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CHAMBERS' TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Between August 3, and September 9, 1948, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS testified before the House Committee On Un-American Activities. The portion of this testimony is summarized as follows:

CHAMBERS identified HAROLD WARE as a son of ELLA REEVE BLOOR, the famous woman Communist. The head of the underground group known as the WARE Group was at first NATHAN WITT. DONALD HISS was the younger brother of ALGER HISS who was in the State Department but now (1948) was in Mr. (TOMMY) CORCORAN's law firm. DONALD HISS was active in negotiating the loan to Poland through his connection with this law firm.

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CHAMBERS thought he met DONALD HISS within the same week in which he met ALGER HISS in Washington, D. C. He became close friends with ALGER but his relationship with DONALD was much less close and was purely formal. He collected dues from DONALD probably while in ALGER's home rather than DONALD's because DONALD frequently went there and CHAMBERS would see him there. DONALD HISS was married to the daughter of Mr. COTTON in the State Department. She was not a Communist and this caused everyone concern. CHAMBERS' general impression of DONALD HISS was that he was much less intelligent than ALGER and less sensitive. CHAMBERS had the impression DONALD was interested in social climbing and the Communist Party was interested in having him climb. He believed DONALD HISS was at one time fairly friendly with JAMES ROOSEVELT.

DONALD HISS was working in the Immigration Section of the Labor Department, and it was the plan of the Communist Party for him to go to California (get himself sent) to work in the HARRY BRIDGES case. At that time, he had an opportunity to go into the State Department as Legal Advisor, CHAMBERS thought, to the Philippines Section which had just been set up. It was the opinion of the Party that he should do that and discontinue in the BRIDGES matter. It was his opinion that he should continue in the BRIDGES matter and there was a fairly sharp exchange, but he submitted to discipline and went to the State Department.

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III. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OTHERS CONCERNING HISS' ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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It is noted that the National Negro Congress was cited by the Attorney General as a subversive and Communist organization.

HAROLD GLASSER

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities identified two Communist

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espionage groups composed of Government employees and Government officials in Washington, D. C. Information supplied from the files of the Federal Government by members of these espionage groups was conveyed to New York City and turned over to agents of the Soviet Union, according to Miss BENTLEY. She identified HAROLD GLASSER as a member of one of these groups known as the FERLO Group. GLASSER was with the Treasury Department.

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MEMBERS OF THE WARE GROUP

In connection with the hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities between July 31, and

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September 9, 1948, it is noted that certain alleged members of the HAROLD WARE group were called to testify before the committee. They were asked whether they knew DONALD HISS. LEE PRESSMAN, NATHAN WITT, VICTOR PERLO, and HENRY COLLINS declined to answer this question on constitutional grounds. JOHN ABT was likewise asked this question, but the record does not reflect that this particular question was ever answered by him.

ALEXANDER STEVENS, alias J. PETERS, likewise appeared before the committee and was asked whether he knew DONALD HISS. He also declined to answer this question on constitutional grounds.

LOUIS BUDENZ, who admitted he was formerly active in the Communist underground and was formerly managing editor of the "Daily Worker" Communist newspaper, was asked if he knew DONALD HISS and advised he had heard of DONALD HISS but could not be as exact about him as about ALGER HISS, his brother.

LEON PRESSMAN

LEON PRESSMAN with alias LEE PRESSMAN, identified by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in his testimony in 1948 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a member of the HAROLD WARE espionage group, was again called before the HCUA in a public hearing on August 28, 1950. At this time PRESSMAN admitted he became a member of the Communist Party early in 1934. He was recruited by HAROLD WARE. He claimed there were only four members in the group that he was in including himself and all were in the AAA. The other three were JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT and CHARLES KRAMER. He added that a man only identified as J. PETERS met with the group after the death of HAROLD WARE sometime in 1935.

PRESSMAN claimed that on moving from Washington, D. C. to New York in the winter of 1935 he severed all relationship with the CP. He told the Committee he knew of no other Government employees who were affiliated with the Party.

NATHANIEL WEYL

In testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security in a hearing on February 19, 1952, NATHANIEL WEYL, writer, testified he joined the CP in late 1932 or early 1933. Following Communist activity at Columbia University where he attended he went to Washington, D. C. and secured a job with the AAA. While there he joined a Communist group at the behest of HAROLD WARE and attended meetings for about six months during 1934. He stated that other members were ALGER HISS, LEE PRESSMAN, CHARLES KRAMER, HENRY COLLINS, JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT and VICTOR PERLO. WEYL was allowed to drop out of CP activities because of his previous open Party membership and articles published under his name in New York. WEYL was asked specifically if DONALD HISS was a member of the HAROLD WARE group and stated he was not.

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A list furnished to the Attorney General by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives,

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known as the Dies Committee, contained the name of DONALD HISS as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. This information was received November 4, 1941, and reflected that HISS was then Assistant to the Legal Advisor, State Department, at a salary of \$5,600 per year.

