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Donald Hiss is an attorney in Washington, D. C. and is the brother of Alger Hiss. You will recall that Alger Hiss was convicted of perjury in the United States during the past year and Alger's case is presently pending appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

[REDACTED]

This Bureau has no information indicating that he is currently active or interested in Communist matters.

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Troy, N. Y.
June 8, 1951.

Dear [redacted]

Please spare us the sob stuff about Donald ^{Hiss} Hiss and family suffering for brother Alger's sins! Donald incurred plenty of bad odor entirely on his own account, by reason of his own smelly Red associations, and his willingness to take Red money for legal work in the interests of the Soviet Slave State in Poland. (Your column June 7 - Albany Times-Union)

There is strong suspicion that Donald may have been a member of the Harold Ware cell -- at any rate, he played around with members of that select group, - and never felt any nausea over helping to sell the Poles down the river, for money!

Too bad Donald didn't take into account in those days, just how all this was going to look to his countrymen when they finally got their eyes opened! He asked for it, and he can't blame it all on Alger, either! And nobody knows this any better than [redacted]

Maybe it would have been objective reporting, (and therefore "dull") for [redacted] to have accompanied his note about Donald's present discomfiture with a few of the foregoing facts in the picture! Presumably it is better to be "bright" though one-sided, than "dull" and "objective"! (Column June 5).

Yours for a little more of that "dull" reporting, please!

Sincerely,
[redacted]

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TO : C. E. Hennrich *[Signature]*
 FROM : F. L. Jones *[Signature]*
 SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, was.
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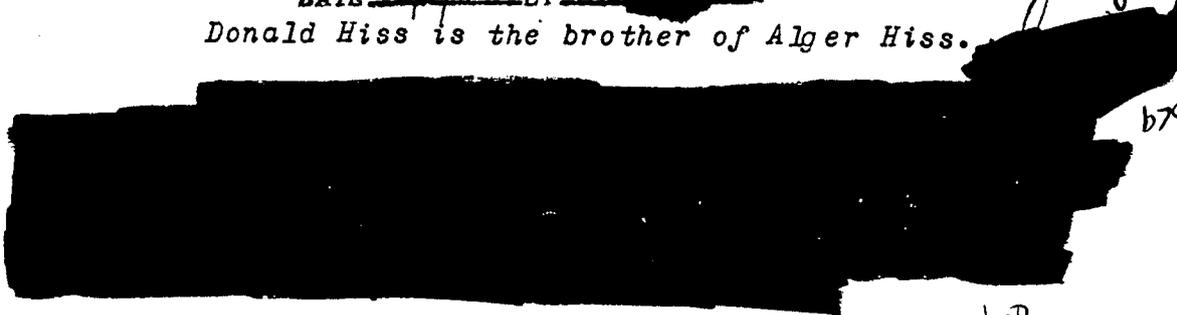
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Donald Hiss is the brother of Alger Hiss.



RECOMMENDATION

Since there is no allegation of espionage in the attached summary memorandum and correlation memorandum, it is recommended that they be referred to the Internal Security Unit for appropriate handling.

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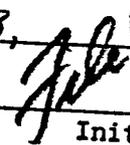
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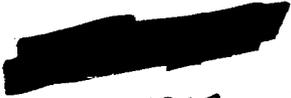
The following is a summary of pertinent information which appears in Bureau files from December, 1949, to date. A correlation summary has previously been prepared on Donald Hiss dated December 16, 1949, which contained information in Bureau files as of that date.

Allegations of Whittaker Chambers

Whittaker Chambers in a statement which he furnished Agents of the New York Office in early 1949 said the following concerning Donald Hiss:

"Some time in 1934, through J. Peters (Alexander Stevens), I met with him and (Harold) Ware in New York City. It was my understanding that Ware was the organizer of an underground Communist group which was operating in Washington, D. C., which I will refer to hereinafter as Apparatus A. I was to act as a courier between that group and J. Peters in New York City. I understood that most of the members of this group were employed in 'New Deal Agencies'....

"About the end or Fall of 1934, I made my first trip to Washington, D. C. Shortly after my first visit I was introduced to Henry Collins, Jr. by Harold Ware in the former's apartment on St. Matthews Court I recalled that at the time of my first visit to Collins' apartment the leading group of Apparatus A had assembled to hold a meeting. I was introduced to the people at this meeting simply as Carl, and after some casual conversation with these individuals they went into another room in the house to hold a meeting in which I did not participate. The group at this meeting were as follows: John Abt, Donald Hiss, Charles Krivitsky (Kramer), Victor Perlo, Henry Hill Collins, Jr., Lee Pressman, Nathan Witt, Harold Ware....


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"All of the leaders in Apparatus A and the members of the various cells were dues-paying members of the Communist Party. I knew this from conversations with J. Peters, Alger Hiss, A. George Silverman, and probably Harold Ware. I also knew it from the fact that I was a courier for Apparatus A and I took dues to J. Peters.... I might explain that these individuals in Apparatus A could not participate in any open Communist work which would divulge their underground Party affiliation. Consequently as they were enthusiastic and anxious to be known as Party members the fact of contributing high dues to the Party was somewhat in substitution of the activities of an open member of the Communist Party....

