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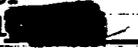
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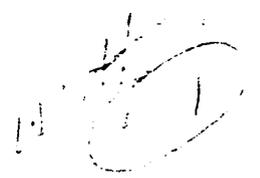
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Date: August 9, 1954

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DONALD HISS  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
PERJURY

*Donald HISS - Summary*

Reference is made to our memorandum dated July 30, 1954, to which there were attached a number of investigative reports concerning the subject. You were advised that a further check was being made of our files for any additional pertinent information.

The following is the only additional pertinent information which was located in our files:

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
FROM : Lt. B. Nichols

DATE: Nov. 26, 1954

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SUBJECT: *Re Donald Hiss  
Int. Security - R.*

[redacted] of United Press, while discussing other matters, mentioned there was a rumor to the effect that Donald Hiss had been beaten up recently and that he had given indications of a willingness to talk about what he knew; further, that he was taking instruction apparently with the intent of entering the Catholic Church. [redacted] stated this seemed to be the wildest story he had yet heard and that none of the elements apparently were known to any of the news corps in Washington as he had checked considerably.

No comment, of course, was made.

cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: February 18, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *LBN*

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS

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[REDACTED] called me on February 14 and was all excited over what she said was additional information which corroborated Whittaker Chambers' statements on Donald Hiss that he was shifted from the Department of Labor to the State Department as a part of the communist plan and was taken off the Harry Bridges case.

I asked Bob Morris about this. He stated that I should very shortly receive a copy of a letter which the committee had received dealing with this point. The letter is attached hereto and refers to documents that the writer, Walter R. Swank, saw which may possibly have some corroborative value so far as Chambers' statements on Donald Hiss are concerned.

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Mr. Belmont  
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1400 Fairmont St., N.W.,  
Washington 9, D. C.  
January 28, 1957.

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Dear Senator Eastland:

(Suggested attention of Mr. Ben.  
Mandel, Research Director)

In the recent past, through your office's  
mailing list, there came to me single copies  
of

Pts. 20 and 21--Scope of Soviet  
Activity in the United States -  
containing, respectively, testimony  
of witness Harry Gold, and witnesses  
Andriyve, Black, Greenglass.

Would it be practicable for additional  
(single) copies to be mailed to me, as I  
am sending the copies to an out-of-town friend -  
meaning the issues originally sent me.

As your Mr. Mandel already may know, I  
was employed, before end of May 1952, as a  
shorthand reporter in the Dept. of Commerce,  
and thro' Thos. J. Scanlon, then and now in  
that agency, attended some alleged disloyal  
and questionable employes.

In the Whittaker Chambers book - WITNESS -  
at p. 570 - there is a somewhat detailed refer-  
ence to Donald (brother to Alger) Hiss.

In pertinent part I quote - "...He was  
working in the Labor Department, I believe  
in the Immigration Section, and it was the  
plan of the Communist Party to have him go to  
California, get himself sent by the Government  
to California, to work in the Bridges case.  
At that moment he had an opportunity to go into  
the State Department as, I think, legal adviser  
to the Philippine Section, which had just been  
set up. It was the opinion of the party that  
he should do that and not the Bridges matter.  
It was his opinion that he should continue in the

*referred to WFO  
by letter dated  
April 6, 1957,  
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Bridges matter and there was a fairly sharp exchange, but he submitted to discipline and want to the State Department (quotation ends)."

Indicative of the planned activities for Donald Hiss, may I respectfully invite your careful attention to a purported copy of a Labor Department memorandum, from one Houghteling to Cahill, the latter then of the San Francisco field force:

Again in pertinent part -- "Donald Hiss, formerly Assistant Solicitor of the Department of Labor and now a member of the legal staff of the Department of State, will preside at the Bridges hearing. He has been appointed an Acting Immigration Inspector for this purpose...(quotation ends)."

The memo. last mentioned bears date April 15, 1938.

May I also state, confidentially, I've personal knowledge that during the year 1939, the official files of Labor Sec'y Perkins contained the memo. last above-quoted.

Additionally, to whom it may concern, and on a like confidential basis, as far as I'm concerned, here's another quote - from the identical Perkins files:

(Perkins to Ass't State Sec'y Sayre, bearing date April 22, 1938)

"I should appreciate it at this time if you could arrange matters in your Department so that Mr. Hiss could be assigned to the case again. As you know his transfer to the State Department was a source of serious concern to the legal staff here as he was the only member fully cognizant of the various aspects of this immigration case. If the case is marked up for hearing I hope to be able to give you ample notice so that arrangements which will not inconvenience the division can be made in advance (quotation ends)."

From an historical viewpoint, it could be stated, here and now, that at this initial deportation hearing of the alien Bridges, at San Francisco, Calif., possibly in lieu of (Donald) Hiss, one of James M. Landis, under authorization of official Washington, conducted the Bridges hearing.

Again quoting from my letter of August 17, 1948, addressed (in confidence) to Hon. J. Parnell Thomas, of whom you know, the following appears:

"...J. Edgar Hoover testifying...and obviously any oath that he (meaning Landis) administered was without due authority of law...it means that practically the whole first proceeding was not conducted in accordance with law, because none of the witnesses were really testifying under a legally administered oath. From pp. 194,195, Hearings before the subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations., H.R., 76th Cong., 1st session."

Bearing in mind, Mr. Mandel, the statements of Mr. Chambers, relative to DONALD Hiss's connection with the alien Bridges, to no small extent seem to be supported by excerpts from the actual files of Labor Secretary Perkins, the details of which -- if true, never were within the knowledge of the same Whittaker Chambers at any time.

My thanks to Senator Eastland's subcommittee in the matter of continuing on this mailing list, thro' you, Mr. Mandel.

