. However, the TYLERS are separated. Mrs. THOM recalled that Mrs. TYLER came from Grand Island, Nebraska and in 1935 her address was 803 West 3rd Street in that city.

Mrs. THOM stated that she had lived in the same apartment for six years, leaving on October 1, 1935. It will be noted that Mrs. THOM kept a small address book. She not only did not recognize any of the names or aliases of CHAMBERS' but she examined her address book and could find no notations of pertinence.

Information received from Mrs. THOM was furnished to all interested offices by teletype on February 2, 1949.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. RUTH S. TYLER

By teletype dated February 1, 1949, the St. Paul Office advised that Mrs. RUTH S. TYLER, wife of TRACY F. TYLER, presently resides at 835 Ninth Street West, San Pedro, California. It is noted that this is the Mrs. TYLER referred to above by Mrs. THOM.



Mrs. RUTH TYLER presently resides at 595 West Eighth Street, San Pedro, California, and was interviewed at her place of employment, the Anchor Press, San Pedro, on February 1, 1949.

Photographs of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS were exhibited to her but she failed to recognize them. The names of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases, were mentioned to her, and she did not recall the names as anyone she had ever known. Mrs. TYLER did not recall ever meeting ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS or even recall that they lived in the same apartment building.

Mrs. TYLER stated that three or four months ago she was interviewed by a Los Angeles attorney, whose name she believed was HUGHES. This attorney asked her a number of questions concerning her residence in the apartment house, whether she knew ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, and many details concerning the apartment building. She advised that she was unable to furnish him with any other information than she had supplied the reporting agent.

Mrs. TYLER advised that in October, 1948, she was visiting with her daughter, Mrs. WILLIAM (GERALDINE) WERTZ, in McCook, Nebraska, and that her daughter had no recollection of the HISS family or of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Mrs. TYLER stated that her son, TRACY F. TYLER, JR. is presently attending the University of Minnesota and resides at 815 Nineteenth Avenue, Southeast, which is the CHI PHI Fraternity.

By teletype dated February 2, 1949, the St. Paul Office was requested to contact TRACY F. TYLER, JR., and the interested offices were furnished information obtained through interview with Mrs. TYLER.

#### INTERVIEW WITH L. CLIFFORD TUBBS

By teletype dated January 28, 1949, the New York City Office furnished information that while GUENTHER GUSTAV RUMRICH, with aliases, was in custody of the State Department in 1938, and being held in a room in the Hotel New Yorker in New York, RUMRICH was allegedly contacted by an unknown State Department official; that one of the State Department Agents who was guarding RUMRICH during this period was L. CLIFFORD TUBBS, whose address was furnished as Los Angeles, California. This teletype requested that L. CLIFFORD TUBBS be interviewed in this regard.

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L. CLIFFORD TUBBS who presently resides at 131 North Friends Avenue, Whittier, California, was interviewed by the writer on January 31, 1949, at which time he refused to furnish any information in his possession regarding RUMRICH, on the grounds that it would violate the oath he took when he became affiliated with the State Department. TUBBS would not even acknowledge or admit that he was in the Hotel New Yorker in 1938 with RUMRICH. He stated that if the FBI has written authority from the Secretary of State setting out that it is permissible for him, TUBBS, to furnish information in his possession concerning RUMRICH, he will consider doing so, but that even in that event, if he does not choose to answer questions he will not do so.

The Bureau and interested offices were notified of the above interview by teletype on February 1, 1949.

Thereafter the Los Angeles Office was requested to contact the local State Department official who was to be advised by his superior, to call TUBBS and tell TUBBS to furnish information to the FBI.

On February 11, 1949, the writer contacted ~~WILLIAM~~ BAKER, State Department Agent in Los Angeles, who advised that he had heard from his superior and had called TUBBS and requested him to furnish information to the FBI. TUBBS advised BAKER that he desired written authority before furnishing information.

The Bureau and interested offices were also advised of this request by TUBBS.

By teletype dated February 15, 1949, the Bureau advised that no further effort should be made to interview TUBBS.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. ARTHUR TURNER

By teletype dated February 4, 1949, the El Paso Office advised the Los Angeles Office and Kansas City Office that efforts were being made to locate a Woodstock typewriter, serial number 198743 and that LEON W. WHITE,

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El Paso, states that he probably sold instant machine in Denver, Colorado, in 1940; that ~~there is no record~~ of this machine at El Paso but additional records are presently stored in the trunk in Richmond, Missouri, in the home of Mrs. ARTHUR TURNER.

The Los Angeles Office was requested to contact Mrs. TURNER at the Hotel Constance, Pasadena, California, and obtain the key from her and forward it to Kansas City or ask her to mail the key to Mr. FRANK BUCHANAN, Hardin, Missouri.

On February 6, 1949, Mrs. ARTHUR TURNER was telephonically contacted by Special Agent JOHN A. JACKSON, and Mrs. TURNER advised that she had sent an Air Mail letter on February 6, 1949, to FRANK BUCHANAN, Hardin, Missouri, advising that a duplicate key to the house was in the possession of HARRY KULL, Manager of the Missouri Gas Company, and that BUCHANAN should obtain the key and cooperate with the FBI in every way.

The Kansas City Office was advised of this information by teletype on February 7, 1949.

#### INTERVIEW OF MAYNARD J. TOLL

By teletype dated February 24, 1949, the New York City Office requested the Los Angeles Office to interview MAYNARD J. TOLL, Attorney, 433 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, who was believed to be a friend of ALGER HISS and a graduate in the same class at Harvard Law School.

Mr. TOLL was interviewed at his office on February 28, 1949, at which time he advised that he graduated from Harvard Law School in 1930 and that ALGER HISS was in the class ahead of him, having graduated in 1929; that he, however, served on the Harvard Law Review with ALGER HISS.

TOLL did not see ALGER HISS from 1929 when ALGER HISS graduated, until 1937. Referring to his calendar for 1937, TOLL stated that about February 10, 1937, he went to Washington, D.C., where he studied in the law firm of MILLIE AND CHEVALLIER, a tax firm, for several months. He recalled that while he was in Washington, ALGER HISS was employed in the State Department. On several occasions he had lunch with ALGER HISS but on each occasion they were accompanied by other people who were mutual friends of TOLL and HISS from Harvard Law School. He stated that at that time he recalled that there were twenty-one members of his law class employed in Washington, D.C., but he cannot recall with certainty who the other persons might have been

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with whom he had lunch with ALGER HISS. However, he stated that it is possible that TOM ASTERN and FREDERICK WINER, now in private practice in Washington, could have been with them during the luncheon periods.

TOLL recalled that he never went to the HISS home during this trip to Washington and that he never met PRISCILLA HISS and that he never had lunch alone with ALGER HISS. He recalled further that during the time he spent in Washington in 1937 he heard considerable gossip to the effect that ALGER HISS' wife was a militant Communist and that ALGER HISS' friends were avoiding visiting the HISS home because they disliked the heated arguments which invariably occurred with PRISCILLA HISS. He stated that he cannot recall any definite person to whom he could attribute this information but distinctly recalls that the gossip concerned PRISCILLA and not ALGER HISS. He advised that he has never heard any reports to the effect that ALGER HISS was a Communist, interested in Communism or engaged in any espionage activity. He recalled that ALGER HISS was extremely popular in law school and had an extremely likable personality. TOLL stated that he still holds a high regard for ALGER HISS but that he would not hesitate at all to furnish information concerning HISS if such information were in his knowledge. However, he said he does not even recall that ALGER HISS had strong liberal leanings.

TOLL recalled that he again saw HISS in 1937 when he, TOLL, made a trip to Washington. He said on this occasion he saw HISS in the latter's office for about five minutes. At this time, it is TOLL's recollection, HISS was in the Reciprocal Trade Group in the State Department.

TOLL again saw HISS shortly after Labor Day in 1948 in New York City. TOLL was in New York City on some business of his own, and he dropped in to see ED McLEAN who was a classmate of his. At the time he went into McLEAN's office, the latter asked him to have lunch with him but stated that he, McLEAN, had to wait for a little while inasmuch as he had a client in his office who was dictating a statement. TOLL went to make a telephone call and while he was telephoning he observed ALGER HISS coming out of the office indicated previously by McLEAN. At this time, HISS did not at first recognize TOLL. However, TOLL introduced himself and he and ALGER HISS conversed for one or two minutes and then HISS left. TOLL has not seen ALGER HISS since that time.