"After several of my trips between New York and Washington I began to talk to individual members of Apparatus A.... I talked to Donald Hiss and I recall that I actually separated Donald Hiss from Apparatus A several months after I first came to Washington. At this time Donald Hiss was working in the Immigration Division of the Department of Labor. At some later time, Donald had an opportunity, probably through the influence of Francis Sayre, to become one of the legal advisers in the Philippines Division of the State Department, which was then being formed. However, at this time the Labor Department was sending representatives to California to sit in on some of the legal aspects in the Harry Bridges deportation case and according to Donald Hiss, Frances Perkins had given favorable consideration to sending him as a representative of the Department of Labor.

"The Communist Party insisted that he should go to California for the specific purpose of influencing the prosecution of this case in favor of Bridges. Donald Hiss at first was very agreeable to do this. However, when the appointment in the Philippines Division of the State Department arose, J. Peters weighed the alternative very carefully. Peters and myself then discussed whether or not in the long run it might not be better for Donald Hiss to take the position in the Philippines Division of the State Department. Subsequently Peters told Donald Hiss of his decision and in the course of resultant conversation Donald Hiss strenuously

objected going to the State Department. I also had a conversation with Donald Hiss on this subject. This conversation took place in the home of Alger Hiss. Again Donald strenuously objected to making this change. None the less, in the outcome, he agreed to accept Party discipline and took this position in the State Department. I understand his work at the Philippines Division was more or less of a legal nature. He did not at that time have access to documents that would have been interesting to the Communist Party. Never, at any time did he give me or to the best of my knowledge anybody else documents from the State Department.

"I continued to see him up to the time of my breaking with the Party in April, 1938, but saw him much less frequently than I saw Alger Hiss. It is my recollection that Alger had always made the appointments for Donald and these meetings always took place in Alger Hiss's home. However, Alger Hiss was not, as far as I can remember, ever present when I talked with his brother. The purpose of the meetings was chiefly to determine what he was doing and what the prospects were for procuring documents from the State Department. As I have stated previously I never received any documents from Donald nor did he deliver any documents from the State Department to anyone else to my knowledge...."

(74-1333-3220, pages 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77)

On December 21, 1948, in a signed statement [redacted] of doubtful reliability advised that in late 1937 or early 1938 he observed Donald Hiss and his brother, Alger, in attendance at a meeting of the National Bureau of the Communist Party. [redacted] stated that in about 1940 he also observed the Hiss brothers at a meeting of the National Negro Congress in Washington, D. C. (74-1333-3221, report of Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly, New York City, dated 3/30/49, re: JAHAM.)

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The following is an abstract of information from a pamphlet entitled, "The Case Against Dean Acheson," written by Victor Lasky, co-author of "Seeds of Treason."

"When Arthur Bliss Lane, former Ambassador to Poland learned of Dean Acheson's appointment as Secretary of State he blurted out: 'God help the United States.' It was no secret although Mr. Lane refused to discuss the matter with the press that his perhaps undiplomatic outburst was occasioned by his bitter experience trying to block a 90 million dollar post-war loan to the Soviet-controlled Warsaw regime.

"Appealing to the State Department to refuse the loan, Mr. Lane had pointed to the Red terror in Poland, the arrests of American citizens and the crushing of all freedoms. He added: 'With the greatest earnestness of which I am capable I beg the Department not to approve the extension of any credits at this time.'

"Nevertheless, the loan was granted with the approval of Dean Acheson, then Under Secretary of State. It had been negotiated by Donald Hiss, brother of Alger and a member of Mr. Acheson's law firm. As it turned out Mr. Lane was right. The loan was used to strengthen Soviet control of Poland." (Letter from New York dated 11/4/50 entitled, "Information Concerning [REDACTED] Miscellaneous - Information Concerning," 101-3396-26) b2c

The indices of the Washington Field Office contain a 1947 catalog for the School of Advanced International Studies, 1906 Florida Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., which was obtained incidental to another investigation. This catalog lists Donald Hiss as a lecturer of international law. The catalog also indicated that former sessions were held in Peterborough, New Hampshire in 1947.

(Letter from WFO to Bureau dated 2/14/51 entitled, "School of Advanced International Studies, Internal Security -C, 100-376584-3).

On August 18, 1951, the Bureau was furnished a photostatic copy of [REDACTED] where he was admitted on 5/5/51. b7D

(Memorandum from Assistant to the Director Nichols to Associate Director Tolson dated August 18, 1951. 74-1333-4767)

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SAC, WFO

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Director, FBI

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There are enclosed for your information two copies each of a correlation summary memorandum dated December 16, 1949, and a summary dated October 10, 1951, relative to captioned subject.

These summaries include material obtained from a review of all "see" references in the Bureau files. Much of this material emanates from sources of unknown reliability or consists of unverified information or may, for other reasons be unsuited for incorporation in an investigative report.

None of the material contained in these summaries should be incorporated in an investigative report except where such material clearly qualifies for dissemination.

When you feel that such information should be incorporated in a report but you are in doubt for any reason as to the suitability of such information for dissemination, the doubt should be resolved through correspondence with the field office submitting the original information, or, where the information originates outside of the Bureau, by correspondence with the Bureau.

You are requested to review the enclosed summaries and the indices of your office for additional information. After you have completed the review, you should then advise whether or not a security investigation is warranted at this time.

You should advise the Bureau the results of your decision.