Very truly yours,

(Walter R. Swank; this typed on  
an IBM electric - my own.)

Hon. James O. Eastland  
Chairman and Subcommittee Chairman  
Judiciary Committee, Wash'n, D. C.

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# New Spy Papers May Link Friend Of Hiss to Ring

By RUTH MONTGOMERY

International News Service Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Sensational new documents just unearthed by the Senate Internal Security Committee are expected to link a prominent, intimate associate of Alger Hiss with a Red spy ring and to reopen the testimony of ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers.

Chief Counsel Robert Morris disclosed that his staff learned of the existence of the long-secret documents while probing the activities of Harry Bridges and his International Longshoremen's Union in Hawaii recently.

The committee staff has been promised "full cooperation" in securing the documents from an unnamed Government agency, and expects to be ready for hearings within 10 days.

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Morris told this correspondent he has been "reliably informed" that the documents "corroborate long overlooked testimony by Whittaker Chambers which involves an extremely intimate and prominent associate of Alger Hiss."

The chief counsel said it is not his present plan to call Chambers to the witness stand "unless absolutely necessary."

Chambers, the reformed Communist whose testimony sent Hiss to prison, is living quietly in nearby Maryland and writing a book. He has had several heart attacks.

Hiss, one-time State Department official under Democratic administrations, also has written a book since his release from Federal Prison. The book is scheduled for early publication.

He was convicted of perjury in connection with his denial of Communist activities while on the government payroll.

Meanwhile, it can definitely be stated that Alger Hiss himself is not involved in the "entirely new aspect" of the case to be launched next month.

Morris said the new documents open up "an entirely new aspect" of Communist connivance.

- Wash. Post and Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_
- Wash. News \_\_\_\_\_
- Wash. Star \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Y. Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Y. Journal-American \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Y. Mirror \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Y. Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Y. Times \_\_\_\_\_
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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 1, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: ALGER HISS  
IS - R

Attached memorandum from me to you 2-27-57 relates to two documents reportedly seen in Department of Labor files by Walter R. Swank which Swank contends will corroborate Whittaker Chambers' testimony to effect that the Communist Party wanted Donald Hiss to handle the Harry Bridges case on the west coast but the Party later decided Donald should accept position at State about same time; and that Donald accepted State job only after sharp exchange of words and submission to Party discipline. Swank contends documents show collusion between Madame Perkins, then Secretary of Labor, and then Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Sayre (1938) in attempting to have Donald Hiss detailed from State back to Labor to handle Bridges case.

During our investigation of Donald Hiss we went into the Bridges matter thoroughly.

On 2-7-49 Gerard F. Reilly, attorney, advised he was appointed Solicitor in Department of Labor in 1937, shortly before Bridges was arrested by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). He said he personally went to the west coast to handle the investigation since there seemed to be some question about the validity of the warrant. He said Donald Hiss had been out on the west coast on a wage matter and he, Reilly, planned to approach Hiss about handling the Bridges case at that time, but Hiss had already left California for Washington.

Reilly recalled he had suggested the name of Donald Hiss to Madame Perkins, Secretary of Labor, as a possible hearing officer in the Bridges case, and upon her approval, he approached Hiss in about the Spring of 1938. Hiss had already left Labor Department and had gone to State. He said Hiss felt State officials would be reluctant to release him for such a long period of time, and therefor Hiss did not accept the offer.

Reilly recalled on one occasion after this incident he met Mr. Francis Sayre and other State officials and they appeared to

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman  
Re: Alger Hiss  
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resent Hiss having been approached to take the appointment as hearing officer in the Bridges case. Reilly recalled Hiss objected to this appointment because he was a young attorney and lacked experience. Reilly said, to the best of his recollection, the idea of suggesting Hiss for this position originated with himself, and he did not recall that anyone else was interested in having Donald Hiss appointed as hearing officer in the Bridges case.  
(101-4300-64, pgs 5 & 6)

State Department files fail to reflect that Donald Hiss was ever detailed to Labor Department after reporting to State on 2-1-38. Nothing is contained in Hiss' personnel file at State relating to the Harry Bridges case.

Donald Hiss' personnel file from Department of Labor was reviewed at Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1952. This file failed to contain any information pertinent to the Harry Bridges case.

RECOMMENDATION:

The above is submitted for your additional information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: February 27, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont

Tic: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. F.L. Jones

SUBJECT: ALGER HISS  
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Attached clipping "N.Y. Journal American" 2-22-57 states "sensational new documents just unearthed by Senate Internal Security Committee are expected to link a prominent, intimate associate of Alger Hiss with a Red spy ring and to reopen the testimony of ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers." Article states Committee Chief Counsel Robert Morris said the documents, which relate to the Harry Bridges case, have been promised by an unnamed Government agency and hearings would begin in about 10 days; that the documents corroborate long-overlooked testimony of Chambers; and that the documents will open up an entirely new aspect of communist connivance.

Attached memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson 2-18-57 has attached to it a copy of a letter from Walter R. Swank, Washington, D. C., dated 1-28-57 to Senator Eastland. Swank described self as former shorthand reporter in Department of Commerce. Swank referred to Whittaker Chambers book "Witness" (p.570) wherein Chambers referred to the Communist Party's plan to arrange for Donald Hiss to go to California to work on the Bridges case. Donald was then connected with the Immigration Section of Labor Department, according to Chambers. At about same time Donald had opportunity to transfer to State Department as legal advisor in the Philippine Section. The Party then decided Donald should go to ~~California~~ and should not handle the Bridges matter. Donald, according to Chambers, submitted to Party discipline and went to State after a fairly sharp exchange (of words).