TOLL advised that he has a fairly close acquaintance with DONALD and CATHERINE HISS; that while he was in Washington, D.C. in the first part of 1937 he saw the DONALD HISSES a number of times and they engaged in social activities together quite frequently. TOLL said that he has a very hazy recollection that at this time DONALD and CATHERINE HISS were also avoiding ALGER HISS to some extent because they could not get along. TOLL indi

that the reason for the DONALD HISSES not getting along with the ALGER HISSES was the militant Communist attitude on the part of PRISCILLA HISS. Later on in the year of 1937 DONALD and CATHERINE HISS made a trip to California, and TOLL again saw them quite frequently. TOLL said that he has no information indicating Communist sympathies on the part of DONALD or CATHERINE HISS and said that he knew DONALD HISS was a "New Dealer".

TOLL was requested to examine his personal correspondence to determine if he had any letters from ALGER HISS. On March 1, 1949, he telephonically contacted the writer and stated that he could find no letters from ALGER HISS in his correspondence. However, he stated that he did find a typewritten letter dated August 14, 1937, from DONALD HISS, written on the letterhead of the Department of Labor where DONALD was employed but TOLL stated that it appeared to have been typed by DONALD HISS himself.

The interested offices were advised on March 3, 1949, by teletype of the results of the above interview, and the New York City Office was requested to advise the Los Angeles Office whether they desired that the letter received by MAYNARD TOLL from DONALD HISS should be forwarded to the Bureau for examination.

INFORMATION CONCERNING BORIS ISRAEL

By teletype dated January 19, 1949, the New York City Office requested the Los Angeles Office to interview BORIS ISRAEL, stating that in 1939 ISRAEL told CHAMBERS that he was in the International Brigade in Spain but had broken with the Communist Party and wished to discuss CHAMBERS' political position. CHAMBERS did not trust ISRAEL and told him to get out of his office. CHAMBERS felt that ISRAEL was a Communist Party "plant" since CHAMBERS had later been told that ISRAEL had been seen in a restaurant with CLARENCE HATHAWAY.

In connection with the investigation of the BORIS J. ISRAEL case by the Los Angeles Office, Special Agent J. P. ANDREWS on January 19, 1949, checked the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Los Angeles County, California, which reflected that BORIS ISRAEL, referred to in the above mentioned teletype from New York City, had died on December 12, 1943, at the Los Angeles Sanitarium, the cause of death being pulmonary tuberculosis.

Interested offices were advised of ISRAEL's death by teletype dated January 21, 1949.

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INTERVIEW OF JOHN COLLIER, JR.

Reference is made to El Paso teletype dated February 16, 1949, requesting that JOHN COLLIER, JR., presently employed by FORTUNE MAGAZINE, be contacted in Los Angeles for information regarding the identity of a former secretary for one Miss ANDRE EMEREE. According to information set forth in this teletype, ANDRE EMEREE's secretary was hired through the efforts of JOHN COLLIER, JR., who was employed by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Interior on a WPA Project at about that time.

Interested offices were advised on February 19, 1949, regarding the above interview of JOHN COLLIER, JR.

Special Agent GILMER G. ROBINSON contacted JOHN COLLIER, JR. on February 19, 1949, and he advised that he was not acquainted with ANDRE EMEREE nor had he ever recommended anyone for a position in the Department of Indian Affairs. COLLIER advised that he was not employed by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Interior on a WPA Project in Washington, D.C. He stated that in 1934 he was in San Francisco at which time he was working for the WPA on an art project.

Mr. COLLIER advised that perhaps his brother, CHARLES COLLIER, who was employed by the WPA PROJECT in the Department of Agriculture at about that time, could have possibly recommended to the person referred to above a woman for her employment. He stated, however, that he had no knowledge of such, but inasmuch as his brother was employed by the Department of Agriculture, he assumed that we are interested in talking to him. He advised that his brother now lives at Indian Springs Farm near Bethesda, Maryland.

INFORMATION CONCERNING WILLIAM ROSEN

On January 21, 1949, the New York City Office requested the Los Angeles Office to determine the time of departure and the mode of transportation of WILLIAM ROSEN for his return to Washington, D.C.

On January 24, 1949, the writer contacted ROSEN's attorney in Los Angeles, BEN MARGOLIS, who advised that ROSEN had left Los Angeles three or four days ago and that he could be reached in care of his attorney, DAVID REIN, 1105 "K" Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. This information was furnished to the interested offices by teletype on January 24, 1949.



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INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM B. CARMAN

Reference is made to San Francisco teletype dated February 7, 1949, requesting that WILLIAM B. CARMAN, attorney in the firm of O'MELVENY AND MYERS, Los Angeles, be interviewed for his knowledge of the activities of ALGER HISS and any typewritten correspondence that he might have received from him.

Pertinent information regarding this request was furnished all interested offices by teletype dated February 11, 1949.

WILLIAM B. CARMAN was interviewed at his home, 2715 Lombardi Road, San Marino, California, on February 10, 1949, by Special Agents GILMER G. ROBINSON and ARTHUR C. WITTENBURG, and the following information was obtained:

Mr. CARMAN advised that he did not know ALGER HISS socially and that his only contact with him was in connection with work on the Harvard Law Review of which there were about twenty-five in the group. He continued that he had not seen or heard from ALGER HISS since leaving law school.

Mr. CARMAN could furnish no information which appears pertinent to this investigation. He advised that a Mr. EDWARD CHANDLER, presently in the law firm of ATHEAN AND CHANDLER, San Francisco, was in the same law class with him and might possibly have received communications from him inasmuch as it was Mr. CARMAN's opinion that HISS was in San Francisco in 1945 in connection with the United Nations Conference.

INFORMATION CONCERNING JEAN CLARK FIELD LEIBERMAN

By teletype dated January 28, 1949, the New York City Office requested that the Los Angeles Office interview JEAN CLARK FIELD LEIBERMAN to determine the activities of NOEL FIELD while he was in the State Department and whether he was actually working for the Comintern Apparatus and the nature of the association between FIELD and HISS and also to ascertain if he was acquainted with CHAMBERS.

It was determined that JEAN LEIBERMAN was presently residing in San Francisco, California, and the teletype above mentioned from New York City was relayed in full to the San Francisco Office.

By teletype dated January 29, 1949, the Director and the New York City Office were advised of the above action.

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INTERVIEW OF ALBERT LEVITT

Reference is made to Washington Field teletype dated February 2, 1949, requesting that ALBERT LEVITT, formerly Special Assistant to Attorney General during the period in which ALGER HISS was employed, be interviewed.

Pertinent information regarding the interview was furnished all interested offices by Los Angeles teletype dated February 11, 1949.

ALBERT LEVITT formerly was Assistant to Attorney General CUMMINGS, presently with offices in the Equitable Building, Room 410, Hollywood and Vine, Hollywood, California. He was interviewed on February 10, 1949, by Special Agents GILMER G. ROBINSON and ARTHUR C. WITTENBURG and the following information regarding the aforementioned teletype was obtained.

Mr. LEVITT advised he first met ALGER HISS in 1935 at which time HISS was employed by the Department of Justice. Mr. LEVITT advised that he saw HISS from time to time only in connection with his official duties and that inasmuch as his job was that of a consultant, HISS' contacts with him were in that capacity. Mr. LEVITT stated that during that period HISS was a very friendly, cooperative individual and that, in his opinion, he was trying to do everything to help the Administration.

Mr. LEVITT stated that in 1933 and 1934 the question of the recognition of Russia came up. Mr. LEVITT stated that in 1936 he assisted STANLEY REED in trying what was known as the "Russian Insurance Cases," and that it was his opinion that in the case concerning the National City Bank there are several personal letters written by ALGER HISS, and it was the opinion of Mr. LEVITT that these letters were written on the personal typewriter of ALGER HISS.

With respect to the aforementioned insurance cases, Mr. LEVITT stated that HISS was present on one occasion when this case was being discussed along with representatives from the Russian Embassy and a "White Russian" expert on Russian law, whose name Mr. LEVITT could not recall. Mr. LEVITT advised that a question arose in the discussion in which HISS agreed with the "White Russian's" interpretation of the Statute. However, Mr. LEVITT stated that he did not believe this to be a pro-Soviet attitude on the part of HISS, continuing that, in his opinion, it would be to the contrary.

Mr. LEVITT advised that he has never associated with HISS socially that he has never had any personal correspondence with him; and that he has no knowledge of his personal sympathy for the Russian government.



