

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
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**SUBJECT: DONALD HISS**

**FILE NUMBER: 101-4300**

**PART: 1 OF 2**

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.  
February 5, 1942

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. D. M. Ladd

RE: DONALD HISS  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
INTERNAL SECURITY -  
HATCH ACT

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DATE 9/17/91 BY 9803

Dear Sir:

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The Dies Committee lists Mr. HISS as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. Information in this office indicates that the name of Mr. HISS is not in fact in these indices, [REDACTED]

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In view of the position and salary of Mr. HISS, it is requested that the Bureau furnish information to this office as to its desire with respect to interviewing Mr. HISS. Investigation in this matter has been completed, but a report will not be forthcoming until advice is received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*S K McKee*

S. K. McKEE  
Special Agent in Charge

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

I  
PERSONAL HISTORY

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II

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

The name of DONALD HISS appears on a list furnished to the Attorney General by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, of which the Honorable MARTIN DIES is Chairman, as follows:

"Donald Hiss	Assistant to Legal Adviser	\$5600
2913 N Street, N. W.	Department of State	
Washington, D. C.		

Member, Washington Committee for  
Democratic Action"

III

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

An Agent of this office contacted the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, commonly known as the Dies Committee, and was advised that the basis for placing Mr. HISS' name on the list furnished to the Attorney General is the appearance of his name on a list in the possession of the Dies Committee, entitled "Washington Committee for Democratic Action". As of December 23, 1941, this office was advised by the Dies Committee that its files contain no further information to support the allegation.

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A source of information herein designated as [REDACTED] who professes to be familiar with subversive activities of Government employees, advised that the name of DONALD HISS is unknown to the informant.

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February 17, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D. C.

RE: DONALD HISS  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 8, 1942.

You are hereby authorized to have either Special Agent [redacted] or [redacted] interview [redacted] in accordance with the instructions set forth in Bureau Bulletin No. 35, First Series, 1941. b7c

You are directed to give this matter immediate attention and submit a complete investigative report in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-19-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/1, 2, 29, 31/41 12/3, 16/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE DONALD HISS, Assistant to Legal Adviser Department of State.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY HATCH ACT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11/19/91 BY 2103 [REDACTED]	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, lists HISS as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.			
AGENCY [REDACTED] REQ. REC'D 8-1-53 REP'T FORW. 6-18-53 BY [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
100-3-3-54 Conf. of [REDACTED]	- CLOSED - 12-6-51 [REDACTED]		
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The Honorable  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

As you are aware, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been specifically instructed by Congress to investigate any Government employee who is the subject of a complaint coming within the purview of Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress, and to make a complete report of its findings to Congress.

In compliance with this directive an investigation has been conducted concerning Donald Hiss and I am transmitting herewith a copy of the following investigative report which reflects the results of this inquiry:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 19, 1942 at Washington, D. C.

Inasmuch as our final report to Congress must be complete in every respect I would appreciate receiving your official comment as to the ultimate disposition of this case either by exoneration, dismissal or other administrative action.

Sincerely yours,

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- Carsen \_\_\_\_\_
- Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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March 19, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D. C.

RE: DONALD HISS,  
Assistant to Legal Adviser,  
Department of State.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT.

Dear Sir:

For your information and the completion of your files this is to advise that the above-mentioned government agency has advised the Bureau, after a review of the report submitted by your office, that no administrative action is being taken against the subject of this investigation.

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
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DONALD HISS - Summary March 29, 1945

Background Information

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*Refer*  
In 1944 he was indicated as Deputy Director in the Office of Economic Affairs, Department of State, and apparently held the same position as of February, 1945. (The Congressional Directory from June, 1944, and February, 1945).

Alleged Affiliation With Washington Committee For Democratic Action

The name of Donald Hiss with address of 2913 N Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., is said to have appeared on a list of names of alleged members of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. This organization, which is now reportedly defunct, was a so-called Communist front group.