Swank then sets out following excerpts from two memoranda which he claims saw in files of former Secretary of Labor Perkins, and which corroborate Chambers statements re Donald Hiss:

- (1) Memo dated 4-15-38 states "Donald Hiss, formerly Solicitor of Department of Labor and now a member of the legal staff of the Department of State, will preside at the Bridges hearing. He has been appointed an Acting Immigration Inspector for this purpose."
- (2) Memo dated 4-22-38 from Madame Perkins to Assistant Secretary of State (Francis B.) Sayre which

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Swank points out above excerpts were never within Chambers' knowledge and they, therefore support Chambers story re Donald Hiss and the Bridges case. No derogatory information in Bufiles re Swank.

OBSERVATION:

The "prominent, intimate associate of Alger Hiss" referred to in the newspaper item is possibly former Assistant Secretary of State, Francis B. Sayre, who was Alger Hiss' superior and close associate at State for some time. Swank's letter infers collusion between Perkins and Sayre to keep Donald Hiss assigned to the Bridges case even after his transfer to State. The newspaper item referred to this as "Communist connivance."

RECOMMENDATION:

That no dissemination be made in this matter since Swank's letter was addressed to Senator Eastland and was furnished to the Bureau on a confidential basis.

*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 18, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont

CC: Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. F. L. Jones

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS  
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Enclosed memo Nichols to Tolson 3-11-57 enclosed one copy of letter from Commissioner of INS to District Commissioner of INS dated 4-15-38, and one copy of letter from Secretary of Labor Perkins to Assistant Secretary of State Sayre dated 4-22-38, which Senate Internal Security Subcommittee obtained from Labor Department to show that pressure was brought to bear on Donald Hiss to handle the Harry Bridges case on the west coast, as alleged by Whittaker Chambers.

My memorandum to you 3-1-57 re "Alger Hiss, IS-R," pointed out that we went into the Bridges matter thoroughly during our investigation of Donald Hiss; that Gerard Reilly, former Solicitor of Labor Department, said he approached Secretary of Labor Perkins about Donald Hiss as a possible hearing officer in the Bridges case and upon her approval he approached Hiss in the Spring of 1938. Hiss had already transferred to State from Labor. Hiss did not accept the offer, feeling he lacked experience, was too young, and thought State would be reluctant to release him. Reilly said Mr. Sayre and other State officials resented Hiss' having been approached for this job. Reilly related it was his sole idea to approach Hiss for this job and could not recall anyone else having an interest in Hiss in the Bridges matter (101-4300-64, pp 5 & 6).

Referenced memo pointed out nothing was found in State personnel file on Donald Hiss to indicate he was ever detailed to Labor after reporting to State on 2-1-38, and no reference was contained therein about the Bridges case.

Referenced memorandum also advised nothing was contained in the personnel file on Donald Hiss at Labor regarding the Bridges case.

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The two letters the Subcommittee has were found among records of Secretary Perkins in the National Archives. Their only significance is to show that there was an attempt to have Donald Hiss assigned to the Bridges case after he transferred to State but, as our investigation has disclosed, these efforts never materialized.

CC: 101-2668 (Alger Hiss) Letter to WFO  
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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman  
RE: DONALD HISS  
IS - R  
101-4300

RECOMMENDATION:

No apparent reason exists for us to conduct further investigation in this matter. Above submitted for information.

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ADDENDUM: LBN:nl 3-20-57

I think we should get as much information as we can on the foregoing incident since it will no doubt be in the news at the time the Alger Hiss book comes out. Ralph de Toledano is urging Bob Morris to have some hearings on this because this information gives further corroboration to Whitaker Chambers which has not as yet been made public.

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Letter  
to WFO  
3-1-57  
JWB

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SAC, Washington Field (101-607)

April 1, 1957

Director, FBI (101-4300)

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Report SA [redacted] your office, 6-24-52,  
pages 8 and 9, contains information by [redacted]

Similar information is contained in report SA [redacted]  
[redacted] your office, 4-16-53, including interview with  
Donald Hiss. SA [redacted] report reflects considerable  
investigation conducted at State regarding subject's  
transfer from Labor, including a review of subject's  
State Department personnel file.

Report SA [redacted], St. Louis, 6-13-52,  
reflects results of examination of subject's Labor Depart-  
ment personnel file.

Report SA [redacted] 1-27-53; your office,  
contains results of [redacted]

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Letter to SAC, Washington Field  
Re: Donald Hiss  
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Enclosed is a Photostat of a letter from Mr. Walter A. Swank, Washington, D. C., to Senator James Eastland dated 1-28-57, in which he sets out excerpts from two memoranda he claims he saw in the files of former Secretary of Labor Perkins, and claims they corroborate Chambers' statements concerning subject. He states these excerpts were never within Chambers' knowledge.

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Also enclosed for information and assistance

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You should review the enclosed documents and conduct investigation to determine

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**Letter to SAC, Washington Field**  
**Re: Donald Hiss**  
**101-4300**

**No mention should be made of the enclosed documents during your investigation since they were made available to the Bureau on a confidential basis.**

**Handle this matter promptly in view of possible future Congressional hearings and furnish pertinent information to Bureau by airtel. Leads should also be set out by airtel with instructions to cover them promptly.**

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 3-11-57

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS

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We had previously checked at the Labor Department and according to our reports there were no letters in the Labor Department files that dealt with this subject matter.

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cc - Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Belmont

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TITLE OF CASE <b>ALGER HISS, was</b>  <i>Donald Hiss</i>		REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM A. JOHNSON</b>	TYPED BY <b>mad</b>
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**NOTES:**

Subject still resides at 22 E. 8th St., NYC. NY columnist has reported subject plans to move to California for permanent residence. Another NY newspaper carried the story that the Senate Internal Security Committee has found new documents reflecting a possible link between a prominent associate of HISS and an espionage ring. Contacts of the subject set out.

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**DETAILS:**

On March 8, 1957, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject still resides at 22 East Eighth Street, New York City.