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Mr. LEVITT stated that HISS belonged to a small group in the Department of Justice and the State Department who attended formal receptions at the Russian Embassy.

Mr. LEVITT remarked that the only person he knew who might possibly have had some correspondence with ALGER HISS was a man by the name of RICHARD B. FLOURNEY, formerly of the State Department.

Mr. LEVITT added that while in Mexico City in 1947, he visited VINCENTE LOMBARDO ~~TOLEDANO~~. On this occasion, Mr. LEVITT advised that, TOLEDANO -- during the conversation with him -- said that he subscribed to the Marxian philosophy but that he was not a Communist. Mr. LEVITT added that during his conversation with TOLEDANO, the latter asked him if ALGER HISS was still in the State Department. Mr. LEVITT explained that at the time he attached no particular significance to the question and that he merely gave him an answer.

INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE

WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, 116 Sierra Drive, Long Beach, California, is presently being interviewed by the Los Angeles Office regarding his activities in the espionage apparatus in which WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was involved. The interviews with CRANE have not been completed and the information which he has given has not as yet been incorporated into a signed statement. From time to time as these interviews are conducted, information considered pertinent or important have been furnished to the interested offices by teletype. The information received from CRANE will be reported under the case entitled "WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE."

Information received from CRANE concerning ALGER HISS and associates of ALGER HISS has been furnished to the interested offices by Air Mail letter dated March 4, 1949.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Long Beach, California, will continue the interview of WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE.

At Pasadena, California, will interview Mrs. JOHN WOLCOTT PORTER (also known as MARGARET PORTER, nee BENNETT). (See Washington Field letter dated February 25, 1949.)

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Baltimore, San Francisco and Washington Field Offices inasmuch as they are presently conducting investigation in this case, and it is believed that material herein may be of assistance to them.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Results of interviews with and concerning following persons in Los Angeles area set out:

2E [REDACTED] WILLIAM ROSEN, [REDACTED] JOHN COLLIER, JR. [REDACTED]

Bureau advised on Jan. 18, 1949 that three typewritten letters (K-306, 307 and 308) from ALGER HISS to STEPHEN M. FARRAND were not typed by typewriter used to type documents Q-6 through Q-69. WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE presently being interviewed at Los Angeles. Letter setting forth information received from CRANE regarding ALGER HISS and associates forwarded to Bureau and New York City on March 4, 1949.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file No. 74-1333  
Report of Special Agent HAROLD F. DODGE,  
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Known handwriting specimens of ~~DAISY FANSLER~~ identical with signature on K-35. Additional typing specimens obtained. ~~JOHN DICKINSON~~ reports that when HISS was interviewed by ~~WILLIAM BULLITT~~, a trustee of Carnegie Foundation, concerning his affiliations with CHAMBERS, HISS's answers were "not good". DICKINSON suggests ~~FELIX MORLEY~~, Washington, D. C., as person most conversant with radical element in Washington. Photographs of CHAMBERS and HISS and their wives exhibited to JOSEPH BOUCOT, TOM and MARY MARSHALL, MAUDE SWANSON, Mrs. NORMA BROWN, and long-time residents of New Hope, Pennsylvania, without effecting identification of ~~ALGER~~ or PRISCILLA CHISS. RAYMOND J. PEELER resides at Miami, Florida. JAMES MARSHALL, New York City, has told TOM MARSHALL at New Hope, Pa., that HISS was "a Communist or Communist inclined."

*cc AAG Campbell  
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Report of Special Agent JAMES L. KIRKLAND, dated 1/27/49, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**DETAILS:**

This report reflects joint investigation of Special Agents JOSEPH FLAHERTY, J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER, WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, and the writer.

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RE HANDWRITING AND TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS

AT PHILADELPHIA AND NEWTOWN, PA.

By letter dated February 8, 1949, there were forwarded to the Bureau seven specimens containing the handwritten signature of DAISY FANSLER which specimens had been obtained from the personnel file of Miss FANSLER at the Free Library of Philadelphia. In addition, there was resubmitted to the Laboratory K-35 which the Laboratory had previously identified as being written on the same machine as prepared Specimens Q-6 through Q-69.

By report dated February 15, 1949 the Laboratory advised that the above indicated specimens were designated as follows:

- K-519 - Notice of resignation to the Free Library of Philadelphia dated September 15, 1947, signed DAISY FANSLER.
- K-520 - Memorandum on the stationery of the Free Library of Philadelphia, dated February 19, 1941, to Miss HELLINGS, signed DAISY FANSLER.
- Kc521 - Photostatic copy of an employment record beginning October 1, 1926 and ending September 30, 1947, bearing the known signature of DAISY FANSLER.
- K-522 - Handwritten letter dated November 30, 1947, beginning "Dear Miss ERSKINE: Will you please advise .....", signed CONDE DAISY FANSLER.
- K-523 - Handwritten letter dated December 3, 1947, beginning, "Dear Miss ERSKINE: Your ..... received this .....", signed CONDE DAISY FANSLER.
- K-524 - Handwritten letter dated September 19, 1943, beginning, "Dear Miss ERSKINE: I grabbed these papers which .....", signed CONDE DAISY FANSLER.
- K-525 - Undated handwritten letter on stationery bearing the address "262 South 21st Street, Philadelphia, Pa.," beginning, "Dear Miss PRICE: I really did not hear .....", signed CONDE DAISY FANSLER.
- K-526 - Letter typewritten on stationery of the Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan Square, Philadelphia, dated November 28, 1945, signed CONDE DAISY FANSLER.

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This report indicated that the signatures of DAISY FANSLER appearing on Specimens K-519 through K-526 were written by the same person who prepared the signature on Specimen K-35.

With reference to Specimens K-519 through K-526, FRANKLIN H. PRICE, Librarian, Free Library of Philadelphia, from whom the specimens were obtained, has stated he personally can identify the signature of DAISY FANSLER appearing on K-519 which is the notice of resignation. In the event it becomes desirable to use Specimens K-520 through K-526 to support the validity of the signature appearing on Specimen K-35, it will be necessary to conduct additional investigation concerning persons who can identify the signature on Specimens K-520 through K-526.

The report of Special Agent HUBERT F. SILL, dated January 27, 1949 at St. Louis, Mo., indicated the possibility of the existence of type-writing correspondence received from ALGER HISS by the Honorable J. CULLEN GANEY, ANTHONY H. WHITAKER, and HENRY B. COXE, Jr. By letter dated February 2, 1949 there were forwarded to the Bureau two specimens received from the Honorable J. CULLEN GANEY. By Laboratory report dated February 4, 1949, it was advised that these specimens, designated as K-434 and K-435, were not prepared on the same machine used to type Q-5 through Q-69.

Previous inquiry has been made of ANTHONY H. WHITAKER, attorney, concerning specimens in his possession and all such specimens have been secured and forwarded to the Bureau. The results of the examination concerning these specimens have been set forth in previous reports.

Mr. HENRY B. COXE, 1014 Architects Building, Philadelphia, former president of the Harvard Law School Association, advised that he has received no correspondence from ALGER HISS regarding the speech made by HISS at the Association luncheon held May 14, 1948 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Philadelphia. COXE said that he believed that any correspondence which may have been received would be in the possession of the Honorable J. CULLEN GANEY at Philadelphia. Information concerning correspondence received by Judge GANEY has been set forth above.

Mr. COXE was questioned concerning the possibility of the existence of any other correspondence at Philadelphia regarding the associated Harvard Clubs and advised that there would be none in Philadelphia, but that PETER E. PRATT, Director of Harvard Law School records, Lehman Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts, might be in the possession of some correspondence of this nature.

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WILLIAM B. WALKER, Vice-President, First National Bank, 315 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, advised that he was chairman for the dinner conducted by the Associated Harvard Clubs at Philadelphia, May 14, 1948. He said that this affair was held by the Law School, Business School, and Medical School, with all clubs attending the dinner in the evening; that he, himself, had not been present due to a previous commitment; and that all correspondence concerning the affair had been forwarded to his secretary, CHESTER E. TUCKER, who handled the publicity for the affair.

CHESTER E. TUCKER, 209 Broad Street Station Building, Philadelphia, advised that he had in his files a mimeographed press release containing the speech of ALGER HISS given at the affair in question, but that he could not locate the original draft in his own file. He was certain that the original draft had been destroyed at the time the press release had been mimeographed.