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Mr. A. Devitt Vaneck
Deputy Attorney General

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Director, FBI

DONALD HISS

In accordance with your request of December 1, 1951, there is enclosed herewith a memorandum concerning Donald Hiss, ^{SUMMARY} together with a copy of a report dated February 18, 1949, at Washington, D. C., entitled "Donald Hiss, Assistant to the Legal Adviser, Department of State, Internal Security, Hatch Act."

With regard to your specific inquiry as to whether or not Louis F. Budenz has furnished any information concerning Donald Hiss, it is noted that in the summary report on Alger Hiss, dated March 30, 1949, a copy of which was furnished to Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, on April 5, 1949, Budenz during the course of an interview stated that he did not know whether or not Donald Hiss was a member of the Communist Party (page 284). (74-1355-5271)

A review of our files has failed to disclose any additional information furnished by Budenz concerning Donald Hiss.

The above information, as well as the information contained in the enclosed memorandum, is the result of a file check only and no recommendation is made as to a clearance or nonclearance of Donald Hiss. This information should not be disseminated.

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INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED

Donald Hiss was the subject of an Internal Security Hatch Act investigation conducted by this Bureau from December 1, 1941, to February 16, 1942. A copy of a report submitted in this investigation, dated February 19, 1942, is being attached hereto. (101-4300)

Donald Hiss has been carried as one of the subjects in the case entitled "Joy David Whittaker Chambers, Was., et al; Perjury, Espionage - R, Internal Security - R." He was also carried as a subject in the case entitled "Gregory, et al; Espionage - R." Copies of pertinent reports in the above two cases have been furnished to the Department of Justice. It will be noted that in these two cases no extensive investigation was conducted concerning Donald Hiss. (74-1339, 65-56402)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Donald Hiss, 3030 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., was born December 15, 1906, at Baltimore, Maryland. His education consisted of his attendance at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, from September 1925 until June 1929, when he graduated, receiving a BA Degree. He then attended Harvard Law School at Cambridge, Massachusetts, receiving his LLB Degree from this institution in June, 1932.

The employment of Donald Hiss is set out below:

June, 1926 - September, 1928

General work in the Fidelity Trust Company, Baltimore, Md. Salary - \$900 per annum.

September 1928 - October, 1933

Private secretary to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. He worked here until Justice Holmes died. Salary - \$3600 per annum.

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December 1933 - May 1934

Lawyer for Public Works Administration (Housing Department). Duties - preparing legal memoranda and rendering opinions. Salary - \$2000 per annum.

May 1934 - June 1936

Attorney for Department of Interior. Duties - prepared memoranda, and represented the United States in Court. Salary - \$4800 per annum.

June 1936 - June 1938

Attorney for the Department of Labor; duties identical with those set out above. Salary - \$4000 per annum.

February 1, 1938 - January 27, 1942

Assistant to the Legal Adviser, State Department, assigned to the Philippines Office. Duties - assisting in final drafting of Joint Preparatory Committee Report on Philippine Activities. Salary - \$3800 per annum.

September 1938

According to a clipping from the Washington Evening Star, dated September 30, 1938, Miss was being appointed to the faculty of Catholic University of America as a teacher of International Law.

January 27, 1942 - June 1943

Chief, Foreign Funds Control Division, Department of State. Salary - \$8000 per annum.

June, 1943 - March 19, 1944

Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State. Salary - \$8000 per annum.

February 1, 1945

Promoted to a position of Economic Adviser in the Office of Economic Affairs, State Department. Salary - \$8250 per annum.

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(Note: From August, 1940, until February, 1941, he was loaned to the Advisory Committee to Council of National Defense; from February, 1941, until January, 1942, he was loaned as an assistant secretary to Dean Acheson of the State Department.)

On March 26, 1945, he resigned his position at the State Department, for reasons of bad health. At this time he was residing at his present address.

Presently, Donald Hiss is connected with the Law Firm of Covington, Burley, Rublee, and Shorb, Union Trust Building, Fifteenth and K Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Donald Hiss is presently married to the former Catherine Jones, who was born October 9, 1911, at Santa Barbara, California. Mrs. Catherine Hiss' parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hiss are the parents of Bosley, Cynthia A., and Joanne Hiss, who were born November 29, 1941, August 17, 1943, and October 10, 1946, respectively. Donald Hiss is the brother of Alger Hiss. (74-1333-3221, p 348, 349)

According to the "New York Sun" of February 19, 1948, the Law Firm of Covington, Burley, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb, in Washington, D.C., was listed in the files of the Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Section, as representing Denmark, Greece, and Iran. The newspaper article also stated that this firm formerly represented Poland and that one of its employees was Donald Hiss. (97-0-A)

Another governmental investigative agency advised on August 27, 1948, that Donald Hiss was reported to be a registered lobbyist for the Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO). (61-7550-2292)

It is also noted that in the "Times Herald," Washington, D. C., of March 7, 1950, there appeared a newspaper article to the effect that Donald Hiss, brother of Alger Hiss, was receiving instructions in the Catholic Church from the Right Reverend Fulton J. Sheen. The article further stated that an official of Catholic University said that Hiss had been receiving instructions for some months but it was not certain whether or not he would become a convert. Another article to the same effect appeared in the Washington "Daily News" of March 7, 1950. (101-4900-A)

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

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Attention is also called to the report of Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer, dated May 11, 1949, at New York City, entitled "Jay David Whittaker Chambers, Was., et al, Perjury, Espionage - R, Internal Security - R," a copy of which was furnished to Assistant Attorney General Campbell on June 7, 1949. (74-1333-3220)