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Activities Indicating Communist Party Affiliation

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- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Activities and Association

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The names of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hiss, 2913 N Street, Northwest, appeared with names of alleged members of the Capital City Forum, a reputed radical lecture group in the District of Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Hiss were further reported through the same confidential source as having been associated with the Keep Out of War Committee and to have attended the National Socialist Workers-Laidler dinner on February 20, 1940. Additional information pertaining to the Capital City Forum reflects that this was a group of individuals interested in Social Legislation who were prone to lean to the Socialist Party doctrine.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
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- Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Starke \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *JCL*

RE: DONALD HISS  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

You will recall that Mr. Fred Lyon of the State Department recently requested through the Liaison Section that we furnish information concerning Alger and Donald Hiss. A memorandum on Alger Hiss was submitted to you on March 26, 1945, for transmission to the State Department by a member of the Liaison Section.

Attached hereto is a memorandum on Donald Hiss, brother of Alger. It is suggested that this memorandum be delivered personally to Mr. Lyon by a member of the Liaison Section.

Attachment

Respectfully,

*J. C. Strickland*  
J. C. Strickland

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SUMMARY OF FILE REFERENCES

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Main file No: ~~101-4300~~ 101-4300

Date: December 16, 1949

Subject: DONALD HISS

Searched As: Donald Hiss  
Donnie Hiss  
Don Hiss  
Donal Hiss  
D. Hiss

Date Searched: September 6, 1949  
December 5, 1949

11/21/91  
Classified by 9303  
Declassify on: OADR

Found As: Donald Hiss  
Donnie Hiss  
Don Hiss  
Donal Hiss

Classified by 6616  
Exempt from GDS, Category 1, 2, 3  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

This summary includes material obtained from a review of all "See" references identified with the subject. All references which are identical or probably identical have been included. Possible identical references, that is, those references where there is insufficient data to reject or include the references, have been listed at the end of this summary.

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Supervisor

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CC: Espionage Section

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SUMMARY OF MAIN FILES

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Donald Hiss is married to the former Catherine Jones. The Hisses have three children. Donald Hiss is the brother of Alger Hiss.

New York report dated 3/30/49  
101-4300-4

Donald Hiss was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation conducted by the Washington Field Office in 1942. The investigation was predicated upon information furnished by the Dies Committee to the effect that Hiss was a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

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The Hatch Act investigation was closed in February, 1942.

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WFO report dated 2/19/42  
regarding Donald Hiss, Assistant  
to Legal Advisor, Department of  
State, Internal Security - Hatch Act  
101-4300-2

Donald Hiss is carried as a subject in the case of Jay David Whittaker Chambers, with aliases, et al; Perjury, Espionage - R, Internal Security-R (Bureau file 74-1333). Whittaker Chambers has stated that Donald Hiss was a member of the Harold Ware group in the Communist underground in Washington, D. C., in the middle 1930's. Chambers has said he contacted Donald Hiss from time to time

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to determine what the prospects were for procuring documents from the State Department. Chambers has stated that he never received any documents from Donald Hiss.

New York report dated 5-11-49,  
regarding Jay David Whittaker Chambers,  
with aliases, et al; Perjury, Espionage-R,  
Internal Security-R.  
74-1333-3220, pages 76, 77, 78.

Donald Hiss is also considered a subject in the Gregory case (65-56402). The allegations concerning Hiss in the Gregory case are essentially the same as those referred to in the preceding paragraph. When Whittaker Chambers testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in August, 1948, naming Donald Hiss as a member of the Washington Communist underground, Donald Hiss issued a statement categorically denying all of the allegations made by Chambers and denied that he knew Chambers.

WFO letter dated 8-13-48, regarding  
Gregory, et al; Espionage-R.  
65-56402-3438

References to Donald Hiss in the Chambers and Gregory files have not been reviewed for incorporation in this memorandum except to develop background information and the essential allegations concerning Donald Hiss set out in those files.