The following individuals were contacted in an effort to locate additional correspondence received from ALGER HISS with regard to the Associated Harvard Clubs. In each instance, negative information resulted.

JOHN STEVENS, 1222 Real Estate Trust Building  
Secretary, Harvard Law School Association in 1948

ROBERT B. WOLF, Packard Building  
Present Secretary of Association

JOSEPH W. HENDERSON, Packard Building  
President, Harvard Law School Association, 1948

MORRIS DUANE, 1617 Land Title Trust Building  
Chairman of the Steering Committee for May 14, 1948 dinner

HARRY C. ZUG, Packard Building  
Assistant to Chairman WILLIAM B. WALKER

C. WALTER RANDALL, Jr., Packard Building  
Secretary of the Associated Harvard Clubs of Philadelphia

JEFFREY S. SMITH, President, Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia  
President of the Harvard Club

TOBIAS WAGNER, 1530 Spring Garden Street,  
Member of the Publicity Committee for the aforementioned dinner.



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By teletype dated February 17, 1949 the New York Office requested contact with the Jefferson Medical College concerning a letter of recommendation written by ALGER HISS relative to one ROBERT J. WEISS. This correspondence has been obtained from the Jefferson Medical College and forwarded to the Laboratory for examination purposes. To date, the results of the examination have not been received.

A teletype dated January 31, 1949, from the Washington Field Office indicated that Navy records concerning TIMOTHY HOBSON reflected that letters of reference to the Navy concerning HOBSON had been written by JOSEPH B. SHANE, Dean of the George School, and RICHARD H. McFEELEY, of the George School, Newtown, Pennsylvania.

Inquiry at the George School reflected that JOSEPH B. SHANE, former dean, was now principal of the Oakwood School near Poughkeepsie, New York. Inquiry of RICHARD McFEELEY reflected that Mr. McFEELEY was not in possession of any typewritten correspondence relative to TIMOTHY HOBSON or the HISS family.

A teletype dated January 27, 1949 from the Washington Field Office reflected that Mrs. JACK B. EATE, former student at Bryn Mawr College and associate of the HISS family, had advised that PRISCILLA HISS, who was chairman of the Scholarship Committee for Bryn Mawr, had written a letter of recommendation in 1937 concerning one MABEL FOESCH, recommending FOESCH for a scholarship. Inquiry at Bryn Mawr reflected that MABEL FOESCH attended the college on a scholarship but that all material relative to the scholarship had been destroyed shortly after her graduation in 1941.

INVESTIGATION RE ALLEGED ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES

AT PHILADELPHIA AND NORTH WALES, PA:

A teletype dated February 1, 1949 from the Washington Field Office reflected that JOHN DICKINSON, formerly Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Assistant Attorney General, and presently Vice-President and General Counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad, had been acquainted with the HISS family in Baltimore and Washington.

JOHN DICKINSON, Broad Street Station Building, advised that he had met ALGER HISS not more than a dozen times during his lifetime and that none of these occasions had been on a personal basis but rather at social functions attended by a large number of people. He said that he had never visited the HISS home nor corresponded with ALGER HISS and that he knows



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nothing personally concerning his associates. He advised that he had recently talked with one WILLIAM MARSHALL BULLITT, a trustee for the Carnegie Foundation, of which HISS is president, and that he had been told by BULLITT that at the time the newspaper publicity concerning this investigation first appeared, he BULLITT, had questioned HISS concerning his association with CHAMBERS. DICKINSON indicated that BULLITT had in turn indicated to him that he was not satisfied with the information he had received from HISS during this interview, and that HISS' answers were "not good" and were evasive.

Mr. DICKINSON advised that BULLITT travels extensively, but that he can be reached through the Union Club in New York City which club he visits at least once every two weeks. He said further that BULLITT has law offices in Louisville, Kentucky, but that he does not know the location of those offices. He requested that in the event contact were made with BULLITT that it not be indicated to him that DICKINSON had furnished the above information.

Mr. DICKINSON further indicated that as a result of gossip heard by him in Washington, D. C., concerning this case within the past few months, it would appear that ALGER HISS may have met his wife at the Rand School in New York City and that this is a school which teaches Socialism. He said that this gossip further indicated that if HISS were guilty as charged in the present case, he had been "pushed into it" by his wife. DICKINSON was unable to furnish the source of these rumors, except to state that they have been circulated around the Metropolitan Club in Washington, D. C.

He continued that when he was officially connected with the U. S. Government between 1933 and 1937 it was his impression that HISS was a radical. Mr. DICKINSON was, however, either unable or unwilling to furnish the identity of persons who gave him this impression. He added that the person in Washington most conversant with the radical element in that city is probably FELIX MORLEY, a brother of CHRISTOPHER MORLEY, and a former editor of the Washington Post. He said that MORLEY now has offices at 1323 M Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Mr. DICKINSON was unable to identify photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS which were exhibited to him and advised that he was not acquainted with any of CHAMBERS' associates in the Communist underground and that he, himself, had no information concerning the operation of the Communist underground in Washington.

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A teletype dated February 3, 1949 from the Washington Field Office indicated the desirability of interviewing JOSEPHINE ~~FREY HERBST~~ relative to her knowledge of the Communist apparatus.

Inquiry at Erwinna, Pennsylvania, reflected that HERBST and her husband, JOHN HERRMANN, are separated and that HERRMANN has not been in Erwinna for more than ten years. The Postmaster at Erwinna advised that he had received notification approximately one month previous to the inquiry that the address of JOSEPHINE FREY HERBST at that time was 47 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, N.J.

By teletype dated January 27, 1949 the New York Office advised that FELIX A. <sup>①</sup>INSLERMAN, in March of 1942, made application at the Republic Aviation Corporation, Farmingdale, New York, in which application he listed as a reference one R. ~~PEELE~~, 4601 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia. It was requested that appropriate interview be conducted with PEELER concerning his knowledge of the past activities, employment and associates of INSLERMAN who had been positively identified by CHAMBERS as photographer FELIX INSLERMAN and who was believed to have been a paid technical employee of the Communist Party from early 1935 to March of 1937.

Investigation at Philadelphia and North Wales, Pennsylvania, reflected that R. PEELER, indicated in referenced teletype, was actually RAYMOND J. PEELER. It was ascertained from Mrs. FREDA HITE, 230 South 8th Street, North Wales, Pennsylvania, that PEELER is now residing c/o Birch's Trailer Park, 2980 Northwest 79th Street, Miami, Fla.

The report of Special Agent JESSE F. FARR, dated January 28, 1949 at Baltimore, Maryland, reflects investigation re FRANKLIN VICTOR <sup>②</sup>RENO. Information received by the Baltimore Office from a confidential source indicated that on December 22, 1948 RENO maintained at the Wind-Tunnel Building correspondence which included a personal postcard from WILLIAM D. GOODMAN, with the return address, 1311 Elbridge Street, Philadelphia, Pa., (postmark and date not given).

A check of the indices of the Philadelphia Office failed to reflect any information relative to WILLIAM D. ~~GOODMAN~~. The records of the Voters' Registration Commission for 1947 list a WILLIAM GOODMAN as residing at the address shown on Elbridge Street. By teletype dated February 3, 1949 the office of origin was advised that no interview would be conducted with GOODMAN relative to his correspondence with FRANK RENO unless contrary instructions were received.

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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION RE CHAMBERS' RESIDENCES AT  
SMITHTOWN AND NEW HOPE, PA.

By teletype dated February 14, 1949, the New York Office instructed that photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and ALGER HISS and their wives taken during the 1930's be exhibited to THOMAS and MARY MARSHALL, Mrs. MAUDE SWANSON, and JOSEPH R. BOUCOT. At the same time the Little Rock Office was instructed to exhibit these photographs to Mrs. NORMA B. BROWN, among others. Mrs. BROWN is temporarily residing in Philadelphia and the photographs in question were exhibited to her by the reporting agent.

TOM and MARY MARSHALL identified the photographs of WHITTAKER and Mrs. CHAMBERS taken in the 1930's as being the individuals known to them as Mrs. and Mrs. BREEN. They were unable to identify in any manner the photographs of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS taken during the same period. At the time photographs were exhibited to TOM and MARY MARSHALL, Mrs. MARSHALL produced a photograph album which contained photographs of the CHAMBERS' oldest child, URSULA. In connection with these photographs, Mrs. MARSHALL stated that BREEN was an ardent camera enthusiast himself. Mrs. MARSHALL likewise continued that Mrs. BREEN had been well acquainted with bird life and that she had taught her son, CHARLES, something about the birds in the neighborhood.