Information concerning Donald Hiss is also contained in a report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 28, 1949, at New York City, entitled [REDACTED] Was., Espionage - R," a copy of which was furnished to the Department of Justice on December 29, 1950. (100-870864-10)

Edward Rushmore, who appeared as a witness before the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee on July 21, 1948, testified 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." (100-13058-24)

The September 3, 1946, issue of the publication "Counter-attack" set out information concerning an 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

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"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)

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)

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The December 30, 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." (94-3-4-61-141)

According to the "Times Herald" of Washington, D.C., dated January 19, 1949, 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

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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 former 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." (94-40672-A)

The following is an abstract of information from a pamphlet entitled, "The Case Against Dean Acheson," written by Victor Lasky, co-author of "Seeds of Treason."

"When Arthur Bliss Lane, former Ambassador to Poland learned of Dean Acheson's appointment as Secretary of State he blurted out: 'God help the United States.' It was no secret although Mr. Lane refused to discuss the matter with the press that his perhaps undiplomatic outburst was occasioned by his bitter experience trying to block a \$5 billion dollar post-war loan to the Soviet-controlled Warsaw regime.

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It is noted that in the Hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 80th Congress, Second Session, on August 13, 1948, Donald Hiss in sworn testimony stated that he was not and never had been a member of the Communist Party, or "any formal or informal organizations affiliated with or fronting in any manner whatsoever for the Communist Party." (65-56402-3683, p 928)

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS

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PURPOSE:

To summarize for your information data appearing in Bureau files concerning the above-named individual relative to whom Deputy Attorney General A. Devitt Vanech has made inquiry. It is noted that Mr. Vanech also desired to know whether or not Louis F. Budenz ever furnished any information to the Bureau concerning Donald Hiss.

DETAILS:

An Internal Security Hatch Act investigation was conducted concerning Donald Hiss from December 1, 1941, to February 16, 1942, and a report covering this investigation dated February 19, 1942, was furnished to the Department of State on March 3, 1942. However, no copy of this report was given to the Department of Justice. Accordingly, a copy of this report is being attached to a memorandum for Mr. Vanech.

Donald Hiss was also carried as the subject in the case entitled "Jay David Whittaker Chambers, was., et al, Perjury, Espionage-R, Internal Security-R" and in the case entitled "Gregory, et al, Espionage-R." (74-1333; 65-56402)

Although he was carried as a subject in these two cases, no extensive investigation was conducted concerning him and it is noted that all pertinent reports in these cases have been furnished to the Department.

A correlation summary was prepared on Donald Hiss dated December 16, 1949, and another summary was prepared on him dated October 10, 1951. Since there was no allegation of espionage in the summary memorandum and correlation memorandum, the matter was referred from the Espionage Unit to the Internal Security Unit for appropriate handling on October 10, 1951.

Copies of the correlation summary and the summary of October 10, 1951, were forwarded to the Washington Field Office by letter dated October 24, 1951, requesting that office to review the summaries as well as the indices of the Washington Field Office and to advise whether or not a security investigation is warranted. No reply has been received from the Washington Field Office on

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December 2, 1951, Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Washington Field Office advised that a review of the files in that office has not been completed as yet. b7C

A review of Bureau files reflects that most of the pertinent information concerning Donald Hiss has already been furnished to the Department of Justice in reports in the Chambers case and in the attached memorandum prepared for the Deputy Attorney General, reference is made to these specific reports. This information indicates that Whittaker Chambers 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 that he contacted Donald Hiss from time to time to determine what the prospects were for procuring documents from the State Department. Chambers also has stated that he never received any documents from Donald Hiss. The allegations concerning Hiss in the Gregory case are essentially the same as those referred to in the Chambers case. 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.

The attached memorandum which has been prepared for transmission to the Deputy Attorney General does not include information in the Bureau's files which appears to be immaterial and not pertinent to his inquiry in accordance with the established rules regarding dissemination of information.

Information received from the Washington Field Office under date of August 20, 1943, entitled "Max Lowenthal," reflected that on August 19, 1943, Max Lowenthal, who is well-known to the Bureau, was in contact with Donald Hiss concerning a luncheon engagement at which time they were to talk about the war. (Tesur; 62-25733-2-35)

This information has not been included in the memorandum for the Deputy Attorney General since it does not appear pertinent to his inquiry.

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No reference is made in the memorandum for the Deputy Attorney General concerning the foregoing information.

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As has been noted, Mr. Vanech desired to know whether or not Louis F. Budenz has ever furnished any information to the Bureau regarding Donald Hiss. A review of the Bureau files fails to disclose that Budenz has furnished any information regarding Donald Hiss other than to state that he did not know whether or not Donald Hiss was a Communist. A statement to this effect is set forth in the attached letter for the Deputy Attorney General.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter, together with the enclosed memorandum and the copy of the Hatch Act report dated February 19, 1942, be forwarded to the Deputy Attorney General.