It should be noted that in DANTON WALKER'S column, "Broadway," in the New York Daily News for January 24, 1957, appeared

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the following: "Alger Hiss to take up permanent residence in California."

In the Evening Standard, a London, England, newspaper, for January 28, 1957, it was reported that the name of the Alger Hiss book to be published in England in the spring of 1957 would be "The Court of Public Opinion."

In an article appearing in the New York Journal American for February 22, 1957, written by RUTH MONTGOMERY for the International News Service, it was stated that "sensational new documents just unearthed by the Senate Internal Security Committee which expected to link a prominent associate of Alger Hiss with a red spy ring and to reopen the testimony of ex-Communist, Whittaker Chambers."

"Chief Counsel Robert Morris disclosed that his staff learned of the existence of the long-secret documents while probing the activities of Harry Bridges and his International Longshoremen's Union in Hawaii recently."

"The committee staff has been promised full cooperation' from an unnamed government agency and expects to be ready for hearings in ten days."

"Morris told this correspondent he has been 'reliably informed' that the documents corroborate long overlooked testimony by Whittaker Chambers which involves an extremely intimate and prominent associate of Alger Hiss."

"The Chief Counsel said it is not his present plan to call Chambers to the witness stand 'unless absolutely necessary'....."

"Meanwhile it can definitely be stated that Alger Hiss himself is not involved in the 'entirely new aspect' of the case to be launched next month. Morris said the new documents open up 'an entirely new aspect' of Communist connivance."

The "Dispatcher," official publication of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU), in its September 16, 1955 issue carries HARRY RENTON BRIDGES as President of the ILWU on its masthead.

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Since 1921 when BRIDGES first filed papers for naturalization as an Australian immigrant, numerous proceedings have taken place in federal court and in administrative hearings of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regarding BRIDGES' status as a citizen.

The following witnesses have testified in court during the BRIDGES deportation and denaturalization trials that BRIDGES was a Communist from 1933 to about 1937:

JOHN SCHOMAKER  
MANNING JOHNSON  
HENRY SCHRIMPF  
DAVID SAUNDERS

SAUNDERS testified that BRIDGES was elected to the Communist Party (CP) National Committee in 1937.

On July 29, 1955, United States District Court Judge LOUIS E. GOODMAN, San Francisco, California, ruled in favor of BRIDGES as the result of a civil denaturalization trial. Judge GOODMAN concluded that "the government has failed to prove the allegation....as to membership in the Communist Party by clear and convincing evidence.

In the New York Journal American for March 1, 1957, in an article by E.F. TOMPKINS, ALGER HISS and his associates were discussed. Parts of the article reported as follows:

"Communist penetration--to use a Subcommittee phrase--appears to have extended even into the White House in the New Deal days, and to have greatly influenced American foreign policy.

"Mentioned in the Senate Subcommittee Report is one Gregory Dolbin--'head of Soviet intelligence in Tokyo from 1940 to 1944.' Dolbin in 1944 succeeded one Zabulin, or Zarubin, as 'boss of MVD intelligence,' or Soviet espionage, in the United States.

"This,' the Senate Subcommittee records, 'was the same man who visited Owen Lattimore in his home and who accompanied Vice President Wallace and Lattimore on their trip to the Soviet Union.'

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"Lattimore was the John Hopkins University expert on the Far East who had desk room in the State Department or White House occasionally, who was active in the Institute of Pacific Relations during the Communization of China, and who-- in the language of a Congressional document--was 'from some time beginning in the 1930's a conscious articulate instrument of the Soviet conspiracy.'

Also identified in the current Report, along with Dolbin, is Lauchlin Currie, a White House assistant, who 'was involved in the same espionage ring.'

The Report likewise refers to Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, British Foreign Office attaches who in 1951 defected to Soviet Russia. Both had served in the British Embassy at Washington. The Eastland Report says:

"The Subcommittee has the identity of a long series of individuals who were intimates of the pair here.

"In this connection, we obtained the desk pad of Alger Hiss, which revealed that Hiss had a date at the British Embassy with Maclean on Sept. 14, 1946."

"The Subcommittee's purpose in pursuing this line of investigation is to demonstrate the depth of 'Communist penetration' and the dire need for better security measures.

"The Subcommittee seems to be succeeding."

In DANTON WALKER'S column entitled "Broadway" for February 27, 1957, for the New York Daily News, appeared the following item "Hume Cronyn to star in 'The Labyrinth,' said to be based on the Hiss-Chambers case."

In an article by MAX LERNER in the New York Post for March 8, 1957, entitled "Alright so I'm Perverse," he writes as to how certain men in the world became famous and "inevitably take on in the world's gaze some of the stature of the power they wield." He said "Nixon got his fame

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because he pursued a man--Alger Hiss--and he has survived politically because he is slick."

T-1 advised that on the following dates the subject has been contacted by the following individuals:

<u>Addressee</u>	<u>Date</u>
T. FANSLER 1340 North State Street Chicago, Illinois	January 30, 1957
Apartment 3A 5505 Greenleaf Road Baltimore, Maryland	February 8, 1957
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company 720 East Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin	February 5, 1957
Equitable Life Insurance Society of the United States 393 Seventh Avenue New York, N.Y., New York	February 6, 1957
HISS Putney School Putney, Vermont	February 4, 1957
Dr. and Mrs. MORRIS J. SHENK 2959 Hillegass Avenue Berkeley, California	February 2, 1957
H.W. DEISINGER, JR. Post Office Box 21 Liberty, Pennsylvania	January 25, 1957
General Electric Company One River Road Schenectady 5, New York	January 25, 1957
Tailor Maid Service, Inc. 796 Lexington Avenue New York City	January 24, 1957