TOM MARSHALL stated that on the weekend of February 19th he and his wife attended a social gathering at the home of the FOLLENSBEEES in the neighborhood and that another person attending this gathering was one JAMES MARSHALL, who is an official of some importance in the public school system of New York City. TOM MARSHALL said that he thought JAMES MARSHALL was Superintendent of Schools in New York City. He likewise pointed out that JAMES MARSHALL and he are of no relation whatsoever. He continued that at this gathering JAMES MARSHALL had engaged him in conversation and had commented, "I understand you have been questioned in the HISS matter." When TOM MARSHALL admitted that this was so, JAMES MARSHALL remarked, "Of course, you know HISS was Communist or Communist inclined long before this ever happened." TOM MARSHALL said that he did not question JAMES MARSHALL further concerning his statement.

TOM MARSHALL also furnished a 3" x 5" card which he said he had located in a card index file maintained at his home and which file he had not used for some time. The card bore the notation "Breen-David, 545 Fifth Avenue." TOM MARSHALL said that he was quite sure he had not been

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given a forwarding address by the BREENS when they left the MARSHALL farm and he feels, therefore, that this card was most likely the address given him by DAVID BREEN at the time the BREENS first came to look at the house which they subsequently occupied on his farm.

In identifying the photograph of Mrs. CHAMBERS, the MARSHALLS commented that this photograph probably had been taken in 1937 since the woman known to them as Mrs. BREEN had bobbed hair in the picture, whereas while residing at the Marshall farm she did not have bobbed hair. Likewise, they stated that the photograph of the child was not that of URSULA BREEN and since the child appears to be approximately one year of age, the picture would have to have been taken in 1937 since the second child of the BREENS was born in the latter part of 1936. Both MARSHALLS repeated that the BREENS did not have visitors with the single exception of one occasion when Mrs. BREEN's mother came to visit for a short time.

JOSEPH R. BOUCOT was reinterviewed and showed all photographs available taken during the 1930's. In referenced report it was set out that BOUCOT was unable to identify any photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, but stated that the pictures resembled BREEN. BOUCOT stated that he did not recognize the photograph of Mrs. CHAMBERS taken about 1936 as being Mrs. BREEN. He stated that if the recent photograph of Mrs. HISS, which appears to have been taken from a newspaper, had the hat removed, it would more closely resemble the woman he recalls as occupying the cottage at Smithtown in 1935. He further stated that he did not think that this woman had bobbed hair as is shown in the photograph of Mrs. CHAMBERS. Subsequently, a photograph of Mrs. HISS taken in the middle 1930's was received and exhibited to Mr. BOUCOT and he advised that he did not believe this was the woman who occupied the cottage at Smithtown in 1935. BOUCOT pointed out that he had not personally been around Smithtown a great deal during the early summer of 1935 but that he did stay there more frequently during the latter half of the summer.

He said that he noticed there were two women in the cottage and that one of these women could have been a visitor, although he assumed that one of the women was the wife of MAXIM LEIBER. Information has not been received at this office as to whether or not LEIBER was married and, if so, whether his wife resided at the cottage during any period in 1935 when the BREENS were likewise in residence at the cottage. BOUCOT reiterated, however, that he was quite confident that the photograph of Mrs. HISS taken during the 1930's is not a photograph of one of the women who occupied the cottage at Smithtown in the summer of 1935.

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All available photographs were exhibited to Mrs. ~~NORMA~~ BROWN at her temporary residence in the Chateau Crillon, 19th & Locust Streets, Philadelphia. Mrs. BROWN identified the photographs of Mrs. CHAMBERS taken about 1936 as Mrs. BREEN. She was unable to identify the photograph of Mrs. HISS taken in the 1930's or the more recent photograph of Mrs. HISS, although she stated that when these photographs were first exhibited to her at Hot Springs, Arkansas, it was her first impression that these were photographs of Mrs. BREEN. She stated that she is quite confident now that this is not the case. Mrs. BROWN further stated that she never saw more than one woman at the cottage at Smitttown. She said that she recalled that this woman did some sketching, but that she was vague as to the details and can not recall whether she actually saw Mrs. BREEN do the sketching or whether she was merely told by Mrs. BREEN that she was doing some sketching.

Further, she could not say that if she had noticed Mrs. BREEN sketching, whether the child was with her at the time or whether someone else had come to the cottage to care for the child. Mrs. BROWN was interviewed at considerable length on this point in an attempt to refresh her recollection, but she stated she was unable to recall any further details concerning this matter. She stated that she recalled Mrs. BREEN as being rather refined and she recalled having gone to the BREENS' cottage one evening to listen to some records. She pointed out that the cottage occupied by her faced only the rear of the cottage occupied by the BREENS and that, therefore, she was not in a position to observe visitors in transit to and from the BREENS' cottage.

All available photographs were exhibited to Mrs. MAUDE SWANSON, 6225 Norwood Street, Philadelphia, who was employed by the BREENS as a housekeeper during a portion of their residence on the farm of TOM and MARY MARSHALL near New Hope. Mrs. SWANSON was able to identify the photographs of CHAMBERS taken during the 1930's as being the photograph of DAVID BREEN. She was not, however, able to identify the photographs of Mrs. CHAMBERS as being her employer. Further, she said that she could not identify the photographs of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS in any manner. It has been previously pointed out that Mrs. SWANSON is a person of rather low mentality.

Newark teletype dated February 9, 1949 indicated that Mrs. ELLEN TRENT ARNwine had named the following persons now residing in New Hope, Pennsylvania, as those in the best position to know of any association between CHAMBERS and ALGER HISS during the pertinent period: EDWARD MATTHEWS; EDWARD BARR; REGINALD WALKER; the Postmaster, New Hope, Pa.; and CHARLES MATTHEWS.



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All available photographs were shown to each of the above-listed individuals with the following results:

~~EDWARD MATTHEWS~~, New Hope, Pennsylvania, advised that the only photograph which made any impression on him at all was the photograph of WHITEAKER CHAMBERS taken in 1936. He said, however, that he could not positively identify this photograph nor recall any incidents wherein the photograph could be connected. He said that he does not know the name BREEN nor has he ever heard the name HISS except in connection with recent newspaper publicity. MATTHEWS said that he had been in the restaurant business in New Hope with his father until 1940 at which time he had closed the restaurant to enter the U. S. Army.

REGINALD WALKER, New Hope, Pennsylvania, advised that he has been in the grocery business for thirty-five years. He is now employed at Devits Grocery Store. He stated that the 1934 photograph of ALGER HISS was vaguely familiar to him but that he could not recall in any manner incidents which could be connected to the photograph. He was unable to identify any other photographs exhibited and stated that he had never heard the name BREEN.

EDWARD BAIR (not BARR), New Hope, Pennsylvania, stated that he had operated a tavern for fourteen years prior to 1947. He said that he felt rather confident that he had seen the person depicted in the 1934 photograph of ALGER HISS, but that he can not associate it in any manner with any past events around New Hope, Pennsylvania. He said that it is entirely probable that if he had seen this person before it would have been a person who had come into his tavern as a customer.

Postmaster KERRIGAN, New Hope, advised that he had held this position since 1934 and upon exhibition of all available photographs stated that he thought he recognized the 1934 photograph of ALGER HISS. He stated, however, that he was completely unable to identify any incident wherein this photograph would be connected and that his identification might well be faulty. It would appear that the identification was probably faulty inasmuch as when bust and full-length photographs of ALGER HISS taken in 1934 were exhibited to Postmaster KERRIGAN, he stated that these were of different individuals.

Mr. KERRIGAN examined the records of the Post Office for any change of address listed by a DAVID BREEN during the 1930's and was unable to locate any such change of address. He stated that he recognized the name of BREEN and as far as he was aware, there was only one family by that name in the New Hope area.

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CHARLES MATTHEWS, New Hope, advised that he had not been working in the Post Office at New Hope until 1939. Referenced teletype indicated that Mrs. ARNINE felt he had been working in the Post Office during 1936 and 1937. All available photographs were shown to CHARLES MATTHEWS without any identification being made.

At the time JOSEPH BOUCOT was interviewed and photographs exhibited to him he stated that mail which was not delivered at Smithtown to temporary residents would have been held at the Pipersville, Pa., Post Office.