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NY letter dated 5/14/42  
Re: "Communist Party, USA;  
Internal Security - C"  
61-7559-12354  
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NY Report dated 3/31/45  
Re: [REDACTED]  
Internal Security - R"  
101-1335-38  
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WFO Rep., dated 11/17/48  
Re: [REDACTED]  
Espionage - R"  
61-10404-5  
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In 1933, Harold Ware, son of Mother Ella Reeve Eloor, acted as an adjunct of the OGPU (NKVD) of the Soviets, under the direction of J. Peters. The underground group obtained information desired by the Soviets from individuals in the United States Government. This underground group was commonly referred to by its members as the underground apparatus. It was set up on a plan of parallel organizations, each organization consisting of approximately 6 to 10 individuals to maintain liaison with one

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leader. Peters was supervising the affairs of one of these groups and among its members was Donald Hiss, brother of Alger Hiss, who at that time was in the Labor Department.

Source: Not Indicated  
Memo from Mr. Ladd to Dir.  
9-18-47, Re: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was., IS-C"  
100-184255-201-, 202  
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Source: NY Rep., dated 3-1-49  
Re: [REDACTED]  
Loyalty of Government Employees."  
121-14356-56  
(4) b7c

Howard Rushmore appeared as a witness before the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee, July 21, 1948. His testimony was quoted in part as follows:

"Back in 1934, a man named Harold Ware returned from Russia bringing with him a considerable amount of money and out of a violin studio operated by his sister, at DuPont Circle, Headquarters were established for a unique espionage organization. Ware had contacts with some party members in Washington. Gradually they brought into this highly secret cell of the CP, Lee Pressman, of the War Labor Board, now a candidate for Congress on the Wallace Ticket in Brooklyn. Another was Donald Hiss, at that time in Wallace's Triple A."

Source: Seattle Teletype 7-23-48  
Re: "Howard Rushmore,  
Witness before the Wash.  
State Un-American Activities  
Committee, 7-21-48"  
100-13058-24  
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NY letter dated 3-28-46 re  
"Whittaker Chambers; IS-R."  
100-25824-27, 38 (5, 6).

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The September 3, 1946, issue of the publication "Counterattack" set out information concerning the original interview between Whittaker Chambers and Adolf Berle. The article stated in part that Isaac Don Levine arranged a meeting in September, 1939, between Whittaker Chambers and Adolf Berle "so that Chambers could tell Adolf Berle what he knew about the actions of two interlocking rings in various Governmental departments and agencies...Chambers gave names of many persons involved, saying they were Communist Party members, other Communists' fellow travelers and sympathizers. But, as Isaac Levine recalls it, he didn't try to clarify as to these persons specifically, naming those who were Party members and those who weren't. That question never came up. Whole subject of the conversation was what these persons were doing. Among those named were Alger and Donald Hiss." (100-350512-175, (4)).

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The August 6, 1948, issue of "Counterattack" again referred to the conversation between Adolf Berle and Whittaker Chambers in September, 1939. Under the heading, "Whittaker Chambers' Talks With Assistant Secretary of State, Adolf Berle", "Counterattack" reported "At that time, Alger and Donald Hiss held comparatively minor positions in State Department...In February, 1941, Dean Acheson became an Assistant Secretary of State, and, in 1945, rose to Under-Secretary... It was under Acheson that Alger and Donald Hiss rose to positions of power. When he was asked about them, he said he had known them since boyhood..." (100-350512-168 (5)).

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Source:

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Memo from Mr. Tamm to Dir.  
11-1-47, Re: "Whittaker  
Chambers, Espionage - R"  
100-25824-45X  
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Whittaker Chambers testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities regarding the Communist apparatus in Washington, D. C., prior to 1938. Chambers testified that one of the cells making up this apparatus was headed by Nathan Witt, while he was general counsel for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration; that other members of the group were, Lee Pressman, Alger Hiss, Donald Hiss, Victor Perlo, and Charles Kramer.

