

As a result of the information furnished by Mr. McInerney, Hedi Massing was first interviewed by agents of this Bureau on March 21, 1947. At that time, she mentioned that she had previously furnished information concerning her Soviet Intelligence activities to a Mr. Murphy of the State Department. At the request of Mr. Murphy, Hedi and her husband, Paul, met Murphy at his hotel room in New York City some time during the early part of 1946. A four-hour discussion ensued, during which the Massings informed Murphy of their activities in Soviet espionage. They made a full disclosure of their activities, withholding no information, but advised that they did not go into detail with Mr. Murphy.

The Massings were of the impression that the purpose of Murphy's interview was to obtain information concerning Noel Field. Murphy was suspicious of Field and felt that Field was a Communist or Russian Agent. Murphy also asked the Massings about a Mrs. Wilhelm who was the wife of a German Comintern Agent named Wloch.

Hedi Massing advised she also contacted Mr. Murphy about February, 1947, seeking his assistance in obtaining a job that would take her to Europe. The memorandum covering the above interviews does not indicate that the name of Alger Hiss was mentioned.

On May 6, 1947, Raymond Murphy of the State Department was interviewed by FBI Agents. Murphy related that Hedi Massing was referred to him in about September, 1946. Mrs. Massing told Murphy she thought the Soviet Ambassador in Canada was an NKVD agent. Murphy displayed a photograph of the Soviet Ambassador to Canada, George Zarubin, but she was unable to make an identification. She also discussed Noel Field, former employee of the State Department, who she said during the late twenties was a contact of Earl Browder.

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This Bureau does not know why Murphy failed to furnish us with the results of his conversation with Massing in 1946; however, it is pointed out that Raymond Murphy has,

in the past, voiced criticism of the FBI and its operations. As late as March, 1951, he furnished the Criminal Division of the Department with information concerning Soviet activities which he stated he would make available only to the Criminal Division. This information was furnished to this Bureau by a memorandum dated March 28, 1951, from former Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney, your file 146-7-5424, entitled, "Raymond E. Murphy, State Department, Information Concerning."