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All references in Bureau files concerning Donald Hiss have been reviewed and information believed suitable for dissemination is set forth in the attached blind memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum, if approved [REDACTED]

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December 5, 1951

RE: DONALD HISS - SUMMARY

A check of the records of this Bureau reflects that Donald Hiss was the subject of an Internal Security Hatch-Act investigation from December 1, 1941 to February 16, 1942. A copy of a report submitted in this investigation, dated February 19, 1942, is being attached hereto. (101-4300)

A check of the Bureau's files further reflects that Whittaker Chambers in a statement furnished to Agents of this Bureau in early 1949, said the following concerning Donald Hiss:

"Some time in 1934, through J. Peters (Alexander Stevens), I met with him and (Harold) Ware in New York City. It was my understanding that Ware was the organizer of an underground Communist group which was operating in Washington, D. C., which I will refer to hereinafter as Apparatus A. I was to act as a courier between that group and J. Peters in New York City. I understood that most of the members of this group were employed in 'New Deal Agencies'....

"About the end or fall of 1934, I made my first trip to Washington, D. C. Shortly after my first visit I was introduced to Henry Collins, Jr. by Harold Ware in the former's apartment on St. Matthews Court ... I recall that at the time of my first visit to Collins' apartment the leading group of Apparatus A had assembled to hold a meeting. I was introduced to the people at this meeting simply as Carl, and after some casual conversation with these individuals they went into another room in the house to hold a meeting in which I did not participate. The group at this meeting were as follows: John Abt, Donald Hiss, Charles Kriptschy (Kramer), Victor Perle, Henry Hill Collins, Jr., Lee Pressman, Nathan Witt, Harold Ware.....

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"All of the leaders in Apparatus A and the members of the various cells were dues-paying members of the Communist Party. I knew this from conversations with J. Peters, Alger Hiss, A. George Silverman, and probably Harold Ware. I also knew it from the fact that I was a courier for Apparatus A and I took dues to J. Peters.... I might explain that these individuals in Apparatus A could not participate in any open Communist work which would divulge their underground Party affiliation. Consequently as they were enthusiastic and anxious to be known as Party members the fact of contributing high dues to the Party was somewhat in substitution of the activities of an open member of the Communist Party....

"After several of my trips between New York and Washington I began to talk to individual members of Apparatus A.... I talked to Donald Hiss and I recall that I actually separated Donald Hiss from Apparatus A several months after I first came to Washington. At this time Donald Hiss was working in the Immigration Division of the Department of Labor. At some later time, Donald had an opportunity, probably through the influence of Francis Sayre, to become one of the legal advisers in the Philippines Division of the State Department, which was then being formed. However, at this time the Labor Department was sending representatives to California to sit in on some of the legal aspects in the Harry Bridges deportation case and according to Donald Hiss, Frances Perkins had given favorable consideration to sending him as a representative of the Department of Labor.

"The Communist Party insisted that he should go to California for the specific purpose of influencing the prosecution of this case in favor of Bridges. Donald Hiss at first was very agreeable to do this. However, when the appointment in the Philippines Division of the State Department arose, J. Peters weighed the alternative very carefully. Peters and myself then discussed whether or not in the long run it might not be better for Donald Hiss to take the position in the Philippines Division of the State Department. Subsequently Peters told Donald Hiss of his decision and in the course of resultant conversation Donald Hiss strenuously

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"I continued to see him up to the time of my breaking with the Party in April, 1938, but saw him much less frequently than I saw Alger Hiss. It is my recollection that Alger had always made the appointments for Donald and these meetings always took place in Alger Hiss's home. However, Alger Hiss was not, as far as I can remember, ever present when I talked with his brother. The purpose of the meetings was chiefly to determine what he was doing and what the prospects were for procuring documents from the State Department. As I have stated previously I never received any documents from Donald nor did he deliver any documents from the State Department to anyone else to my knowledge...."

(74-1333-3220, pp 72, 73, 74, 75, 76 77)

The files further reflect that on December 21, 1948, [redacted] advised that in late 1937 or early 1938, he observed Donald Hiss and his brother, Alger, in attendance at a meeting of the National Bureau of the Communist Party. [redacted] stated that in about 1940, he also observed the Hiss brothers at a meeting of the National Negro Congress in Washington, D. C. The National Negro Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. [redacted]

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(101-3396-26) *See also 94-40672-A (Wash. Times-Herald 11-22-50)*
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You are referred to the above named volume of these Hearings for further information concerning Nise.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)
FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)
SUBJECT: DONALD HISS
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: January 29, 1952

Reference: Bureau letter dated October 24, 1951.

The Bureau correlation summary memorandum dated December 16, 1949, and the Bureau summary dated October 10, 1951, have been reviewed. All identifiable file references to the subject in this office have also been reviewed.

The unsubstantiated allegations of WHITAKER CHAMBERS that the subject was a member of a Communist Party underground unit are the preeminent charges. CHAMBERS also reiterates on several occasions that he was unsuccessful in obtaining the services of the subject and that DONALD HISS furnished no confidential information or documents to CHAMBERS or as far as CHAMBERS knows to anyone else.

There are no other specific allegations regarding the subject's Communist Party membership and no specific indications that he has been active since the period encompassing CHAMBER's allegations. There has been no allegation of espionage at any time.

Unless the Bureau so specifically directs no additional security investigation is contemplated by this office at this time. C.