Source: HCUA

WFO Rep., 1-18-49  
Re: [REDACTED] Loyalty  
Of Gov't. Employees,"  
121-504-20  
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WFO Rep, 1-21-41  
Re: "Washington Committee  
for Democratic Action, IS-C"  
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The records of the Headquarters of the Socialist Party in Washington, D. C., included an index labeled "Capital City Forum." This index contained a card bearing the following notations:

"Hiss, Mr. and Mrs. Donald KOW  
2913 N. Street, N. W.  
2-20-40 NSW - LAID. din."

It was reported that the notation "KOW" stood for "Keep Out of War Committee", and that the notation "NSW - LAID. din." stood for "National Socialist Workers, Laidler dinner."

Source: Highly confidential.  
WFO report dated 5-26-41 re  
"Capital City Forum; IS-C."  
100-26255-1 (2).

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Source: Not indicated.  
Buenos Aires report dated  
11-30-43 re "National Lead  
Company, S. A.; Argentine -  
Economic - G."  
2-662-10 (5).

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WFO report, 2-18-42, re "Alger  
Hiss; IS-Hatch Act."  
101-2668-5 (4).

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[REDACTED] WFO letter dated  
8-8-42 re "CP, WFO; IS-R."  
100-3-60-132, p. 147 (4).

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65-52867-13 (6).

On August 20, 1943, Max Lowenthal advised Donald Hiss that he was leaving town the following Saturday for two or three days, and wanted to have lunch with Hiss to talk about the war. Max stated that he would drop in around noon on the following day. This was agreeable with Donald Hiss.

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"ML Summary", WFO report, 8-20-43  
re "Max Lowenthal."  
62-25733-2-35 (6).

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The January 21, 1949, issue of "Counterattack" published an article concerning Dean Acheson. The article read in part as follows: "In 1944, the State Department was divided into two camps, with Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle, Jr., opposed by Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson (and Alger and Donald Hiss) on the question: 'What do we do when we meet the Russians?.' Specifically, this meant: 'Who'll control Germany? What'll happen in Berlin?, etc., etc.'."

100-350512-214 (5).

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WFO report dated 5-18-49 re [REDACTED] was.; Security Matter - C." 101-3599-23, pp. 18, 19, 27. (4).

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Mr. Fred Lyon of the State Department contacted Mr. Roach regarding Alger Hiss, and also mentioned the name of Donald Hiss, brother of Alger, an employee of the State Department, and stated that he could not recall whether the Bureau had ever given him any

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derogatory information on this individual. He stated that, if the Bureau had any such information, he would appreciate receiving it.

Memo from Mr. Alden to Mr. Ladd dated 3-22-45, re "Alger Hiss; Security Matter - C." 101-2668-10, 11 (5).

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SOURCE: Not identified.  
Washington Field Letter 4/2/45  
RE: "AMERASIA;  
Internal Security - R."  
100-267360-145.

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NY letter dated 6-26-45 re  
"Whittaker Chambers; IS-R."  
100-25824-36 (5).

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NY report dated 1-5-49 re  
"American - Russian Institute  
for Cultural Relations with  
the Soviet Union, Inc.; IS-R;  
Registration Act."  
61-6211-686, p. 14. (1).

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On January 16, 1946 [REDACTED] was in conversation with Donald Hiss. [REDACTED] asked, "What happened to the Polish business?" Hiss then related that a press release went out on Sunday (January 13, 1946) and a pretty good story was printed in the Herald Trib (Herald Tribune). Hiss went on to state that another statement was in the Post (Washington Post) yesterday morning (January 15, 1946). In this statement it was indicated that the Polish Government had filed an application for railroad equipment and cars for the coal needed in all of Europe. b7c

SOURCE: [REDACTED] Washington Field,  
Memorandum to the Director from Mr.  
Ladd, 10/9/46, Re: Purchase by Poland  
of Railroad Equipment. b7c  
110-6-250-8  
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65-45397-955 (6).