It is noted that the Washington Committee for Democratic Action was cited as a subversive organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the name DONALD HISS did not actually appear in the active files of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action,

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IV. DONALD HISS' DENIAL OF ALLEGATIONS
REGARDING HIS CP ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

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DONALD HISS' TESTIMONY BEFORE HCUA

On August 13, 1948, DONALD HISS appeared before the HCUA and was questioned with regard to the testimony concerning him. Pertinent portions of his testimony are summarized as follows: HISS was allowed to read a prepared statement in which he said he had read the full transcript of the testimony of D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS given before the HCUA in which he had named DONALD HISS as one of an elite Communist group. He flatly denied every statement made by CHAMBERS with respect to himself with the exception that he had an older brother named ALGER and that he had been employed in the Departments of Labor and State and that as an employee of a local law firm he had rendered legal service to the Polish Supply Mission. The following excerpt is quoted from his testimony:

"I am not and never have been a member of the Communist Party or of any formal or informal organizations affiliated with or fronting in any manner whatsoever for the Communist Party. In fact, the only organizations and clubs to which I have belonged are the local YMCA, the Miles River Yacht Club of Maryland, the old Washington Racquet Club, the Harvard Law School Association, the American Society of International Law, and college fraternities and athletic clubs.

"I have no recollection of ever having met any person by the name of D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, nor do I recognize his photograph which I have seen in the public press. I am not and never have been in sympathy with the principles of the Communist Party. Any interested person could easily have discovered these facts by inquiry of the distinguished, respected, and unquestionably loyal Americans with whom I have been intimately associated."

HISS went on to deny that he had ever been in an apartment or home of Mr. COLLINS in St. Matthews Court and he

denied ever having met or known any person named CHARLES KRAMER or KREVITSKY, VICTOR PERLO or D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. HISS stated he knew COLLINS casually having met him years ago in 1933 or 1934, but had never engaged in political discussions with him as far as he could remember. He admitted he had met PRESSMAN and ABT when they were with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in 1934. He advised he had known WITT since 1929 when they were classmates their first year at Harvard Law School. He admitted seeing PRESSMAN, ABT and WITT occasionally in 1933, 1934 and 1935 when they were working in the same Division of the AAA with his brother ALGER HISS. He stated he had not seen ABT or WITT since 1935 to the best of his knowledge and had only seen PRESSMAN a few times in passing him on the street except for one occasion when he attended a function of the Polish Embassy in connection with his work on legal matters. HISS stated that information with respect to the services rendered by his law firm to the Polish Supply Mission were set forth in reports Mr. BURLING had submitted to the Department of Justice in accordance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

HISS further denied having known HAROLD WARE, HELEN WARE, or J. PETERS who had also used the name GOLDENWEISS or GOLDBERGER.

HISS reiterated that he had never carried on any conversation with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in the apartment or home of COLLINS for three reasons, first, he had never been a member of the CP or any organizations affiliated or fronting for the CP, second, he had never met WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and third, he had never been in any apartment or home belonging to Mr. COLLINS. HISS was asked whether, since he had opportunity to view photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, and also saw him, he had known CHAMBERS under the name CARL or any other name and again HISS denied knowing CHAMBERS.

When it was pointed out by the Committee at a later point in his testimony that either he or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was lying about these facts, HISS stated that if he was lying he should go to jail and if CHAMBERS was lying he should go to jail.

V. BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL HISTORY

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A check was made on June 1, 1952, of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], with regard to DONALD HISS and no record was found.

The Martindale - Hubbell Law Directory, 84th Annual Edition, 1952, in Volume 1, Page 479, contains the listing of the firm, Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson, and Shorb, 701 Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Included in the listing of the members of the firm is the mention of DONALD HISS, member: "DONALD HISS, born Baltimore, Maryland, December 15, 1906; admitted to Bar 1934, Maryland; 1946, Washington, D. C. Education, Johns Hopkins University (A. B. 1929); Harvard Law School (L. L. B. 1932)."