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<u>Addressee</u>	<u>Date</u>
Curtis Brown Limited 347 Madison Avenue New York City	January 24, 1957
Post Office Box 939 Church Street Station New York City	January 23, 1957
The Friends Meeting House 144 East 20th Street New York City	January 23, 1957
Putney School Elm Lea Farm Putney, Vermont	January 22, 1957
Harvard Law School Association Cambridge 38, Massachusetts	January 22, 1957
Fraser's Typewriter and Television Company 141 West Tenth Street New York City	January 22, 1957

Dr. and Mrs. MORRIS SHENK, mentioned above, were previously identified from the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whose records were checked by SE DONALD A. CLOWARD on January 7, 1952. The records reflected that Dr. SHENK was a medical doctor and since 1950 had been employed at the Permanente Foundation Hospital, Oakland, California. The records showed that the SHENK'S owned a home in Carmel, California, and a 180 acre farm in Connecticut. Mrs. SHENK'S first name was shown as PRISCILLA.

[REDACTED] was previously identified by confidential informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the

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past, as a person who sends letters to prominent individuals and celebrities. He works for Mitstifer Brothers, a lumber mill in Liberty, Pennsylvania.

The Quarter Sessions Court Docket of the Tioga County Prothonotary's Office was reviewed by SA CARLTON H. WOLFARTH on December 12, 1956, and reflected the following:

Docket Number 58, January Sessions, 1925; and number 82, May Sessions, 1925, reflect [REDACTED] was arrested for violation of the liquor laws. A search warrant was issued each time, but no liquor was found. bx

Docket Number 55, September Sessions, 1932, reflects that [REDACTED] was arrested for violation of surety of the peace. [REDACTED] on or about January 25, 1932, threatened to kill [REDACTED]. Bail was set at \$300 and no disposition was indicated. bx

The address 5505 Greenleaf Road, Baltimore, Maryland, has previously been identified as the resident address of Mrs. CHARLES A. HISS, mother of ALGER HISS.

T. FANSLER (probably THOMAS FANZLER), 1340 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, has previously been identified as the brother of FRISCILLA HISS.

Post Office Box 939, Church Street Station, New York City, has previously been identified as the box held by the National City Bank of New York.

It should further be noted here that the subject's son, TONY HISS, is presently attending the Putney School in Putney, Vermont.

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The SI card on the subject has been examined and it is correct.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of the subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

FROM: SAC, WFO (101-607)

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ReBulet dtd 4/1/57, setting forth instructions that consideration should be given to interviewing [redacted] to determine subject's connection, if any, with the HARRY BRIDGES case at INS in the late 1930's.

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[redacted] will be interviewed in the near future as set out in Bulet.

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In view of the above no lead is being set forth to interview [redacted] Other investigation continuing.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

4/12/57

FROM: SAC, WFO (101-607)

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The Bureau stated that no mention should be made [REDACTED] and the matter should be promptly handled in view of possible future Congressional hearings. Pertinent info should be furnished the Bureau by airtel and leads should also be set out by airtel with instructions that they be covered promptly.

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Re rpt SL 6/13/52, captioned DONALD HISS, SM-C and Perjury by [REDACTED] which sets forth the result [REDACTED]

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ReBulet 4/1/57 setting forth information received

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ReBulet advised that it is possible the Committee will have hearings involving this allegation in the future and that all leads are to be handled promptly and pertinent information should be furnished the Bureau by airtel. Additional leads are to be set out by airtel.

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instructed that no reference be made to anyone outside of Bureau.

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Mr. Belmont

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The files of this office reveal that

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UACB, and unless some reason to contrary exists, it is requested that both of the above individuals be interviewed by the Miami Office specifically to determine whether they have any information regarding [REDACTED] as set out above. They should be questioned as to whether there was any discussion

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in closed CP sessions regarding the proposed CP assignments of DONALD HISS to the BRIDGES case or to the State Dept.



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DONALD HISS was born 12/15/06 at Baltimore, Md., and is married to CATHERINE G. JONES HISS. He is described as 6 feet tall, light-brown hair, and blue eyes.

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UACB, and unless some reason to contrary exists, it is requested that [REDACTED] be interviewed by the Seattle Office to determine whether she has any information regarding [REDACTED] set out above. She should be questioned as to whether there was any discussion in closed CP sessions regarding the proposed CP assignments of DONALD HISS to the BRIDGES case or to the State Dept.

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She should also be questioned as to whether she has any other info regarding [REDACTED]

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It is noted that HCUA, in hearings held between 7/31 and 9/9/48, heard testimony of LOUIS BUDENZ who admitted he was formerly active in the Communist underground. He advised he had heard of DONALD HISS, but could not be as exact about him as about ALGER HISS.

It is noted that the "Daily Worker," on 2/15/57, carried an article stating that LOUIS BUDENZ suffered a heart seizure on the previous date. It is believed that BUDENZ, being a prominent CP member in the 1930's, may have been in on discussions of top functionaries of the CP involving the assignment of HISS to the BRIDGES case and the State Dept.

In the event [redacted] will permit an interview and UACB, the NYO is requested to interview [redacted] about [redacted] set out above. He should be specifically questioned as to whether there was any discussion in closed CP sessions regarding the proposed CP assignments of DONALD HISS to the BRIDGES case or the State Dept.

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In the event the NYO has any other CI's who were highly placed CP members in 1937 or 1938 who would possibly have information bearing on these charges, they, too, should be interviewed if no reason to contrary exists.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

FROM: SAC, WFO (101-607)

DONALD HISS, wa.,  
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*DR. HIGGINS*

Re WFO airtel dtd 4/11/57, advising that  
[redacted] would be interviewed, UACB.

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This office is considering additional leads as a result of this interview and the Bureau will be kept advised.