Donald Hiss, brother of Alger Hiss, was in the Labor Department. [REDACTED] b7D

Memo from Mr. Tamm to Director dated 9-5-46, re "Soviet Espionage in the United States." 100-345686-4 (6).

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By letter to NY, 7-24-47, re [REDACTED] b7c  
65-9940-51, enc., p. 33.

Donald Hiss was the author of a publication entitled "United States Participates in the United Nations - a study of methods and mechanisms used in the formation and coordination of policies proposed by the United States", published in November, 1947, by the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace.

Source: "Europe in the Modern Age", issue of May, 1948, re "Commission to Study the Organization of Peace." 100-110154-9 (6a).

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Mr. Donald Hiss, 3030 Que Street, attorney and part-time professor at the Advanced School of International Studies was listed as a reference by [REDACTED]

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WFO report dated 11-12-47 re [REDACTED]

118-2806-8 (4).

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Donald Hiss was listed as a social acquaintance on the employment application of [REDACTED]

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Source: WFO report 12/2/47, re [REDACTED]

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Source: Memorandum from Mr. Fletcher

to Mr. Ladd, 12/8/47, re [REDACTED]  
Foreign Economic Matter - G.

65-32521-33  
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Donald Hiss, attorney, 701 Union Trust Building, member of the law firm of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb was listed as a reference by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hiss is a professor of International Law at the School of Advanced International Studies. [REDACTED]

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Source: WFO report, 12/10/47, re [REDACTED]

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As of February 1948, the files in the Department of Justice Foreign Agents Registration Section revealed that 249 individuals or firms were listed as representing commercial and publicity interests of foreign nations in the United States. The law firm of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb in Washington was listed as representing Denmark, Greece, and Iran. Formerly this firm represented Poland. One of the senior partners of the firm is Dean Acheson. The firm also employs Donald Hiss, one-time Government employee in the Immigration Service.

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Source: New York Sun, 2/19/48  
97-0-A  
(6A)

Representative R. Shafer of Michigan characterized the disclosure that many former New Dealers were registered as agents of foreign powers as evidence that "these men have been making big business out of our foreign loan program for their own personal gain. It has been big business ever since we started making the loans and these disclosures merely back up what I've been saying all along. .... These men, Acheson, Currie, Harry D. White, Oscar Cox, Randolph Feltus, John W. Pehle, Donald Hiss, Nathan, and others have turned our foreign aid program into big business at great personal gain."

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Source: Times Herald, 2/21/48.  
97-0-A  
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The name of Donald Hiss appeared in the address book of [redacted] which [redacted] maintained in his office.

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Source: Highly confidential, WFO report, 3/30/48, re [redacted]; Internal Security - R. 105-1913-83, page 9  
(6A)

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During the questioning of Whittaker Chambers before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Mr. Karl A. Mundt (R, S.Dak.), Acting Chairman of the Committee, stated, "Mr. Chambers, I am very much interested in trying to check the career of Alger Hiss. I know nothing about Donald Hiss, but as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the personnel committee, I have had some occasion to check the activities of Alger Hiss while he was in the State Department."

Source: Washington Post, 8/4/48.  
101-1185-A  
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Victor Perlo, former Government employee and described as the head of a wartime espionage ring, was named by Whittaker Chambers as one of a little group of Communists within the Government which was part of an underground Communist "apparatus" in Washington. Others named besides Perlo and Alger Hiss were Lee Pressman, Nathan Witt, Donald Hiss, Charles Kramer, Henry H. Collins and Harold Ware.

Source: Washington Post, 8/8/48.  
100-3-A  
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Washington, D. C., 8/27/48, Re:  
Report on Maritime and Union Activity.  
61-7550-2292  
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Alexander Stevens of New York City testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at New York City on August 30, 1948. Stevens was asked if he knew a number of individuals, including Donald Hiss. Stevens declined to answer this question on the grounds that his answer might tend to incriminate or degrade him.