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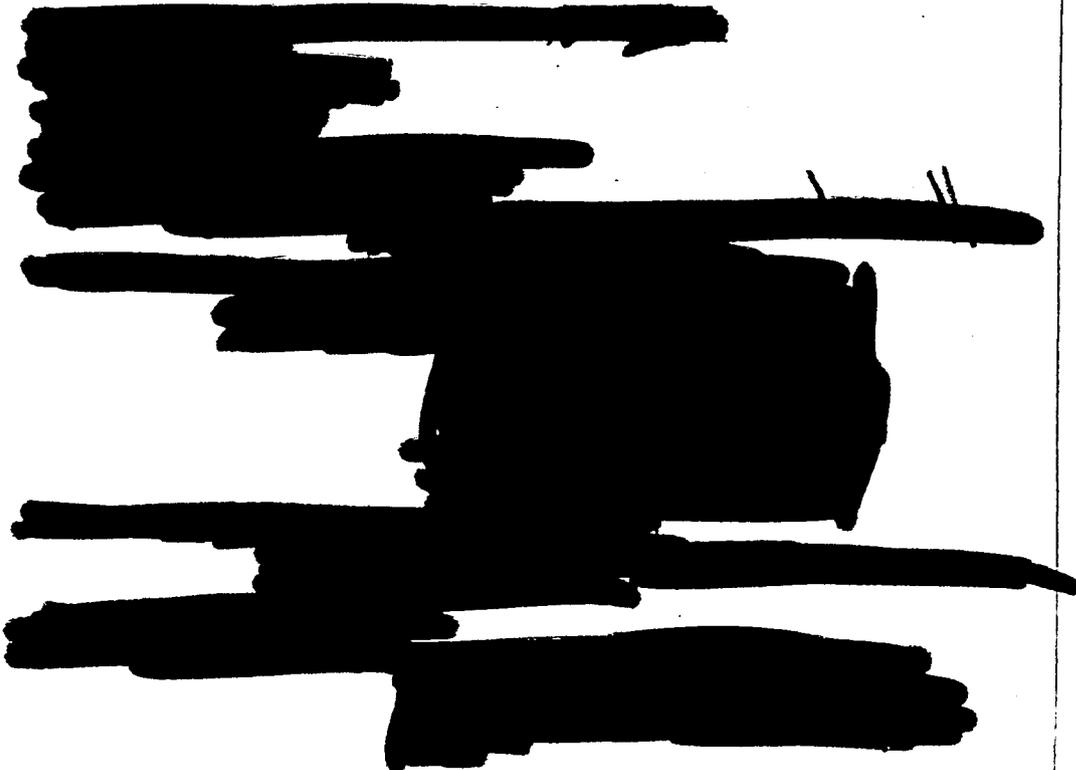
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The interview of [redacted] on May 13, 1942, was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. Information was furnished orally by [redacted] and was reported in New York letter to Bureau dated May 14, 1942, New York file 65-6766, serial 28.

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[redacted] as reflected on page 6 of this report, appeared as Government exhibit number 18 in the case of United States vs. ALGER HISS, USDC, Southern District, New York, and are in custody of the United States Attorney, Southern District, New York. When returned by the United States Attorney to the New York office notes will belong in file 65-6766, serial 14.

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Interview of [redacted] on May 10, 1945, by Agents [redacted] and [redacted] appeared in New York letter to Bureau dated June 26, 1945, New York file 65-6766, serial 49. This information was furnished orally by [redacted].

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Results of these interviews are set forth in New York file 65-14986, serial 12.

The statement provided by [redacted], referred to on page eleven of this report, was taken May 3, 1947, and was undated and unsigned. It is located in WFO file 100-17493-1A

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The interview of [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] as reflected on page thirteen, appears in WFO file 101-2436, serial 108. b7c
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A list furnished to the Attorney General by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, mentioned on page thirteen, comprised approximately 1170 names furnished by Congressman MARTIN DIES in regard to persons of alleged subversive backgrounds. A further effort to document this is being made.

The check of criminal record, [REDACTED] report on page twenty-seven, was performed by SE [REDACTED] b7c b7D

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- [REDACTED] Anonymous
- [REDACTED] to SA [REDACTED], WFO, on a confidential basis. WFO file 101-607, serial thirteen.
- [REDACTED] to SA [REDACTED] on a confidential basis. WFO file 101-607, serial 16.
- [REDACTED] to SA [REDACTED] on May 28, 1952, and requested

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that the source remain confidential.
A copy of this record is maintained in
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[redacted] who furnished statement to SA's
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reflected in report of SA [redacted]
at New York, March 30, 1949, re JAHAM,
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This awaits documentation from New York.

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THE BALTIMORE OFFICE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Will re-interview [redacted] as to
persons who would be in a position to provide information
tending to corroborate DONALD HISS' activities and affili-
ations with the Communist Party and the Communist underground.
Particular effort should be directed to developing any sources
not already outlined [redacted], if possible.

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AT CAMP HOLABIRD, MARYLAND

Will determine if the files of G-2, Department
of the Army, contain information with regard to DONALD HISS.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will interview [redacted]

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He should again be asked to identify their photographs. Efforts should be made to determine other persons who furnish information to the New York Office and who may have been present at the meeting referred to.

THE SEATTLE OFFICE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will furnish the pertinent testimony of HOWARD RUSHMORE on July 21, 1948, before the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee in which he reportedly testified to the existence of an espionage organization established in Washington, D. C., by HAROLD WARE and specifically named LEE PRESSMAN and DONALD HISS as recruits in the organization referred to. Refer to Seattle teletype to Bureau dated July 23, 1948, re HOWARD RUSHMORE, Witness before the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will determine if the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence contain pertinent information regarding DONALD HISS.

