

Some time in either 1933 or 1934 I met a young fellow on the street in New York City. Since I was more or less "footloose and fancy free" I took him to a hotel, the name of which I cannot now recall. During the course of our stay at the hotel that night I had my first homosexual experience. It was a revelation to me. Because it had been repressed so long, it was all the more violent when once set free. It set off a chain reaction in me which was almost impossible to control. Since that time, and continuing up to the year 1938, I engaged in numerous homosexual activities both in New York and Washington, D.C. I actively sought out the opportunities for homosexual relationships. I recall that incidents of this nature took place in the Hotel Annapolis and the Hotel Pennsylvania in Washington, D. C. I registered in these hotels under assumed names which I cannot now recall.

I would describe my homosexual activity as being in the most "elementary" form.

In 1938 I managed to break myself of my homosexual tendencies. This does not mean that I am completely immune to such stimuli. It does mean that my self-control is complete and that for years I have lived a blameless and devoted life as husband and father.

It will be noted that three things of some great importance happened during the year 1938. First, my cessation of my homosexual activities; my final break with the Communist Party, and my embracing for the first time, religion.

I do not believe that the cessation of my homosexual activities and my break with the Communist Party were in any way connected with each other. However, both of these activities on my part were more or less simultaneous with the advent of religion and God into my life.

The Hiss forces, of course, will seek to prove that my weakness entered into my relations with Alger Hiss and possibly others. This is completely untrue. At no time, did I have such relations, or ever the thought of such relations with Hiss or with anybody else in the Communist Party or connected with Communist work of any kind. I kept my secret as jealously from my associates in the C. P. as I did from everyone else. I tell it now only because, in this case, I stand for truth. Having testified mercilessly against others, it has become my function to testify mercilessly against myself. I have said before that I am consciously destroying myself. This is not from love of self destruction but because only if we are consciously prepared to destroy ourselves in the struggle can the thing we are fighting be destroyed.

(At the end of these statements in the FBI memos, FBI Special Agent in Charge EDWARD SCHEIDT added the following closing paragraph:)

It is pointed out to the Bureau that CHAMBERS has never heretofore made this part of his life known, and it was first told to agents of the Bureau on February 16, 1949. In view of this it is suggested that insofar as any dissemination of this information outside the Bureau is concerned, that it be treated in a strictly confidential manner.