The State Security file of DONALD HISS was reviewed and contained no additional pertinent info to that already available.

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4/23/57

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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

FROM: SAC, WFO (101-607)

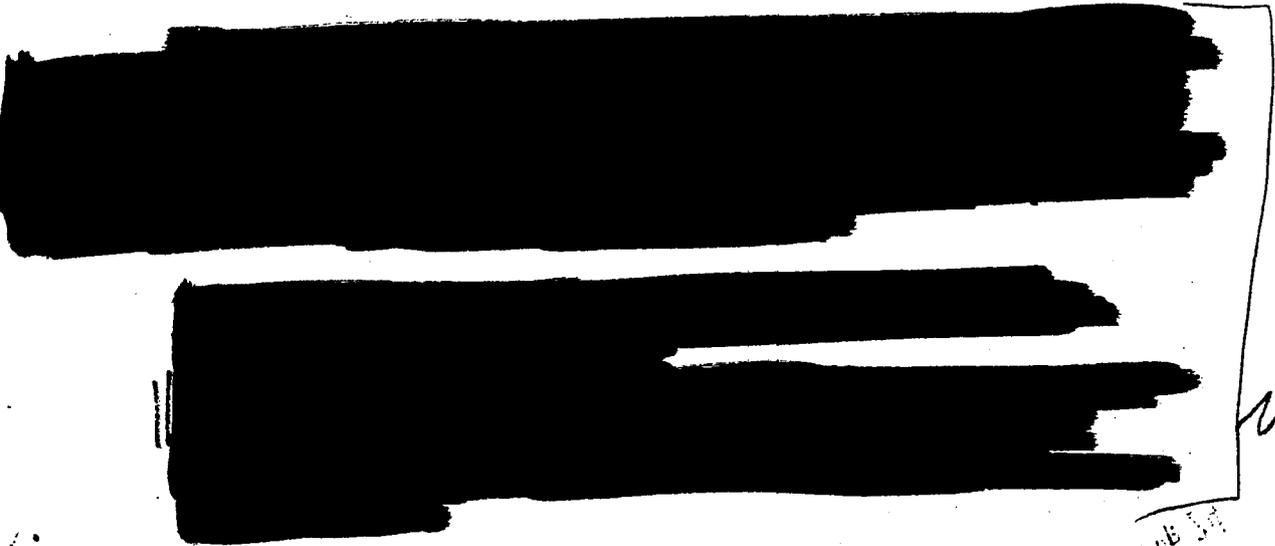
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ReWFOairtel 4/12/57 setting forth Bureau instructions in this matter and a lead for the SL Office to review subject's Labor Department personnel file.

Advice has been received from the State Department that HISS's State Department personnel file is not in Washington, D. C. They presume the file is in the FRC, St. Louis.



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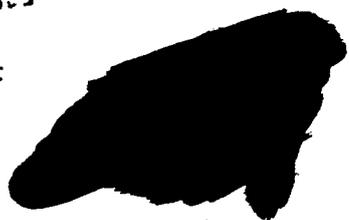
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Mr. Belmont

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St. Louis Office is requested to review the personnel file of DONALD HISS at FRC for his State Department employment to determine whether it contains any other information of value in connection with the present inquiry as set out in referenced airtel.

It should be borne in mind that the allegations cover principally the years 1937-38. The names of any fellow employees or other supervisors during these years should be obtained and forwarded to WFO, which is OO. However, the entire file should be reviewed for any info bearing on this specific inquiry.

It will not be necessary for the St. Louis Office to furnish any details on above correspondence or details of promotions of HISS as these have already been set forth in rerep.

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Date: 4-25-57

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11661)

DONALD HISS, wa.  
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Re WFO airtel 4-12-57 and report SA [redacted]  
dated 6-13-52 at St. Louis.

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1-St. Louis

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent [redacted] Per [redacted]

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DATE: April 26, 1957

TO : L. V. Boardman

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.  
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Tic: Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WFO suggested that Bureau give consideration to making a request of the State Department to have

Specific questions were suggested by WFO which are being set out in the enclosed letter to State

Enclosure sent 5-2-57

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman  
Re: DONALD HISS  
101-4300

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ACTION:

The above information indicates [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] are concerned, and it is believed that [REDACTED]  
should be interviewed. Enclosed is a letter to State requesting that  
[REDACTED] be interviewed. Enclosed in this letter to State is a  
memorandum setting forth the necessary background information showing  
the necessity of this interview with [REDACTED]

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

4/23/57

FROM: SAC, WFO (101-607)

DONALD HISS, wa.,  
Donald Jones  
IS - R  
(OO: WFO)

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ReBulet dated 4/1/57 transmitting information

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Referenced Bulet stated that the "New York Journal American" dated 2/22/57 carried an article stating that the Senate Internal Security Committee was expected to link a prominent, intimate associate of ALGER HISS with a Red spy ring and to reopen the testimony of ex-Communist WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. The article stated that Committee Chief Counsel ROBERT MORRIS said the documents which related to the Harry Bridges case had been promised by an unnamed Government agency and hearings would be held in about ten days. The Bureau advised that [REDACTED]

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The Bureau stated that no mention should be made [REDACTED]

and the matter should be promptly handled in view of possible further congressional hearings. Pertinent information should be furnished the Bureau by airtel and leads should also be set out by airtel with instructions that they be covered promptly.

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WFO files contain no identifiable information on

[REDACTED]

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Indices dictate otherwise, [REDACTED] UACB and unless Los Angeles Office should be interviewed by the Los Angeles Office in accordance with Bureau instructions set out above.