Will consult subject's Selective Service file for pertinent background information.

Will locate, with view of interviewing, co-workers and associates during subject's employment in the Works Progress Administration, Interior Department, Labor Department and State Department relative to his activities and affiliations in the Communist Party.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated April 26, 1952,
(Bureau file 101-4300) in instant case.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: June 24, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS
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DATE 11/21/91 BY 3213

Reference is made to the attached report of SA [redacted] of the Washington Field Office dated June 24, 1952

On Page eighteen of summary memorandum in instant matter submitted by the Bureau to the Washington Field Office by letter dated December 16, 1949, there appears information which possibly indicates that [redacted]

The Bureau is requested to provide this office with any additional available information in this matter so that it may be properly evaluated and, if deemed desirable, so that leads to have these persons interviewed may be initiated.

On page six of the attached report is information concerning [redacted]

This information was reported to the Washington Field Office by letter from the Bureau dated May 4, 1945, captioned, "Communist Political Association, Government Group, Internal Security - C." Bureau is requested to furnish information for documentation.

Information in the Washington Field Office files indicate that agents of this office interviewed [redacted]

Inasmuch as the Bureau summaries and the files of this office do not reflect testimony of [redacted]

the Bureau is requested to obtain this record from the Justice Department, if feasible, in order to complete its own and the Washington Field Office files in instant case.

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SAC, Washington Field (101-607)

July 25, 1952

Director, FBI (101-4300)

DONALD HISS
SECURITY MATTER - C
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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated June 24, 1952, at Washington, D. C.

The Bureau is of the opinion that most of the information set forth on pages 28 and 29 of referenced report regarding [redacted]

[redacted] is irrelevant to this investigation.

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All offices which have received copies of referenced report, as well as Washington Field, should renumber page 28 as page 28a and mark pages 28a, 29 and 30 as administrative pages.

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Washington Field Office should furnish copies of rewritten page 2 and page 28 to the Bureau and offices receiving this letter.

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DONALD HISS
SECURITY MATTER - U;
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Reurlet dated June 24, 1952.

In the first paragraph of referenced letter you advised that there appears information on page 18 of a summary memorandum furnished you by Bureau letter dated December 16, 1949, on Donald Hiss, which possibly indicates that [redacted]

You requested the Bureau to provide you with any additional available information in this matter so that you might properly evaluate same and, if deemed desirable, initiate leads to have these people interviewed. A check of the Bureau files reveals that the information referred to on page 18 of the summary memorandum was furnished to the Bureau by [redacted]

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In paragraph three of the referenced letter, you advised that page six of the report of SA [redacted] dated June 24, 1952, at Washington, D. C., contains information concerning [redacted]

[redacted]

You note that this information was furnished to you by Bureau letter dated May 4, 1945, captioned "Communist Political Association, Government Group, Internal Security - C." You requested the Bureau to furnish [redacted]

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information for documentation.

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A copy of the original [redacted]

[redacted] was obtained by the Liaison Section of the Bureau during the first part of June, 1943. This information is found in serial 27 of Bureau file number 100-25824. No additional details concerning [redacted] by the Bureau are available.

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A copy of referenced letter is enclosed to New York which is requested [redacted]

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and forward a copy of the transcript to the Washington Field Office and the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: July 22, 1952

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FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

Richard H. Byrd

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS
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It is requested that authority be granted this office to interview or cause to be interviewed the following individuals with regard to DONALD HISS. Background data and information from Washington Field Office files are set forth below with regard to each:

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EX - 13

DONALD HISS, wa.
PERJURY
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reurlet dated July 22, 1952, requesting
authority to interview, or cause to be interviewed,
the following individuals, concerning Donald Hiss:

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[REDACTED]

Authority is granted to interview all
of the individuals except [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The interviews should be
conducted by an experienced and mature agent.

[REDACTED]

WFO
revised
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[REDACTED]

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NOTE:

RE: [REDACTED]

- Tolson _____
- Ladd _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Harbo _____
- Rosen _____
- Tracy _____
- Laughlin _____
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- Tele. Rm. _____
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- By _____

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-15548)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: July 29, 1952

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 6/24/52 at WFO wherein
are set forth leads for Baltimore to reinterview [redacted]
[redacted] as to persons who would be in a position to provide
information tending to corroborate DONALD HISS' activities
in the Communist Party, and also to determine if the files
of G-2, Department of the Army, contain information re
DONALD HISS.

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1 - New York (info)

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RE: DONALD HISS, wa.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: August 11, 1952

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FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.,
SECURITY MATTER - C
PERJURY

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Rebulet dated July 25, 1952.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, pages 2 and 28 have been revised and are attached for insertion in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 24, 1952, at Washington, D. C.