Report of Committee on Un-American  
Activities, House of Representatives,  
8/30/48 Page 1272.  
100-184255-311.

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New York advised "inasmuch as Donald Hiss was during the pertinent period a registered agent of the Polish Government

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New York letter dated 1/6/49  
RE: "GREGORY; Espionage - R.  
(Alger Hiss). "  
100-352632-21.

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The following is quoted from the December 10, 1948 issue of the publication Counterattack:

"How many in our State Department are Russian spies? Now in Pearl Harbor week we've begun to get a bit of the answer. With Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss and Donald Hiss testifying before the Federal Grand Jury, part of the truth begins to come out. . . ."

Source: 100-350512-193  
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The December 20, 1948, issue of Newsweek Magazine published an article entitled, "Is America Safe for Spies?" The article read in part, "Chambers was one of the men who worked for the late Harold Ware, son of the veteran Communist leader, Ella Reeve Bloor. Operating secretly in Washington, Ware set up the first Communist cell in the Department of Agriculture. It was Ware who, according to Chambers' later testimony, dominated the 'elite' cell which included Alger Hiss, former high State Department official, Donald Hiss, Lee Pressman, Nathan Witt, Henry Collins, and other minor New Deal figures."

Source: (94-3-4-61-141)  
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Allan Taft Squire was an architect employee of the FHA who leaped from the roof of the FHA Building on December 14, 1948. He was pronounced dead shortly after landing.

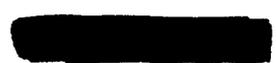


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Source: WFO letter dated 12/29/48, re Allan Taft Squire.  
62-89110-1  
(6A)

The January 14, 1949, issue of Counterattack stated in part: "Counterattack was the first to disclose that Acheson acted as a guarantor and protector of Alger and Donald Hiss after Whittaker Chambers went to Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle, Jr., in August 1939 and told part of his story."

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Source: 100-350512-202  
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After the Senate confirmed Dean G. Acheson as Secretary of State on January 18, 1949, Senator Vandenberg, G.O.P. foreign policy spokesman in the Senate, read a statement from the secretary-designate in which he pledged "total and aggressive hostility" to subversives in the State Department. In the statement Acheson restated his attitude toward Donald and Alger Hiss who were accused by former Communist Whittaker Chambers as being members of a prewar Communist "apparatus" operating in the Government.

As read by Vandenberg, the statement contained "an assertion of personal friendship for the Hiss brothers, a staunch defense of Donald Hiss and a purpose to leave Alger Hiss to the courts."

Source: Washington Times Herald, 1/19/49.  
94-40672-A  
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An investigation conducted by the Treasury Department, early in 1949, reflected that

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Source: [REDACTED], Special Agent, Internal Revenue: TFO letter 4/21/49, re [REDACTED] Espionage - X.  
65-58517-1  
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Source: Los Angeles report, 4/7/49, re [REDACTED]; Espionage - R  
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There are attached hereto photographs and negatives of the following individuals which should be files in the individual files of each of them. These photographs were taken from the September and October, 1948 issues of the "National Republic" magazine.

Mrs. Gilda Burke  
Duncan Lee  
Nathan C. Silvermaster  
Nathan Witt  
Abraham George Silverman  
Donald Hiss 101-4300  
Ludwig Ullman  
Laughlin Currie  
Robert Miller  
Frank Coe  
Lee Pressman  
Victor Perlo  
John Abt  
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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: February 13, 1950

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[REDACTED] stated that he desired to pass this information on to the Bureau, believing it may be of interest to us.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Espionage and Internal Security Sections for informational purposes.