[redacted] should be questioned as to what his knowledge of DONALD HISS is and when and where he first met HISS. He should also be questioned as to who originally referred HISS to the State Dept. for employment and who was responsible for asking HISS' transfer from the Labor Dept. to the State Dept. He should be questioned as to whether there was any reluctance on HISS' part at any time to take employment at the State Dept. He should also be asked who originated the idea of HISS being loaned to the Labor Dept. to sit in on the Harry Bridges case in 1938 and HISS' reaction to such an assignment. He should be questioned as to what were [redacted] in wanting HISS assigned to his division and what [redacted] relations were with the Labor Dept. insofar as HISS being loaned to that Department. [redacted] should be questioned as to whether he, [redacted] had any dealings directly with the Labor Dept. and if not what State Dept. official did have such dealings. He should also be questioned as to why the State Dept. was reluctant to let HISS go on loan to Labor in 1938. He should also be questioned as to whether he has any information regarding HISS' participation in CP activities in the 1930's as furnished by CHAMBERS. b7c

[redacted] should be questioned as to the identities of [redacted] as mentioned above to determine whether they would possibly have any information regarding the allegations of CHAMBERS. b7c

The Los Angeles Office should discreetly determine the identity of [redacted] with whom HISS was apparently visiting in 1937. Unless some reason to the contrary exists, [redacted] should be interviewed regarding the actions of DONALD HISS in 1937 and 1938, specifically concerning his desire to work on the Harry Bridges case and his desire to transfer from the Labor Dept. to the State Dept. b7c

[redacted] should also be questioned as to whether [redacted] would have any direct knowledge of value concerning the above activities in the State Dept. b7c

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[REDACTED] should be questioned as to whether [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], would have had any knowledge of the above  
allegations in 1937 and 1938. [REDACTED]  
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TIC: [REDACTED]  
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Director, FBI (101-4300)

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DONALD HISS, wa.,  
Donald Jones  
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DATE 11/24/91 BY 9103 [REDACTED]

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Re WFO airtel 4/23/57. Bufiles reflect  
that [REDACTED]

In regard to the investigation requested  
by WFO regarding [REDACTED]  
you should discreetly determine if [REDACTED] is a  
relative of subject. If he is a relative, he should  
not be interviewed.

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cc - 1 - Washington Field (101-607) (Info)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

FROM: SAC, WFO (101-607)

DONALD HISS, wa.  
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ReBulet dated 4/1/57 instructing that investigation be conducted based on [REDACTED]

There are five copies of a blank memo attached as enclosures with this airtel setting forth information [REDACTED]

The files of WFO contain the results of an investigation captioned [REDACTED]

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4-26-57

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①-WFO

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The SAs who interviewed [REDACTED] in  
1949 as mentioned in the blank memo were SAs [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED] The State Dept. personnel file was  
reviewed by SA [REDACTED] The Labor Dept. personnel  
file was reviewed by SE [REDACTED]

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RE: DONALD HISS, WITH ALIAS, DONALD JONES

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It is noted that the Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED]

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RE: DONALD HISS, WITH ALIAS, DONALD JONES

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: May 13, 1957

FROM : *W* SAC, MIAMI (105-1314)

SUBJECT: *o* DONALD HISS, wa.  
Donald Jones  
IS - R

ReWFOairtel 4/19/57. *b7c*

[REDACTED]  
advised SA [REDACTED] that she could furnish no information concerning subject or the allegations of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that he could furnish no information concerning subject or the allegations of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. *b7c*

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- 1 - Washington Field (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300) DATE 5/21/57  
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (101-804)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa  
IS-R; PERJURY

11/2/91  
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Re WFO airtel dated 4/19/57. U

SA [redacted] on 4/26/57, advised that LOUIS B. BUDENZ is not available for interview at this time due to a severe heart attack and due to the seriousness of his condition, it is not known when he will be available for interview. U

The following informants of the New York Office who are familiar with some phases of CP activity in the NYC area and who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that they have no knowledge that the subject ever was a member of the CP or under CP discipline: U

- Contacted on 4/29/57, by SA [redacted]
- Contacted on 5/1/57, by SA [redacted]
- Contacted on 5/1/57, by SA [redacted]
- Contacted on 4/26/57, by SA [redacted]

In addition, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was contacted telephonically on 5/14/57, by SA [redacted] with negative results. U

[redacted] (C)  
BENTLEY, of course, was an agent in a Soviet espionage network. These individuals are the only informants of the NYO who may have been in a position to furnish the information concerning the subject requested in re airtel. RUC. U

- 2 - Bureau (101-4300) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (101-607)
- 1 - New York (101-804)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: 5/24/57

FROM: SAC, WFO (101-607)

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SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.  
IS - R

ReBureau letter 4/1/57, requesting investigation to determine if the subject was connected with the first HARRY BRIDGES hearing and determine what motivated the efforts of Madam PERKINS, Secretary of Labor to have DONALD HISS assigned to the BRIDGES case.

A review of the HARRY BRIDGES deportation case in the New York Times reflects the following history:

The first hearing opened on 7/11/39, with JAMES M. LANDIS, Dean of the Harvard Law School, acting as Trial Examiner. The proceedings had been delayed since 4/25/38, because Madam PERKINS, Secretary of Labor, was waiting for the United States Supreme Court to rule on the case of JOSEPH GEORGE STECHER, Austrian - born alien. By a six to two decision, the Supreme Court in the STECHER case held that past membership in the Communist Party (CP) was not sufficient grounds to deport. Despite this, Madam PERKINS ordered the BRIDGES hearing. She was under severe Congressional attack at this time for the delay in the BRIDGES hearing and in January, 1939, a Congressional move to impeach her for failure to deport BRIDGES was made. The BRIDGES hearing continued for nine weeks, ending on 9/14/39. THOMAS B. SHOEMAKER, Deputy Commissioner of Immigration, conducted the case for the Government, according to the New York Times, and he was assisted by RAPHAEL P. BONHAM of Seattle; ARTHUR PHELAN of San Francisco, and ROY J. NORENE of Portland. (It is observed that

[REDACTED] For information b7c b7D  
the second hearing on BRIDGES was held 4/1/41, with Judge C. B. SEARS presiding.