Former page 28, now designated 28a, and pages 29 and 30 are designated "Administrative Page" →

For the Bureau's further information and for the benefit of offices having received this report, there appears on page 27, paragraph 3, line 4, [redacted]

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[redacted] There is likewise enclosed page 31, a corrected administrative page to reflect completed documentation. Old pages 2 and 31 should be removed and destroyed and replaced by new pages.

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FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/22/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/20, 23, 24, 27, 30; 7/1-3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 18, 21-24, 28-31/	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE DONALD HISS, wa. Donald Jones	52	CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C 67 PERJURY	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DONALD HISS rejected following Armed Forces physical examination in 1943 due to psychoneurosis. He resigned from State Department March 26, 1945, for reasons of health.

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Annau 11-18-52
Report submitted
10-21-52

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No association with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] developed.

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to source [REDACTED]
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DETAILS AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On June 24, 1952 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that DONALD HISS, in filling out a Selective Service

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R.B. Hard [REDACTED]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

For the information of offices which have not previously received reports in this case, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D
WHITTAKER CHAMBERS alleged before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948 and to FBI Agents that DONALD HISS was a member of the underground Communist Party activity in Washington between 1934 and 1937 in association with HAROLD WARE, VICTOR PERLO, LEE PRESSMAN, JOHN ABT, CHARLES KRAMER, wa. KRIVITSKY, and HENRY COLLINS, commonly referred to as the Ware Group. CHAMBERS told of DONALD HISS's attending meetings and paying party dues to himself. In appearances before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948 DONALD HISS denied CHAMBER's allegations and that he ever knew CHAMBERS, VICTOR PERLO, and CHARLES KRAMER, while admitting he knew the others of the group.

The reference to [REDACTED] on page 7 of this report pertains to a teletype from Memphis to the Washington Field Office dated January 21, 1949, in the case entitled, "JAY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R." b7C

INFORMANTS

[REDACTED] State Department,
The Security File on DONALD HISS
b2 was made available by [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] Room 322, State Annex, 515
22nd Street, Northwest.

[REDACTED] Records of the Selective Service Boards
of the District of Columbia as made
b2 available by [REDACTED] b7C
Administrative Assistant.

LEADS

The following offices are requested to interview the designated individuals with regard to knowledge of DONALD HISS bearing on his loyalty and reported connection with the Communist underground group known as the Ware Group in Washington, D. C., about 1934 to 1938. An attempt should be made to determine if others of the Ware Group were known to HISS to their knowledge, particularly VICTOR PERLO and CHARLES KRAMER, wa. KRIVITSKY, whom HISS denied knowing according to his testimony. Newspaper pictures of the latter two are being furnished for this purpose. b7C

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BOSTON OFFICE:

AT HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE:

*No. 1
authority granted*

[REDACTED]

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CHICAGO OFFICE:

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL:

*C 5-51
Yes!
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[REDACTED]

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DENVER OFFICE:

AT DENVER, COLORADO:

C 5-52

[REDACTED]

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Will contact the National Conference of Bar Examiners, 514 Equitable Building, for any pertinent information in their files. It is noted they made inquiry concerning DONALD HISS in August 1946.

LCS ANGELES OFFICE:

S.F.O.

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA:

*Ord. 5-53
Authority granted*

[REDACTED]

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MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE:

AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA:

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NEW YORK OFFICE:

AT THE HARVARD CLUB, 27 WEST 44th STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Will contact LOUIS BUDENZ, source of information of the New York Office concerning Communist matters for any pertinent information regarding DONALD HISS.

RICHMOND OFFICE:

AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA:

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[REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will report the results of contacting the following informants:

[REDACTED]

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Will continue to locate and interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for pertinent information concerning subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated
June 24, 1952, at Washington, D. C.

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SAC, Washington Field (101-607)

September 9, 1952

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EX - 69 DONALD HISS, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
PERJURY

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated 8-22-52, at Washington, D. C. b7c

WFO should advise the Bureau and the offices which have received copies of referenced report whether [redacted] b7c

[redacted] should be in quotes inasmuch as they appear to have been used by the interviewees.

WFO is also instructed to rewrite page 5 of referenced report to delete the last two sentences in paragraph 2 as the information reported therein is totally irrelevant to the investigation of Donald Hiss. Copies of rewritten page 5 should be furnished the Bureau and those offices which received referenced report.