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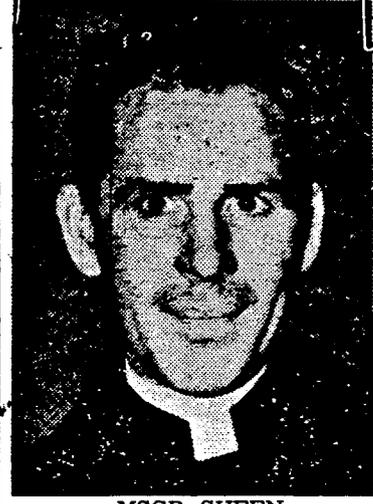
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Donald Hiss, brother of convicted perjurer Alger Hiss, is taking instructions in the Catholic Church



MSGR. SHEEN

from the Right Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of Catholic University. Mr. Hiss, a lawyer, has not decided whether he will become a Catholic, a spokesman said.

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# Msgr. Sheen Giving Instructions In Catholicism to Donald Hiss

Donald Hiss, brother of Alger Hiss, convicted perjurer spy, is receiving instructions in the Catholic church from the Right Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, it was learned yesterday.

An official of Catholic university said Hiss has been receiving instructions for some months. However, he was not certain Hiss will become a convert.

Sheen has brought many converts into the church. Among them were the late Heywood

Brown, and Clare Booth Luce, former representative and wife of Henry Luce, publisher.

Donald Hiss is a member of the law firm of Acheson, Rublee, Burling, O'Brian and Shorb, the former law firm of Secretary of State Acheson, firm friend of Alger.

Donald, like his brother Alger, is an Episcopalian. Both were in the State department. Donald was once chief of a bureau and higher in rank than his brother. Alger passed him by to become assistant secretary of state.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DONALD HISS  
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Alger Hiss, the brother of Donald Hiss, was recently convicted of perjury resulting from his denial of participation in Communist Party underground activities.

This Bureau would appreciate receiving any information that you might receive concerning his activities while he is abroad.

This is furnished for your confidential information and is not to be disseminated outside of your Agency.

cc: [REDACTED] ~~Confidential~~  
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DONALD HISS  
DONNIE HISS  
DONNY HISS

Quoted hereinafter is a letter received at this office from [redacted]

"Although this letter is written on our company stationery let me hasten to point out that it is a personal letter and does not reflect in any way the policies or thoughts of this firm in connection with the matter outlined. Or, on second thought, maybe it does — but not officially!

"This letter concerns one [redacted] a very good friend of Donald and Alger Hiss — of whom you are of course familiar. To me, a friend of either of these two characters is pretty likely an enemy of our country; that's why I'm writing you.

"As a bit of background: I met Donald Hiss at the home of the aforesaid [redacted] a rather sumptuous estate on the outskirts of Portsmouth, New Hampshire during the latter part of 1945. [redacted] and his wife had just moved into this place a few weeks earlier, so recent in fact that much of their furnishings had 'not yet arrived'. I recall they said they had previously lived in Connecticut. In any event, [redacted] shortly thereafter was voted membership in the Portsmouth branch of the Kiwanis Club. As an active member of the club at that time I know he was well-received, and soon acquired an excellent reputation among members.

"While the sequence of events is not exact, [redacted] told me in the late Fall of that year (possibly a few days after I met him) that he was expecting a guest from Washington — a former member of the State Department. Being in Radio, and therefore always on the lookout for interesting personalities, I made advance arrangements for this 'important guest' to be interviewed. He was Donald Hiss. He was subsequently ushered into the [redacted] home, and arrangements were made for brief preparations in connection with his radio interview.

"The 'arrangements' consisted of an invitation for [redacted] my wife and myself to come to the [redacted] home one wintry December evening just before the broadcast. [redacted] was at the time [redacted]. She has subsequently become [redacted] and is with her husband, [redacted]

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"It was there the three of us were introduced to Donald Hiss — 'Donnie', as he was affectionately called by both [REDACTED]

"I was very much disappointed at Hiss' interpretation of the Four-Power Treaty Conference which had just concluded its sessions at San Francisco. He ripped the whole meeting to shreds, and put across the opinion that the whole conference was little more than a waste of time.