WILMER SWARTZ, Postmaster, Pipersville, Pennsylvania, advised that the Postmaster who had been in charge during the 1930's, a Mrs. BISSEY, was now deceased. Postmaster SWARTZ examined all the records as available at the Post Office without being able to locate any notations concerning the names BREEN, HISS or ROGERS.

JOHN LANDIS, rural carrier from the Pipersville Post Office, whose territory included Smithtown, Pennsylvania, was shown all available photographs of the HISS and CHAMBERS families and was unable to effect any identification. He said that the name of BREEN was vaguely familiar but that he could not remember the circumstances under which he had heard the name.

A teletype dated February 1, 1949 from Little Rock indicated that Mrs. NORMA BROWN had stated that a family by the name of McGENLEE had resided at Smithtown, Pennsylvania, during the period when the BREEN family was there and might be able to furnish information about them.

It was determined that Mrs. ELLEN MAGEE resides at 1107 Wagner Avenue. Mrs. MAGEE is now in her eighties and recalls nothing whatsoever concerning persons residing in the Smithtown area during the middle 1930's. She stated that she never has heard of the name of BREEN or ROGERS to the best of her knowledge. Mr. JOSEPH MAGEE is deceased.

By teletype dated January 31, 1949 from the Little Rock Office, it was indicated that Mrs. GEORGE P. CRESSLER PRUITT had stated that she was employed by a second family named BREEN for one week after leaving the TOM MARSHALL farm. This family, she stated, had bought and remodeled a cottage located on a lane behind the home of FRED JUSTIN, retired Vice-president of the Dupont Company, Wilmington, Delaware. Mrs. CRESSLER stated that she believed the Mr. BREEN who resided near the JUSTIN home was probably a teacher and that his wife was from the vicinity of Philadelphia.



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JUSTIN was identified as FRED C. JUSSEN and according to TOM MARSHALL at New Hope, Pennsylvania, JUSSEN is presently residing at Haddonfield, New Jersey, in care of WILLIAM N. FITZPATRICK, probably a son-in-law. MARSHALL advised, however, that he had never heard of another family in the area by the name of BREEN.

WALTER YATES, rural mail carrier for many years in the area covering the MARSHALL and JUSSEN residences also stated that he had never heard of any other family by the name of BREEN, except DAVID BREEN, residing on the MARSHALL farm.

By teletype dated February 7, 1949 the Newark Office advised that there was no information available indicating that CHAMBERS or HISS had purchased a cottage near New Hope, Pennsylvania, and that unless advised to the contrary, the lead set out by the Philadelphia Office to contact FRED C. JUSSEN at Haddonfield, New Jersey, was not being covered.

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LEADS

THE MIAMI OFFICE

AT MIAMI, FLA.

Will interview RAYMOND J. PEELER, Birch's Trailer Park, 2980 Northwest 79th Street, Miami, relative to all knowledge of the past activity, employment, and associates of FELIX A. INSLEMAN (Philadelphia teletype dated January 28, 1949).

THE NEWARK OFFICE

AT MONTCLAIR, N.J.

Upon receipt of instructions from the office of origin, will interview JOSEPHINE FREY HERBST concerning the activity of her former husband JOHN HERRMANN in the Communist underground in Washington. (Philadelphia teletype dated February 4, 1949)

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

Will contact JOSEPH B. SHANE, Principal, Oakwood School, near Poughkeepsie, for any typewritten correspondence he may have emanating from ALGER HISS or TIMOTHY HOBSON. (Philadelphia teletype dated February 1, 1949)

AT NEW YORK, N.Y.

Will interview WILLIAM MARSHALL BULLITT, trustee for the Carnegie Foundation, concerning his interrogation of ALGER HISS relative to his connections with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Will consider conducting inquiry at the Rand School concerning ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. JOHN DICKINSON, Vice-President, Pennsylvania Railroad, has indicated the possibility that ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS first met at the Rand School. (Philadelphia teletype dated February 2, 1949)

Inasmuch as MARY MARSHALL indicated that DAVID BREEN was an ardent camera enthusiast and had photographs in her album of one of BREEN's children, which photographs were taken by CHAMBERS, himself, it is suggested that

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WHITTAKER CHAMBERS be exhaustively interviewed concerning the possibility that he may have taken a photograph of PRISCILLA HISS during the time he claims she visited the cottage occupied by CHAMBERS and his wife at Smithtown, Pennsylvania, in 1935. It is possible that such photograph was taken and might exist in an old photograph album or some other location which has not been recalled as yet by CHAMBERS.

Will locate and interview JAMES MARSHALL, an official of the public school system in New York and possibly Superintendent, concerning his comment to THOMAS MARSHALL that ALGER HISS was Communist or Communist-inclined for a considerable period.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will contact FELIX MORLEY, 1323 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., who has been named by JOHN DICKINSON, Vice-President, Pennsylvania Railroad, as the person in Washington most familiar with the radical element during the 1930's. MORLEY may be in a position to furnish information concerning the operation of the Communist underground in that city. (Phila. teletype 2/2/49)

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will interview DONALD T. BLANKERTZ relative to the activities of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. (Washington Field Office letter February 23, 1949)

Will report the results of Laboratory examination of the typewriting specimens received from the Jefferson Medical College concerning ROBERT J. WEISS.

THE BOSTON OFFICE

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Will contact PETER E. PRATT, Director of Harvard Law School records, Lehman Hall, to determine if he has in his possession any correspondence received from ALGER HISS.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

FILE NO. 65-2440 MPH

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA. MAR	DATE WHEN MADE 1949	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/28, 31; 2/1-4, 8, 18, 21, 23, 24/49	REPORT MADE BY JAMES L. KIRKLAND
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL		CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Known handwriting specimens of DAISY FANSLER identical with signature on K-35. Additional typing specimens obtained. JOHN DICKINSON reports that when HISS was interviewed by WILLIAM BULLITT, a trustee of Carnegie Foundation, concerning his affiliations with CHAMBERS, HISS's answers were "not good". DICKINSON suggests FELIX MORLEY, Washington, D. C., as person most conversant with radical element in Washington. Photographs of CHAMBERS and HISS and their wives exhibited to JOSEPH BOUCOT, TOM and MARY MARSHALL, MAUDE SWANSON, Mrs. NORMA BROWN, and long-time residents of New Hope, Pennsylvania, without effecting identification of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS. RAYMOND J. PEELER resides at Miami, Florida. JAMES MARSHALL, New York City, has told TOM MARSHALL at New Hope, Pa., that HISS was "a Communist or Communist inclined."

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #74-1333

Report of Special Agent JAMES L. KIRKLAND, dated 1/27/49, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## DETAILS:

This report reflects joint investigation of Special Agents JOSEPH FLAHERTY, J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER, WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, and the writer.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>MIAMI, FLORIDA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-26-49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-2, 4, 7, 10, 3-15, 16, 21, 24-49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LEON O. PRIOR mjs</b>
TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.; et al</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[redacted] interviewed at St. Petersburg, Fla. and had no information of value concerning subjects or JESSICA BUCKWINE. Mr. and Mrs. FRED J. WOOD, St. Petersburg, Fla., unable to identify photographs of subjects as guests at their tourist home, Thomaston, Conn. in 1937. H. CHAPMAN ROSE, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., former friend and neighbor of HISS in Washington, D. C., had no information of value. MARSHALL PARKS, owner of Brackett House, Peterborough, N. H., will return there from St. Augustine between March 15th and April 1st and will make guest register available upon return. SAU [redacted] and BESSIE SHOSTECK, Tampa, Fla., formerly of Washington, D. C., parents of SIDNEY SHOSTECK, state SIDNEY associated with one RYNESS (phonetic), Washington building contractor, and girl named SOFIE WINKIN (phonetic), whose mother operated grocery store in northwest section of Washington. SHOSTECKS do not know RAY WARNER and recall a WILLY ARNHEIM or MANHEIL (not ARNOLD) who rented a room from SHOSTECKS about 1936 along with another individual whose name they cannot recall. Mrs. ALFRED JOHNSON, Jacksonville, Fla., formerly IDA LOUISE ROBBINS, is not identical with IDA V. ROBBINS, former neighbor of HISS in Washington, D. C. Mrs. WILLIAM ZIFF of Chicago employed CLAUDIE CATLETT, former HISS maid, from October, 1945 to April, 1946. PAUL CROUCH, Miami, unable to furnish information concerning MARY BELL GORMAN's connections with underground apparatus.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 74-1333.  
Report of Special Agent LEON O. PRIOR, dated February 3, 1949, at Miami, Florida.  
Washington Field teletype to Miami February 2, 1949.  
New Haven teletype to Miami February 3, 1949.  
Boston teletype to Miami February 3, 1949.  
Washington Field teletype to Miami February 4, 1949.  
Baltimore teletype to Miami February 7, 1949.  
Chicago letter to Bureau and Miami March 7, 1949.  
New York teletype to Miami March 17, 1949.