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Mr. D. M. Ladd

March 28, 1952

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DONALD HISS
SECURITY MATTER - C

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PURPOSE:

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BACKGROUND:

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Background of Witness:

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The general background of Donald Hiss, brother of convicted perjurer Alger Hiss, is well known to the Bureau inasmuch as he was carried as a subject for some time in the case entitled "Jay David Whittaker Chambers, wa, et al, Perjury, Espionage - R, Internal Security - R" and the case entitled "Gregory, et al, Espionage - R." (74-7333; 65-56402)

Although Donald Hiss was carried as a subject in these two cases, no extensive investigation has been

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conducted concerning him. A correlation summary was prepared on him dated December 16, 1949, and a supplemental summary was prepared on October 10, 1951. The correlation and supplemental summaries were reviewed by the Washington Field Office and the Bureau was advised on January 29, 1952, that the unsubstantiated allegations of Whittaker Chambers to the effect that Donald Hiss was a member of the Communist Party underground unit were the only pre-eminent charges and that there were no other specific allegations regarding subject's Communist Party membership, no specific indications that he has been active since the period encompassed by Chambers' allegations, and no allegations of espionage at any time. No additional security investigation was contemplated by Washington Field Office. The security case is presently in a closed status.

The Hiss-Chambers file and the Gregory file reflect that Whittaker Chambers has stated that Donald Hiss was a member of the Harold Ware Group in the Communist Party underground in Washington, D. C., in the middle 1930's. Chambers has stated that he contacted Donald Hiss from time to time to determine what the prospects were for procuring documents from the State Department. Chambers added that he had never received any documents from Donald Hiss.

In August, 1948, Chambers testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and named 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. It should be noted that the individual of primary importance to the House Committee at that time was the subject's brother, Alger Hiss.



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OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the conflict between [REDACTED] as above described, and the statements of Whittaker Chambers, who has proven his reliability in the trial of Alger Hiss, a possible perjury case exists in this instance.

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It is felt that intensive investigation of Donald Hiss at this time may disclose other persons who, [REDACTED] now be willing to furnish information on the activities of the Communist underground group.

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ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Espionage Unit in order that arrangements can be made through appropriate liaison channels to request [REDACTED]

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SAC, Washington Field (101-607)

May 2, 1952

Director, FBI (101-4300)

DONALD HISS
SECURITY MATTER - C
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Rebulet dated April 26, 1952. Initial report
in this case must be submitted by May 30, 1952.

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DATE: May 9, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

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SUBJECT: DONALD HISS
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For the information of the St. Louis Office, which heretofore has had no information in this case, DONALD HISS is a brother of ALGER HISS, who was convicted of Perjury in an investigation growing out of the NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, Espionage - R case and the case of JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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In the latter case, the JAHAM case, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS stated that DONALD HISS was a member of the HAROLD WARE GROUP in the Communist Party underground in Washington, D. C. in the middle 1930s.

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Accordingly, a Perjury investigation has been instituted, this office being origin.

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The St. Louis Office is requested to review the three pertinent personnel files for DONALD HISS in the three agencies mentioned. Inquiry at Department of Interior Locator Indices discloses old Interior personnel files were forwarded to the National Archives and in turn Archives has forwarded that material to the Federal Records Center in St. Louis. Of possible assistance, it was ascertained that the Department of Interior personnel file for DONALD HISS was assigned #424 by Archives.

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Letter to Director
Re: DONALD HISS

Inquiry at Department of Labor, May 9, 1952, disclosed the personnel file for DONALD HISS, covering his period of employment from June, 1936, to February, 1938, was forwarded from Labor to St. Louis, Missouri, in January, 1952.

Inquiry at the Federal Records Center, Microfilm Division, Alexandria, Virginia, May 9, 1952, for the old personnel file of DONALD HISS covering his period of employment from December, 1933, to May, 1934, as an Attorney in the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works disclosed those microfilm records were forwarded to the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, April 18, 1952.

In connection with the review of these three personnel files pertaining to DONALD HISS, the St. Louis Office is requested to furnish complete pertinent information including names of all references, dates applications were instituted, and other detailed information including such items as promotions, advancements within grade, etc.

The St. Louis Office is requested to expedite these leads inasmuch as the Bureau has put a deadline of May 30, 1952, on the initial report in this case.

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 FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)
 SUBJECT: DONALD HISS
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DATE: June 2, 1952

The agent to whom this case has been assigned has been handling a "Special" and consequently the report has been delayed. It has now been reassigned and a report should reach the Bureau by approximately June 16, 1952.

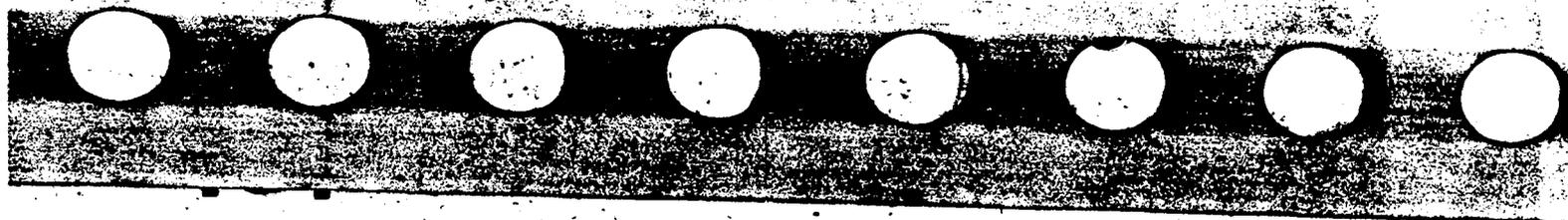
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June 17, 1952

DONALD HISS
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Reference is made to my letter to you dated
December 9, 1951, enclosing a memorandum concerning Donald
Hiss, which was prepared in accordance with your request of
December 1, 1951.