"Almost simultaneously, I made arrangements for Donald Hiss to speak before our Kiwanis Club — that same evening, I recall. Again, he created doubt, confusion and only helped to undermine our confidence in the conference. He concluded his remarks by asking for a brief 'Question and Answer' period. There were many questions. He answered them, all right, along the same line. When we adjourned the meeting, a lot of us wondered why America even bothered to participate in the San Francisco Conference.

"I of course thanked [REDACTED] for bringing him along, spoke the usual courtesies to Hiss, and left the meeting room. I have not seen Hiss since.

"Meantime, [REDACTED] had set himself up in the community as a dairy farmer, and I am sure records will show that he sold milk to several local firms for retail distribution.

"Following the Hiss broadcast and his later appearance over at our Kiwanis Club meeting, [REDACTED] and his wife were more friendly than ever. They invited my wife and me to a most enjoyable dinner in a downtown restaurant, and we saw them several times later.

"Along about that time, [REDACTED] passed along news that he had been named a member of the 'Royal Order of the British Empire', principal reward of which, as I recall, was a quart of Scotch Whiskey each month for the rest of his life. The bestowal was duly mentioned in the Kiwanis Club Bulletin which I prepared and distributed to members. I personally never did see any certificate or other material to this effect, but thought nothing of it at the time.

"I don't remember how long [REDACTED] was around, but all of a sudden and to considerable surprise he announced that he was going to give up his place there and open a boys' camp somewhere in Vermont. This was about the first part of 1947, I think. Looking back, I seem to recollect that the Kiwanis Club gave him a testimonial dinner, wished him good luck, and bade him goodbye. But, not before [REDACTED] had hired a local artist, a 100% disabled veteran, to design him a letterhead for his 'dairy farm'. Although the design had been completed some months before, [REDACTED] had still not paid the artist — [REDACTED] — who had a studio across from the Post Office in Portsmouth, on State Street.

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█████ left town within a few days, I believe, headed for a town in Vermont whose name escapes me at the moment. █████ forwarded another bill to him there — but significantly — although he supposedly had been in the town for several weeks the bill was returned 'unknown' from the Post Office. Meaning, of course, that █████ himself was unknown.

"What was the name of that town in Vermont? I just don't remember it, although a good member of our Kiwanis Club saw him in that town several months later during a vacation.

█████ I had written the Kiwanis Club in that town, advising of █████ removal there, and urging them to contact him for membership. (Membership in a Kiwanis Club is not 'automatically' transferred from one town to another). I received no acknowledgement from the club in Vermont, but this was not unusual in such cases.

█████ to me became 'just another former Kiwanian' for a long time — until the Hiss brothers became involved in the Congressional inquiry.

"At that point, in my own mind as well as in the minds of many of our club members, █████ and 'Donny' — and his speech — were recalled to us with a jolt!

"Was there any connection, if any, between the two and the Communist Party? Why had █████ moved into Portsmouth — an important naval submarine base? What did he REALLY do there in addition to selling milk?

"Today, I'm still mulling the situation over. Conviction of Alger Hiss hasn't help me forget his brother Donald, nor █████!

"While events at the time evoked no great concern the subsequent accusing fingers toward the Hiss boys have brought █████ back to me in a different light. And, current international conditions further urge me to pass along these facts to you.

"We received a notice █████ not long ago, inviting citizens to report any 'suspicious' information to the FBI. Well, I can't honestly say that █████ is directly connected with Alger or Donald Hiss. I understood that █████ once worked in the State Department; certainly Alger did. Both Donald and █████ referred to someone named █████ in very affectionate and familiar terms.

"It is possible that █████ and Donald Hiss were merely good friends and former business associates. And, that when █████ learned that Donald and Alger Hiss were what they were he disclaimed them completely.

Director, FBI

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"But this is mere conjecture, and of no value.

"I pass this information along to you for whatever it may be worth. Possibly nothing. Yet, having written it I feel much better already!

"Needless to add, if I can be of any assistance to you in acquiring further facts outlined or suggested here I shall be most happy to do so.

[REDACTED]

"Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

"Home address:

[REDACTED]

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