DETAILS: AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GUY R. BAILEY:

[redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] presently residing in St. Petersburg, Florida, advised that his acquaintance with JESSICA BUCK RHINE had been limited to their association [redacted]

[redacted] in Washington, D. C. Informant recalled that he and RHINE had disagreed with many of the [redacted] and consequently he did not enjoy a very friendly association with her. This informant had no knowledge of JESSICA BUCK RHINE's Communist activity and never saw her at any Communist meetings in Washington, D. C., while the informant was connected with the Communist Party in that city for many years.

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[redacted] recalled that RHINE was closely associated with RUTH DEACON, a woman who was known to the informant to be a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C. He also recalled that RHINE associated with ARTHUR SOCH, who was believed to be a member of the Communist Party and who, along with DEACON, had been connected with the Peoples College of Mena, Arkansas, an institution believed by the informant to be Communist dominated.

[redacted] is not acquainted with the subjects of this investigation and had no information to furnish concerning the subjects. Informant suggested that GEORGE D. RILEY, Chairman of the Federal Employees' Column, Washington Times Herald, 1933 to 1942, and CHARLES T. SHARKEY, formerly President of Lodge 228 of the American Federation of Government Employees in Washington, D. C., both reliable individuals, might possibly be able to furnish information concerning the subjects or JESSICA BUCK RHINE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. WILSON PURDY:

Mr. and Mrs. FRED J. WOOD, 340 Fifth Street, formerly operators of a tourist home at 281 South Main Street, Thomaston, Connecticut, advised that they could not identify the photographs of CHAMBERS, ALGER HISS, or PRISCILLA HISS as having been guests at their tourist home in the past. Mrs. WOOD said that the register of guests which she used prior to 1938 may still be in the attic of her home but she could not recall its exact location. Mrs. WOOD recalled that several years ago, a Mrs. WILLIAM ASCHOFF, Main Street, Thomaston, Connecticut, now deceased, had operated a tourist home and suggested that Mr. ASCHOFF be located in an effort to verify subjects' stay in Thomaston, Connecticut.

AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent J. R. BUTTS:

Mr. H. CHAPMAN ROSE, temporarily residing at the Ocean Mist Apartments, home address 1520 33rd Street, Washington, D. C., stated that he and ALGER HISS were students together at Harvard Law School, HISS being in the class of 1929 and ROSE in the class of 1931. When HISS graduated, he was selected by Justice HOLMES of the U. S. Supreme Court to serve as Justice HOLMES' secretary. Subsequently, when ROSE graduated, he, too, was selected by Justice HOLMES to serve as a secretary and in this way ROSE and HILL were placed in contact with each other on numerous occasions.

Mr. ROSE informed that he has never been in HISS' home nor did he associate with HISS socially. He said he was completely at a loss to understand the allegations made against HISS at this time and that so far as he is concerned HISS never indicated that he had any Communist connections or sympathies in any way. Mr. ROSE was unable to furnish the names of any persons who might be able to furnish additional information concerning HISS.

AT ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRED W. DOERNER, JR.:

Mr. MARSHALL PARKS, 5 Palm Row, advised that he is the owner of Brackett House, Peterborough, New Hampshire and that he owned and operated the latter guest home in August, 1937. He believes, although he is not certain, that he may have the guest book reflecting registrations in August, 1937 stored in the Barn, which is adjacent to Brackett House. Mr. PARKS related that the Barn houses his valuable antique collection. No



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employee or caretaker is presently on the premises at Brackett House and Mr. PARKS will permit no one to enter the Barn and look for the pertinent record in his absence.

The interviewee turned over to Agent DOERNER a picture postcard reflecting a photograph of Brackett House. This item has been forwarded under cover letter to the New York Division as a possible memory refresher for CHAMBERS.

Mr. PARKS asserted that he would return to Brackett House between March 15 and April 1, 1949. He has a daughter, Mrs. LEONARD PAINE, 83 Pearl Street, Hyannis, Massachusetts, who can give information relative to his whereabouts at a given time.

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent H. K. RUTHERFORD:

SAUL and BESSIE SHOSTECK were located at 3rd Street, Lot 13, Municipal Trailer Park, Tampa, Florida. They advised they were the parents of SIDNEY SHOSTECK. They said they had no idea how SIDNEY got started in Communist activities, but he started when he was in high school and must have been only about sixteen years old. Mrs. SHOSTECK said she believed he first joined a club that was called the "Pioneers." She recalled that the organization he belonged to had as its meeting place an upstairs hall located at 1337 7th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. She said she had reasoned with SIDNEY to get him to drop these activities but with no success. He did not tell her where the meeting place was but she found it out and one night she and SAUL went there to get SIDNEY and she, BESSIE, made a little speech in the presence of all those in the hall telling them just what she thought of their organization for corrupting American youth and teaching them to be disloyal. She said that afterward SIDNEY complained that she had embarrassed him, but he still held to his views. She said, also, that on one occasion SAUL had beaten SIDNEY, but this, too, had failed to accomplish anything. The result was that SIDNEY did not tell them anything about his affairs and they finally gave up trying to influence him. They said SIDNEY quit high school after three and one-half semesters as a result of his Communist activities and this was the real reason for the beating his father gave him.

SAUL SHOSTECK is a painter and paperhanger, and he said SIDNEY worked with him a little bit after he quit school. Then he got a job working for a man named RYNESS (phonetic), who was a building contractor in Washington about that time (1932-35) and may still be there. SAUL SHOSTECK said he knows RYNESS by sight as he had seen him working on several jobs

and he is confident RYNESS is a Communist. He said his main reason for thinking so is that RYNESS was present in the meeting hall at 1337 7th Street, N. W. the night he and Mrs. SHOSTECK went there; also, from the way SIDNEY spoke of Mr. RYNESS, it was apparent to SAUL that RYNESS was a Communist. He described RYNESS as follows: age 55-60 years, height about 6' 2", build heavy, complexion fair.

The SHOSTECKS said it was between 1931 and 1937 that SIDNEY was engaged in Communist activities in Washington; that he was only about 16 years old when he first became interested and was age 22 when he left to join the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. They were very vague as to dates and seemed to have difficulty even in fixing the exact age of their son at the time he died. They stated that after he quit school and commenced work, he never told them much about his affairs. They could not state how long he worked for RYNESS or what other jobs he had had, except Mrs. SHOSTECK did recall that at one time he drove a delivery truck. They said once SIDNEY went away for several months to New York but they did not know what he did there. They said he never brought his friends to the house and they did not know his associates except for RYNESS and a girl friend named SOFIE MINKIN (phonetic).

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Mrs. SHOSTECK said she saw her son in company with SOFIE on several occasions and that SOFIE sometimes would call the house for SIDNEY. Mrs. SHOSTECK did not know but said she believed SOFIE was also a Communist. She said that SOFIE's mother, whose first name is believed to be ROSE, owned a grocery store or some kind of store in the northwest section of Washington; that SOFIE's father and another man were killed in an automobile accident while on the way to a camp, and this occurred while SOFIE and SIDNEY were going together, probably around 1935. She described SOFIE MINKIN as follows: Age 20-22 (in 1937), about 5' 4", fat build, dark complexion, brown hair, walks with slight limp.

Both Mr. and Mrs. SHOSTECK denied knowing anyone named RAY WARNER. With regard to the WILLY ARNOLD mentioned by their son, ROBERT, Mrs. SHOSTECK said she recalls this man but does not believe his name was ARNOLD. She thought it was either ARNHEIM or MANHEIM. She stated that WILLY and another man whose name she cannot recall came to see her about renting a room - she could not fix the date but said it was probably in 1936. She did not know why they came but said it may have been in response to a newspaper ad or a sign posted in front of the house. At any rate, they rented the room, which was in the basement and had a private entrance, and they lived there about three months. She recalled that WILLY told her he was a Swede and that he spoke with an accent. Mr. SHOSTECK said he always presumed WILLY to be German. She said neither WILLY nor his roommate ever came into the upstairs part of the house to use the telephone nor did they receive any mail there. She recalled that her son, SIDNEY, knew WILLY but

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said she did not know whether it was because WILLY was also a Communist or whether they had worked on jobs together. At any rate, she said they never visited together during the time WILLY lived in the basement room. The SHOSTECKS described WILLY as follows: age 25-27 (in 1936), height 6', build muscular, hair sandy, spoke with accent, occupation tile setter or helper. They described WILLY's roommate as follows: age 23, short and husky build, dark complexion, believed also occupied in some building trade.