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The foregoing is furnished for your information.

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TO : A. H. Belmont

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS
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DATE: June 6, 1952

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BACKGROUND:

On June 2, 1952, a request was received through
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June 6, 1952

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RE: ~~MR. DONALD HISS~~

A check of the records of this Bureau reflects that Donald Hiss was the subject of an Internal Security Hatch-Act investigation from December 1, 1941, to February 16, 1942. One copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 19, 1942, at Washington, D. C., showing the results of the investigation was forwarded to the Secretary of State by letter dated March 4, 1942.

In early 1949, Whittaker Chambers, an admitted Soviet espionage agent, said the following regarding Donald Hiss:

"Some time in 1934, through J. Peters (Alexander Stevens) I met with him and (Harold) Ware in New York City. It was my understanding that Ware was the organizer of an underground Communist group which was operating in Washington, D. C., which I will refer to hereinafter as Apparatus A. I was to act as a courier between that group and J. Peters in New York City. I understood that most of the members of this group were employed in 'New Deal Agencies'.....

"About the end or Fall of 1934, I made my first trip to Washington, D. C.Shortly after my first visit I was introduced to Henry Collins, Jr. by Harold Ware in the former's apartment on St. Matthews Court... I recall that at the time of my first visit to Collins' apartment the leading group of Apparatus A had assembled to hold a meeting. I was introduced to the people at this meeting simply as Carl, and after some casual conversation with these individuals they went into another room in the house to hold a meeting in which I did not participate. The group at this meeting were as follows: John Abt, Donald Hiss, Charles Krivitsky (Kramer), Victor Perlo, Henry Hill Collins, Jr., Lee Pressman, Nathan Witt, Harold Ware.

"All of the leaders in Apparatus A and the members of the various cells were duss-paying members of the Communist Party. I knew this from conversation with J. Peters, Alger Hiss, A. George Silverman, and probably Harold Ware. I also

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knew it from the fact that I was a courier for Apparatus A and I took dues to J. Peters.... I might explain that these individuals in Apparatus A could not participate in any open Communist work which would divulge their underground Party affiliation. Consequently as they were enthusiastic and anxious to be known as Party members the fact of contributing high dues to the Party was somewhat in substitution of the activities of an open member of the Communist Party....

"After several of my trips between New York and Washington I began to talk to individual members of Apparatus A.. I talked to Donald Hiss and I recall that I actually separated Donald Hiss from Apparatus A several months after I first came to Washington. At this time Donald Hiss was working in the Immigration Division of the Department of Labor, At some later time, Donald had an opportunity, probably through the influence of Francis Sayre, to become one of the legal advisers in the Philippines Division of the State Department, which was then being formed. However, at this time the Labor Department was sending representatives to California to sit in on some of the legal aspects in the Harry Bridges deportation case and according to Donald Hiss, Frances Perkins had given favorable consideration to sending him as a representative of the Department of Labor.

"The Communist Party insisted that he should go to California for the specific purpose of influencing the prosecution of this case in favor of Bridges. Donald Hiss at first was very agreeable to do this. However, when the appointment in the Philippines Division of the State Department arose, J. Peters weighed the alternative very carefully. Peters and myself then discussed whether or not in the long run it might not be better for Donald Hiss to take the position in the Philippines Division of the State Department. Subsequently Peters told Donald Hiss of his decision and in the course of resultant conversation Donald Hiss strenuously objected going to the State Department. I also had a conversation with Donald Hiss on this subject. This conversation took place in the home of Alger Hiss. Again Donald strenuously objected to making this change. None the less, in the outcome, he agreed to accept Party discipline and took this position in the State Department. I understand his work at the Philippines Division was more or less of a legal nature. He did not at that time have access to documents that would have been interesting to the Communist Party. Never, at any time did he give me or to the best of my knowledge anybody else documents from the State Department.

"I continued to see him up to the time of my breaking with the Party in April, 1938, but saw him much less frequently than I saw Alger Hiss. It is my recollection that Alger had always made the appointments for Donald and these meetings always took place in Alger Hiss's home. However, Alger Hiss was not, as far as I can remember, ever present when I talked with his brother. The purpose of the meetings was chiefly to determine what he was doing and what the prospects were for procuring documents from the State Department. As I have stated previously, I never received any documents from Donald nor did he deliver any documents from the State Department to anyone else to my knowledge...."

The files further reflect that on December 21, 1948, [REDACTED] advised that in late 1937 or early 1938, he observed Donald Hiss and his brother, Alger, in attendance at a meeting of the National Bureau of the Communist Party. [REDACTED] stated that in about 1940, he also observed the Hiss brothers at a meeting of the National Negro Congress in Washington, D.C. The National Negro Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. b2

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Howard Rushmore, who appeared as a witness before the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee on July 21, 1948, testified 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 C.P., 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."