Referenced report sets forth a lead for the New York Office to contact Louis Budenz for any pertinent information regarding Donald Hiss. New York may disregard this lead inasmuch as Bureau files reveal that Budenz was interviewed about Donald Hiss by New York on December 16, 1948, in connection with the Jaham investigation. At that time Budenz advised that he did not know whether Donald Hiss was a member of the Communist Party. WFO's attention is directed in this regard to the New York report of SA Joseph M. Kelly, dated December 23, 1948, in the Jaham case, WFO file 74-94. (74-1333-302, 1147)

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Date 11/24, 1952

Memo To: Bureau

SAC _____ Title: Donald Hiss
 ASAC _____
 Supervisor _____ Security Matter - C
 Agent _____ Perjury
 Steno _____
 Clerk _____
 Chief Clerk _____
 Special Employee _____ File No. Bufile 101-4300

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- Read, Initial and _____
- Return _____
- Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.
- Open Case _____
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- Search and Return _____
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- _____ Type _____
- _____ Return Serials _____

Attached are corrected page 5
 (5 copies) for Report of *bx*
 SA [redacted] WFO,
 dated August 22, 1952
ser 38

Consolidation

S.A.C. [redacted]
 Office _____
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(In intra office use return this slip with explanation of action taken or explanation)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: August 26, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, was.,
SECURITY MATTER - C
PERJURY

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Re report of SA [redacted], dated August 22, 1952, at Washington, D. C. *b7c*

So far WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has been the only source placing DONALD HISS in the WARE GROUP of the Communist Underground. According to CHAMBERS, the following made up this group as he knew it between 1934 and 1937:

JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, VICTOR PERLO, ALGER HISS,
DONALD HISS, HENRY COLLINS, CHARLES KRAMER, LEE PRESSMAN

He indicated that DONALD HISS' activities in the Underground consisted mostly in attending meetings and paying dues, as far as he knew. DONALD HISS denied CHAMBERS' allegations in an appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948 [redacted] *b7D*

[redacted]

[redacted] *b7c b7D*

It is recommended that [redacted] be reinterviewed relative to DONALD HISS even though it does not appear that he has been fully cooperative in previous interviews conducted by the New York Office. In view of the fact that this office is not as well informed on the recent activities of these individuals as is New York, it is suggested that the opinion of that office govern as to whether it is advisable to interview others of the WARE group in addition to [redacted] *b7c*

[redacted] *b7c b7D*

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The offices receiving copies of this letter will await
Bureau instructions.

Office Memorandum • UNITEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/25/52

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-36899)

Secret

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
PERJURY

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Re WFO letter to Newark dated 8/6/52

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Referenced WFO

letter contained the following information:

"DONALD HISS was in the Communist underground group known as the WARE group of federal employees in Washington, D. C., between 1934 and 1937, according to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

CHAMBERS named other members of the WARE group as follows:

- JOHN ABT
- NATHAN WITT
- VICTOR PERLO
- ALGER HISS
- HENRY COLLINS
- CHARLES KRAMER
- LEE PRESSMAN

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He indicated that DONALD HISS's activities consisted mostly of attending meetings and paying party dues. DONALD HISS denied these allegations before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948

[REDACTED]

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The Bureau received information from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It would appear on the basis of this that [REDACTED]

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TO : Director, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: 8/26/52

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-0)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa. Donald Jones
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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 8/22/52 at WFO.

Inasmuch as Berkeley, California is covered by the San Francisco Division, two copies of this report and enclosures are being submitted to the San Francisco Office.

RUC.

cc: 2 - Washington Field (101-607)
2 - San Francisco (Enc.)(REG.)

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*Letter to LA
cc - SA WFO
9-10-52*

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-0)

September 10, 1952

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DONALD HISS, was.
Donald Jones
SECURITY MATTER - C
PERJURY

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EX-121

Reference is made to the WFO report of
Special Agent [redacted] dated 8-22-52 requesting
the Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and Richmond offices
to interview [redacted] regarding
Donald Hiss. b7c

By teletype dated September 4, 1952, the Bureau
instructed the afore-mentioned offices that prior Bureau
authority must be obtained to conduct the interviews,
unless [redacted] were established contacts. b7c
The offices were referred to Section 87C-1 b of the
Manual of Instructions pertaining to security investigations.

Reference is made to Los Angeles teletype dated
September 6, last, which referred to the Bureau's teletype
of September 4, 1952, and advised that Los Angeles had not
received a copy of referenced report. The attention
of the Los Angeles Office is directed to its letter dated
August 26, 1952, which referred to SA [redacted] report and
stated that two copies of the report were being forwarded
to the San Francisco Office inasmuch as Berkeley,
California, is covered by that office. San Francisco b7c
should be guided by Bureau instructions contained in
Bureau teletype dated September 4, 1952.

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Re Chicago let September 4, last referring to
a lead in the report of SA [redacted] dated August 22,
1952, which requested Chicago to interview [redacted]

Referenced letter requested Bureau authority.

The report of SA [redacted] referred to above, reflects
that according to [redacted]

[redacted block]

(77-50099-15 pages 2 & 3)

A letter intercepted by the Office of Censorship
dated July 13, 1948, addressed to [redacted]

[redacted block]

(62-62736-2-6417)

No other pertinent information of a derogatory
nature is contained in the Bureau files concerning [redacted]
Authority is therefore granted Chicago to interview [redacted]
concerning the captioned subject.

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TO : Director, FBI (101-4300)
FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-26146)
SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa. Donald Jones
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DATE: September 4, 1952

b7c Office of Origin: Washington Field.