Mr. and Mrs. SHOSTECK claimed no knowledge of any other associates SIDNEY may have had who were or may have been engaged in Communist activities.

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent LLOYD C. LEEHUIS:

Mrs. ALFRED JOHNSON, 548 West 27th Street, formerly IDA LOUISE ROBBINS, advises she is not identical with IDA ~~V.~~ ROBBINS, formerly of 2831 28th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Mrs. JOHNSON was unable to furnish information concerning persons living at the 28th Street address in Washington. Mrs. JOHNSON informed that in the past she has resided at 608 Rittenhouse Street in Washington and was at one time employed as a nurse by a Mr. and WRIGHT in 1937.

AT SARASOTA, FLORIDA

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent O. F. McVAY:

Inquiry reflected WILLIAM B. ZIFF is presently on an extended tour of New Mexico. Mrs. WILLIAM B. ~~ZIFF~~, 3801 Bayshore Road, advised CLAUDIE CATLETT was employed by her as a maid from approximately October, 1945 to April, 1946, which dates she furnished from memory and by reference to check stubs reflecting salary payments to CATLETT. She stated that during the fall of 1945, ZIFF was engaged in writing a book in an apartment in Washington, D. C. and that she and the rest of the family moved to the Foxhall Road house in order that ZIFF would not be bothered. She stated that ZIFF's Filipino butler, who has a white wife, had formerly employed CATLETT at intervals when extra help was needed and that when they moved to the Foxhall Road address, the butler procured CATLETT to work full-time for the ZIFFS at that establishment. Mrs. ZIFF advised that ZIFF's secretary, VIRGINIA MAVES, now residing in St. Petersburg, Florida, would probably know the name and location of the Filipino butler, who may have knowledge of CATLETT's employment prior to October, 1945.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

PAUL CROUCH, 10421 N. W. 33rd Avenue, advised that he is unable to furnish any additional information concerning MARY BELL GORMAN that was not contained in his signed statement of April 14, 1948, a copy of which is in the possession of the New York Office. CROUCH did recall, however, that GORMAN indicated to him that on the occasions when she was invited to White House affairs, she would subsequently furnish detailed reports of information gathered to JACK STACHEL. GORMAN also told CROUCH that her club in the Communist Party had several State Department employees. CROUCH had no information whatsoever concerning GORMAN's possible connection with Communist Party underground apparatus.

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THE BOSTON DIVISION

At Peterborough, New Hampshire:

Will refer to Miami teletype to Boston February 5, 1949, advising that MARSHALL PARKS, operator of the Brackett House in Peterborough, would return to Peterborough sometime between March 15th and April 1, 1949, at which time he would make available his register of guests. Boston will interview PARKS after April 1, 1949 and examine the register book for subjects' names.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.:

Will refer to Miami teletype dated February 9, 1949, and consider the advisability of interviewing GEORGE D. RILEY and CHARLES T. SHARKEY, mentioned in that teletype as possible sources of information.

Will review the information set forth in the details of this report as furnished by SAUL and BESSIE SHOSTECK and thereafter conduct any investigation deemed necessary concerning the associates of SIDNEY SHOSTECK.

THE NEW HAVEN DIVISION

At Thomaston, Connecticut:

Will, if deemed advisable and not already conducted, perform investigation to locate Mr. WILLIAM ASCHOFF, whose deceased wife operated a tourist home in Thomaston, Connecticut, and determine whether he is able to recall CHAMBERS, ALGER HISS or PRISCILLA HISS as having been guests at the tourist home in 1937.

THE MIAMI DIVISION

At St. Petersburg, Florida:

Will refer to Baltimore letter to the Bureau dated February 16, 1949, requesting interview with Miss BERTHA TYSON, presently residing at 1844 Second Avenue North, who was formerly real estate operator of the property in which CHAMBERS and HISS resided in Washington, D. C. in 1934 and 1935.

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Will interview VIRGINIA MAVES, secretary to WILLIAM B. ZIFF, relative to the name and location of the Filipino butler employed by ZIFF in Washington, D. C. MAVES can be reached in care of her brother, who operates a camera shop next to the Hitching Post, probably in the 1600 block of Central Avenue in St. Petersburg, Florida. Upon securing the identify and location of the Filipino butler, a lead should be set out for him to be interviewed relative to his employment of CLAUDIE CATLETT as a maid prior to October, 1945. This investigation was originally requested in Chicago letter to the Bureau dated March 7, 1949, in which it is pointed out that CLAUDIE CATLETT was employed by the ALGER HISS family as a maid for several years until about the summer of 1938. It is desired to ascertain the exact dates of employment of CLAUDIE CATLETT by the HISS family.

At Fort Lauderdale, Florida:

Will refer to Washington Field letter to the Bureau dated March 9, 1949, and locate and interview BLANCHE LEE, 610 Royal Plaza, as requested in this letter.

At West Palm Beach, Florida:

Will refer to New York teletype to Miami March 11, 1949, and New York letter of the same date, which requests interview with NICHOLAS DOZENBERG.

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TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.; et al</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[redacted] interviewed at St. Petersburg, Fla. and had no information of value concerning subjects or JESSICA BUCK RHINE. Mr. and Mrs. FRED J. WOOD, St. Petersburg, Fla., unable to identify photographs of subjects as guests at their tourist home, Thomaston, Conn. in 1937. H. CHAPMAN ROSE, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., former friend and neighbor of HISS in Washington, D. C., had no information of value. MARSHALL PARKS, owner of Brackett House, Peterborough, N. H., will return there from St. Augustine between March 15th and April 1st and will make guest register available upon return. SAUL and BESSIE SHOSTECK, Tampa, Fla., formerly of Washington, D. C., parents of SIDNEY SHOSTECK, state SIDNEY associated with one RYFESS (phonetic), Washington building contractor, and girl named SOFIE MINKIN (phonetic), whose mother operated grocery store in northwest section of Washington. SHOSTECKS do not know RAY WARNER and recall a WILLY ARNHEIM or MANHEIM (not ARNOLD) who rented a room from SHOSTECKS about 1936 along with another individual whose name they cannot recall. Mrs. ALFRED JOHNSON, Jacksonville, Fla., formerly IDA LOUISE ROBBINS, is not identical with IDA V. ROBBINS, former neighbor of HISS in Washington, D. C. Mrs. WILLIAM ZIFF of Chicago employed CLAUDIE CATLETT, former HISS maid, from October, 1945 to April, 1946. PAUL CROUCH, Miami, unable to furnish information concerning MARY BELL GORMAN's connections with underground apparatus.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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RICHARD GRISWOLD, General Agent for the Guardian Life Insurance Co., New London, Conn., advised that he resided in Washington, D.C. from 1935 to 1945. He was employed by the Navy Dept. during the above period. From August to September, 1945 he was employed in the Office of the Coordinator of Foreign Affairs in the State Dept. and was subsequently sent to Germany by the State Dept. Mr. GRISWOLD advised that he had never been acquainted with ALGER HISS. He stated that HISS never visited in his home. Mr. GRISWOLD was unable to identify a photograph of ALGER HISS as any individual he has ever known.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 74-1333  
Report of SA PAUL R. ALKER, 2/25/49, Newark  
Bureau letter to New Haven, 3/7/49

**DETAILS:**

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Mr. GRISWOLD advised that he was employed by the Navy Department in Washington, D.C. from February, 1935 to September, 1941. He became

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a Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve and from September 15, 1941 to January, 1943 he served as an Assistant to the District Intelligence Officer of the Potomac River Naval Command with Headquarters at the Navy Yard in Washington, D. C. From January, 1943 to August, 1945 he was employed as Intelligence Officer at the Naval Torpedo Station, Alexandria, Virginia where he was no longer a member of the Office of Naval Intelligence, but had considerable contact with that organization.

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