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According to the "Times Herald" of Washington, D. C., dated February 21, 1948, "Representative 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.'" (97-0-A)

On November 4, 1950, information was received that Victor Lasky had written an article entitled "The Case Against Dean Acheson" which was to be released soon in pamphlet form. In his article, Lasky stated:

"When Arthur Blise Lane, former Ambassador to Poland learned of Dean Acheson's appointment as Secretary of State he blurted out: 'God help the United States.' It was no secret although Mr. Lane refused to discuss the matter with the press that his perhaps undiplomatic outburst was occasioned by his bitter experience trying to block a 90 million dollar post-war loan to the Soviet-controlled Warsaw regime.

"Appealing to the State Department to refuse the loan, Mr. Lane had pointed to the Red Terror in Poland, the arrests of American citizens and the crushing of all freedoms. He added: 'With the greatest earnestness of which I am capable, I beg the Department not to approve the extension of any credits at this time.'

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You are referred to the above named volume of these Hearings for further information concerning Hiss.

The April 9, 1952 issue of "The Washington Post" stated that William C. Bullitt appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on April 8, 1952. He testified that when he was Ambassador to France in 1939 he was advised by Premier Edouard Daladier of French intelligence reports that two State Department officials named Hiss were Soviet agents. Bullitt said that in February or March, 1940, he was talking in the State Department with Dr. Stanley K. Hornbeck when a young man opened the door, spoke briefly with Dr. Hornbeck and then closed the door. When Hornbeck identified the young man as Alger Hiss, Bullitt said he advised Hornbeck about the French intelligence reports, and urged an immediate investigation. Bullitt testified that he knew nothing against Donald Hiss other than the original reference by Premier Daladier.

According to "The Washington Post" Dr. Hornbeck said he recalled the conversation with Bullitt in different terms. He said Bullitt did not refer to "Soviet agents" but to "fellow travelers" and did not say whom the report came from, other than that the source was someone in the French government.

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The information in this memorandum attributed to Whittaker Chambers and [redacted] referred to in paragraph 2, page 9, is for your confidential use only and should not be disseminated outside your Department. This memorandum is the result of a request for a file check only and should not be considered as a clearance or nonclearance.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 16, 1952

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FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS
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Re my letter dated June 2, 1952.

As you were previously advised the agent to whom this case was originally assigned has been investigating a special on DREW PEARSON. This case has been reassigned and every effort will be made to submit a report by June 23, 1952.

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 6-13-52
at St. Louis.

Copies of referenced report at the Bureau have
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should do likewise.

cc - 2-Washington Field (101-607)
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Date: June 17, 1952

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DONALD HISS
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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum concerning Donald Hiss dated December 6, 1951, which was furnished to [REDACTED] of your Agency through Liaison channels on December 12, 1951.

[REDACTED]

The foregoing is furnished for your information. It will be appreciated if you will furnish us with any information regarding Hiss that may come to your attention while he is abroad.

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VIA LIAISON

Date: June 17, 1952

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DONALD HISS
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Donald Hiss is the brother of Alger Hiss who was convicted of perjury in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on January 21, 1950. Jay David Whittaker Chambers, an admitted Soviet espionage agent, has stated that Donald Hiss was a member of the Communist Party Underground in Washington, D. C., from approximately 1934 to 1938.

[REDACTED]

The foregoing is furnished for your information. It will be appreciated if you will furnish us with any information regarding Hiss that may come to your attention while he is in the country.

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cc - 2 - Legal Attache, Paris, France
cc - 2 - Legal Attache, London, England

NOTE: For your information, the Bureau is advising

cc - 1 - Foreign Service Desk

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[redacted] of subject's proposed travel with the request that they furnish us with any information which may come to their attention during subject's travel abroad. It would be appreciated if you and the Legal Attaches in Paris and London, will furnish the Bureau with any data regarding Eiss which may come to your attention. U

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[REDACTED] Allegations by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS before HCUA in 1948 and to FBI agents indicate DONALD HISS was member of underground CP activity in Washington between 1934 and 1937 in association with HAROLD WARE, VICTOR PERLO, LEE PRESSMAN, ALGER HISS, NATHAN WITT, CHARLES KRAMER, JOHN ABT, and HENRY COLLINS, all known as the WARE Group. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHAMBERS testified he collected Party membership dues from DONALD HISS and on one occasion the latter suggested to CHAMBERS that a U. S. Senator could be approached for information helpful to the CP. DONALD HISS procured position in the State Department, Philippines Division, moving from the Immigration Division of Department of Labor at CHAMBERS insistence and against own will. CHAMBERS claimed never to have received any documents from D. HISS. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] did not know their identities. [redacted]

In testimony before the HCUA on 8/13/48, D. HISS denied having been member of the Communist Party or any CP front group. HISS likewise denied having met CHAMBERS under his true name or any other. HISS admitted knowing HENRY COLLINS, LEE PRESSMAN, JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, but denied knowing CHARLES KRAMER or VICTOR PERLO. ABT, PRESSMAN, ALEXANDER STEVENS (J. PETERS), WITT, PERLO, and COLLINS declined on constitutional grounds before HCUA to answer whether they knew DONALD HISS. PRESSMAN admitted before HCUA in August, 1950, to having been member of CP about 1934, but only members of group at that time were WARE, J. PETERS, ABT, WITT, KRAMER and himself. [redacted]

Employment and background of D. HISS set out. Presently with law firm of Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C. [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

This report is a joint report of SA [redacted] and the writer.

The name DONALD JONES has been added to the title as an alias of DONALD HISS. [redacted]

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The Communist Party, USA, has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as a subversive organization which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

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