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ESTABLISHING DONALD HISS' CONNECTION  
WITH THE BRIDGES CASE

A. HISS may have, among others, been considered as a possible hearing officer.

1. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in his book entitled "Witness" on Page 570 restated the testimony he give in August, 1948, before a Congressional committee concerning DONALD HISS which in substance said DONALD HISS was to go to California "to work on the BRIDGES case" after the CP issued such instructions.

a. Page 469 of the same book sets out the complete notes taken by ADOLF BERLE when he interviewed CHAMBERS in September, 1939. These show that CHAMBERS, when his memory was fresher, said the CP wanted DONALD HISS to go to California "to send him as arbitrator in the BRIDGES trial."

2. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED]

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B. [REDACTED]

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(Copy submitted to the Bureau with New York letter dated 8/7/52, in this case.)

C.

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[REDACTED] when thoroughly interviewed by a  
Bureau Agent on 1/9/53, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (Report of SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] dated 1/27/53, at Washington, D. C.)

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[REDACTED]

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The above would tend to indicate that HISS was seriously considered as the hearing officer for the BRIDGES case, but was not selected. All have denied that he had assisted in preparing the prosecution.

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It is noted the hearing was held over a year later.

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WFO is of the opinion that further interview of [REDACTED] is unnecessary. His affidavit and previous thorough interview in this matter would appear to explicitly answer the inquiries in Bureau letter. b7c

To determine [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it would appear this could be best resolved by interview of [REDACTED]. It appears to WFO that her actions were logical if she was acting on the advice of her legal officer. b7c

[REDACTED] if she were to be interviewed at this time. Interview would be further complicated by the fact that Bureau letter instructs that [REDACTED] is not to be mentioned. WFO does not intend to interview [REDACTED] unless instructed to do so by the Bureau.

WFO 101-607

[REDACTED]

and because there is no

indication

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WFO does not plan to interview him.

WFO will await results of outstanding leads.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: 6/13/57

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-42656)

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SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.,  
Donald Jones  
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OO: Washington Field

Re Washington Field airtel to Bureau dated 4/23/57,  
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 5/1/57 and Los Angeles  
letter to Bureau dated 5/16/57.

BORN 3/31/00

Washington Field airtel requested Los Angeles to  
ascertain identity of [redacted] and to interview him concerning DONALD  
HISS. Bureau letter advised that if [redacted] is related  
to DONALD HISS, then he should not be interviewed. N.J. b7c

The current Pasadena Directories reflect that

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- 2- Bureau (REGISTERED)
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The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no pertinent identifiable information concerning [REDACTED]

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Bureau files reflect that [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted in the Santa Barbara, California, area by SA [REDACTED]

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DATE: 7/2/57

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.  
IS - R  
(OO: WFO)

ReLAlet to Bureau dated 6/13/57, advising [redacted] would not be interviewed and WFOlet to Bureau dated 5/24/57, setting out an analysis of prior investigation in this case. b7c

The only outstanding lead in this case is interview of [redacted] (per WFOlet to Bureau dated 4/23/57) which Bureau was requested to cover. b7c

Inasmuch as the field has no active investigation to conduct and no report is required, WFO is placing this case in a pending inactive status.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: July 2, 1957

FROM : *[Handwritten initials]* SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-42656)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.,  
Donald Jones  
IS - R  
OO: Washington Field.

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, 6/13/57.

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It will be recalled that CATHERINE JONES is the wife of DONALD HISS.

*True.*

- ② - Bureau (101-4300) (Reg.)
- 2 - Washington Field (101-607) (Reg.)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: 7/18/57

FROM: SAC, WFO (101-607)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.  
IS - R  
(OO:WFO)

Re Bureau routing slip dated 7/11/57 submitting the results of interview of [REDACTED]

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There are now no outstanding leads in this case and it is being closed. C.

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*File review  
and all leads  
covered 7/23/57*

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FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT  
SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON COMMENT  
ON FELIX FRANKFURTER  
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

*W.C. Sullivan*

Columnist Drew Pearson unwittingly revealed an interesting aspect of his thinking through his newspaper column this morning. He went to great length to describe a dinner given recently by Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter. According to Pearson, Frankfurter gave the dinner the same night that the Queen of England was entertained at a dinner at the White House. Frankfurter, indications are, was perturbed at not being invited to the White House affair. Thus, Pearson states, Frankfurter's dinner featured everything that was on the menu at the White House that night. (The Washington Post and Times Herald, 11/20/57, p. D13)

The really interesting part of Pearson's story about Frankfurter's dinner party was glossed over by Pearson. He commented briefly and without further elaboration that Frankfurter "sent out formal dinner invitations to four close friends, including Donald Hiss, brother of Alger Hiss."

The smallness of Pearson's thinking is illustrated by his handling of this story. He handled it in a manner designed to make Frankfurter appear quite an individualist. Pearson apparently saw nothing unusual in a dinner invitation from a Supreme Court Justice to a man who is not only a brother of a traitor, but also one who was exposed publicly as a member of the same communist movement his traitorous brother served.

If Pearson's story about the Frankfurter dinner party is true, [redacted] It is no secret that Alger Hiss was a traitor to his country. It is no secret that his brother, Donald, was exposed by Whittaker Chambers as a communist. Yet, Frankfurter apparently holds his position as a Supreme Court Justice so lightly that he continues to maintain a close friendship with Donald Hiss, even to the extent of having it known nationally. (Witness, Whittaker Chambers, p. 543)

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Director, FBI

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2 - WFO

① - (Donald Hiss)

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