Reference report of SA [redacted] dated August 22, 1952, in the above captioned matter, which sets out a lead for Chicago to interview [redacted] *b7c*

An anonymous source, of known reliability, advised [redacted]

This information is set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated May 15, 1941 at Washington, D. C., captioned National Lawyers Guild, Internal Security - C. *b7c*

In accordance with current Bureau instructions pertaining to interviews with persons [redacted] authority is requested to conduct the interview mentioned in referenced report. *b7D b7C*

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SEPTEMBER 4, 1952

SAC'S: BOSTON
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LOS ANGELES
RICHMOND
WFO (DSM)

URGENT

DONALD HISS, WA., SECURITY MATTER DASH C, PERJURY.
RE WFO REPORT SA [REDACTED] DATED EIGHT DASH TWENTY TWO
DASH FIFTY TWO REQUESTING INTERVIEWS WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PRIOR BUREAU AUTHORITY MUST BE OBTAINED
TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS UNLESS [REDACTED] ARE
ESTABLISHED CONTACTS. ALL OFFICES REFER TO SECTION
EIGHT SEVEN C DASH ONE B, MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS RE
SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS.

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CC - 2 * WASHINGTON FIELD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

Note: Leads set out in referenced report to interview
the [REDACTED] appear logical, inasmuch as [REDACTED]
formerly associated with subject. if [REDACTED]
are not established contacts of the respective offices,
background information is necessary for a check of Bureau
files prior to granting authority for interviews.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: September 9, 1952

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-8770)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, Wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
PERJURY

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[REDACTED] Rerep SA [REDACTED] dated 8-22-52 at Wash-
ton, D. C. and Butel dated 9-4-52. b7c

Referenced report requests interview with

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] is not an established contact
of this office. The Richmond Division indices make no
reference to him. b7c

[REDACTED] At these times he has
demonstrated a cooperative attitude. No occasions of
indiscretion or unreliability have been brought to my
attention. b7c b7D

Bureau authority to interview [REDACTED] is requested.

[REDACTED]
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DONALD HISS, WAS., SM - C, PERJURY. REBUTEL SEPT.
FOUR LAST. LA HAS NOT RECEIVED COPY OF WFO REPORT
SA [REDACTED] DATED AUG. TWENTYTWO LAST. LA HAS
COPY OF WFO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED AUG. TWENTYSIX
LAST AND IS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
LAST PARAGRAPH OF THAT LETTER. NOT RECORDED

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Let to LA ACSF WFO*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: September 10, 1952

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-36096)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa. Donald Jones
Security Matter - C
PERJURY

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] of Washington, D.C. in the above captioned matter dated August 22, 1952, requesting that [redacted] be interviewed regarding HISS and others, inasmuch as [redacted]

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The San Francisco office has no derogatory information regarding [redacted] and have no objection to interviewing [redacted] about this case; therefore, it is recommended that Bureau Authority be granted to interview [redacted]

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cc Washington Field (101-607)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AP*

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan *WAB*

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.
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SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: August 26, 1952

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PURPOSE:

To have Liaison obtain State Department clearance for the interview of [redacted] in connection with this case.

BACKGROUND:

By letter dated July 22, 1952, the Washington Field Office requested authority to interview, or cause to be interviewed, [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of [redacted] it is requested that Liaison obtain State Department clearance for the interview of Schachter.

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SAC, New York (101-804)

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Re WFO let dated July 22, 1952, requesting that authority be granted to have [redacted] interviewed regarding Donald Hiss [redacted]

A copy of WFO let is attached for New York. Reference is also made to Bureau letter dated August 26, 1952, to WFO advising that inasmuch as [redacted]

[redacted] the Bureau was requesting State Department clearance for an interview with him. The State Department has cleared the interview with [redacted] New York is instructed to interview him regarding Donald Hiss.

Bureau files were checked regarding [redacted]. The files reveal the following information which is being set forth for the New York Office:

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(62-77787-4315)
Page 17 of the New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 22, 1951, in the case entitled [redacted] Espionage - R" reveals that [redacted]

(100-338861-35)

Attachment

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The Washington Field Office report of Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] (65-59083-17) b7C

WFO report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 3-30-48 in the case entitled [redacted], Internal Security - R" reveals that a highly confidential source advised on January 2, 1948, that [redacted] appeared in the address book of [redacted]. It is noted that [redacted] is well known to the New York Office. b7C

A highly confidential WFO source obtained [redacted]

[redacted] (100-7321-106) b7C

New York teletype dated May 11, 1945, captioned "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee, Internal Security - C" advised that [redacted] reported on May 8, 1945, that [redacted] called [redacted] Washington, D. C., and told him that UNRRA may help the Spanish refugees in France, reversing its former policy. This change came about as a result of [redacted] trip to Washington during which she talked to [redacted] and [redacted]. b2 b7D b7C

[redacted] (100-7061-1003)

New York's attention is directed to its file 100-39645 in the case entitled "Harold Schachter, Internal Security - R, Custodial Attention." [redacted]

[redacted] The April 27, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker" carried a page IV article reporting the "untimely death of Harold Schachter, young Communist and soldier of democracy....." The article b7C

states that Harold Schachter was taken fatally ill while still at an Army training center.

(100-153146)

In view of the information regarding [REDACTED]

*11-13-52
From NY to NY
to [unclear]
[unclear]*

[REDACTED]

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New York should also submit a summary of the pertinent information found in its files regarding him.

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*Reply from New York
12-16-52. Report will be
submitted by 12/24/52*

[REDACTED]

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to [unclear]*

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SECURITY MATTER - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD

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TITLE DONALD HISS, wa.		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C PERJURY	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Reply from WFO
11-14-52. Report
will be submitted
by 11-21-52

1-cc [REDACTED]

Form 0-6
10-3-52
11-5-52. Report
will be submitted by
[REDACTED]

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C. 11-12-52

[REDACTED]

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Form 0-1 to NY
Report will be submitted
11-3-52

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10-20-52-Form
WFO to [REDACTED]
Reply from
N.Y. 11-4-52
Report will be submitted
11-3-52

It is recalled, as has been set forth in previous reports, instant investigation has been based substantially on allegations made by JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, who described DONALD HISS as having been a member of the HAROLD WARE Group, a Communist party apparatus formerly active in Washington, D. C., in the middle 1930's.

[REDACTED]

1-cc [REDACTED] Form 0-14
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In a newspaper article appearing on February 29, 1948, in the "News and Observer," Raleigh, North Carolina, an item appeared under the caption, "Plans for Wallace Drive Outlined at Chapel Hill." This article identified Doctor CLARK FOREMAN as President of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and member of the National Wallace for President Committee. It is noted the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was cited as a Communist Front organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, in its report dated March 29, 1944, p. 147.

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During the course of this investigation numerous informants, who have furnished reliable information concerning Communist matters in the District of Columbia, were contacted. Since information furnished by these informants was entirely negative, the details of those contacts have not been set forth earlier in the body of this report. Those informants, interviewed specifically concerning DONALD HISS, included the following:

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, was interviewed August 1, 1952, by SA [redacted] [redacted] was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning the alleged association of DONALD HISS within the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, was interviewed August 4, 1952, by SA [redacted] and this informant was unable to furnish any information pertinent to this investigation.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, was interviewed August 5, 1952, by SA [redacted] and this informant was unable to furnish any information of value concerning DONALD HISS.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, was interviewed August 6, 1952, by SA [redacted] and this informant had no pertinent information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, was interviewed August 14, 1952, by SA [redacted], and this informant had no information pertaining to DONALD HISS.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, was interviewed August 7, 1952, by SA [redacted] and this informant was unable to furnish any information concerning DONALD HISS.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, was interviewed August 12, 1952, by SA's [redacted] and the writer. It may be pointed out, Informant [redacted] during the 1920's and 1930's, was a close friend of numerous Communist Party functionaries and this informant associated with many so-called left wing, liberal and Communist causes. This informant advised he knew of DONALD HISS purely through publicity HISS had received but that HISS was personally unknown to him, and this informant was unable

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to furnish any pertinent information.

Confidential Informant [redacted], another government agency which conducts security type investigations, was contacted and it was determined that records of [redacted] contain no pertinent information not already in possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. b2

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T- is [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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LEADS

The following leads are to be covered for the purpose of obtaining background information on DONALD HISS; which information should tend to prove or disprove the allegation that DONALD HISS was a Communist, or a member of the Communist Party. In that connection it is also desired that interviews with persons whose names are set out below should as closely as possible include the obtaining of information bearing on associations between DONALD HISS and other persons mentioned as being members of the HAROLD WARE Group; namely, LEE PRESSMAN, JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, HENRY COLLINS, CHARLES KRAMER, and VICTOR PERLO.

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CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Will locate and interview [REDACTED], and who was reported to be acquainted with DONALD HISS and fellow employees knowing HISS in those years. [REDACTED] reportedly can be located through [REDACTED]

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

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AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

Will locate and interview [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is reported to be engaged in private law practice in New York City.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

✓ Will interview [REDACTED] who is due to return to Washington, after September 1, 1952. [REDACTED] and supposedly knew DONALD HISS at that time.

✓ Will locate for interview [REDACTED] who was reported to be a social acquaintance of DONALD HISS [REDACTED]

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✓ Will interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is presently

on vacation.

✓ Will continue to locate for interview friends and associates of subject in the various government departments where he worked from 1933, through 1945, including those of the [REDACTED]

as set out in this report.

✓ Will contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is due back in Washington

after September 1, for knowledge of HISS [REDACTED]

✓ Will interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and may have known DONALD HISS.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated August 22, 1952, at Washington, D. C.

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