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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

DATE: December 7, 1948

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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The following are the most recent pertinent developments in this case. Abraham George Silverman, you will recall, according to Chambers, was introduced by Chambers to Colonel Bykov and operated in the underground with Chambers. When interviewed by the New York Office on December 5, 1948, Silverman refused to answer any questions, stating that he desired to consult counsel.

Henry Hill Collins, Jr., according to Chambers, was likewise introduced to Colonel Bykov and was active in Chambers' apparatus. When Collins was interviewed on December 5, 1948, he stated that he probably met Chambers in Washington in 1934 or 1935 at a social affair and probably saw him later at one or two social gatherings in Washington. He denied ever having been introduced to anyone by Whittaker Chambers, specifically Colonel Bykov. He stated his present opinion of probably having met Chambers came to him as a result of his thinking the matter over since his appearance before the Thomas Committee several months ago.

Nathan L. Levine, you will recall, is the nephew of Chambers' wife to whom Chambers stated he turned over documents and film in an envelope in 1938 with the instructions to hide the envelope and documents for him. On December 4, 1948, Levine, when interviewed, denied that Chambers had ever left with him for safekeeping any personal property, specifically any documents or other written material. Levine stated that Chambers had visited him in New York City about two weeks ago and when Levine was driving Chambers to the station for return to Washington Chambers requested that they stop at the residence of Levine's parents at 260 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn; that Chambers looked over some material in storage in the basement of the premises and removed therefrom a folder or envelope. Levine claimed that he did not know the nature of the contents of the envelope and throughout the interview he reiterated the question of privilege was involved, inasmuch as he is an attorney and Chambers had requested legal advice from him.

On the evening of December 5, 1948, Levine was again questioned regarding Chambers' allegations and was informed by the Agents that they desired to inspect the basement area from where he claimed Chambers secured the material. Levine then admitted that the material was not taken from the basement but rather from a dumb waiter shaft in his parents' home; that he had placed it there about nine years ago after Chambers had asked him to hold the material, and that he had given it back to Chambers when the latter visited New York City about two weeks ago. Levine claimed that the envelope was sealed when Chambers gave it to him and that he never touched it until the day he returned it to Chambers and that Chambers had never known precisely where Levine had hidden it.

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A careful examination by the Agents of the Rochester Avenue premises of Levine's parents developed nothing of interest.

David ~~Carpenter~~, you may recall, was, according to Chambers, the photographer for Chambers' apparatus and photographed documents for Chambers in a Southeast Washington apartment. A photograph of David ~~Zimmerman~~, with alias David Carpenter, a proofreader on the Daily Worker, was to be exhibited to Chambers when the latter appeared before the Grand Jury yesterday in hopes that a positive identification of Zimmerman as the photographer can be made. In the event Chambers makes an identification of him from the photograph, Carpenter will be questioned on December 7, 1948.

You will recall that according to Chambers he received most of the documents from the State Department through Alger ~~Ess~~; however, some of the documents came to him through Julian ~~Wadleigh~~. It has been established that this person is identical with Henry Julian ~~Wadleigh~~, who was employed by the State Department in the Division of Trade Agreements from March, 1936 to 1944. He is presently employed by the Italian Technical Delegation of the Italian Embassy in Washington, D. C. After clearance had been obtained from the Department and the State Department, Wadleigh was interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office on December 6, 1948.

Wadleigh stated that in 1935 or 1936 he made acquaintance of a man who described himself as Harold ~~Wilson~~. Subsequently, Harold Wilson invited him to supply information on economic conditions in Germany and Japan. A relationship developed in which Wilson was regularly supplied about once a week with documents that came to Wadleigh's desk in the State Department.

After some time, Harold took Wadleigh to Baltimore and introduced him to a man whom he now knows to be Whittaker Chambers and who at that time gave him the name of Carl ~~Carlson~~. Later Carl met him for lunch in Washington frequently, particularly during the latter part of 1937. Wadleigh could furnish no specific information regarding the residence or activities of either Harold or Carl. On evenings he was scheduled to meet Harold, Wadleigh would make an appropriate selection of material available to him, would remove it from the State Department in a briefcase, and turn the briefcase over to Harold. On the following day, documents and briefcase would be returned to Wadleigh. Wadleigh understood from Harold that the documents were photographed by Harold with a Leica camera. On one or more occasions these documents were furnished directly to Carl. In March, 1938, Wadleigh made a trip to Turkey on a State Department assignment to negotiate trade agreement. When he returned Carl met him for lunch and advised that he had ceased his previous activities and Wadleigh was subsequently advised by Harold to lay low for a considerable period. Except for a contact made by Harold late in 1939 or early 1940, he has never received a call from Harold or Carl and has never seen either of them since. Names of individuals comprising the Harold ~~Ware~~ Group and others were mentioned to Wadleigh and in each instance he indicated they were unknown to

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him. He denied having knowledge of the activities of Alger Hiss, although he knew him as a co-employee at the State Department. He could furnish no information regarding Hiss' relationship with Whittaker Chambers and there was no indication to him that Hiss was known to Harold Wilson. Wadleigh believed that Whittaker Chambers was Harold Wilson's superior and Harold was well known to Chambers.

You will recall that Chambers alleged that Mrs. Alger Hiss copied on a typewriter in her home some of the documents supplied by Alger Hiss from the State Department, after which the typewritten copies of the documents would be made available to Whittaker Chambers.

Mrs. Alger Hiss was interviewed in New York City on December 6, 1948, in the presence of her attorney and stated in substance the information which had previously been furnished by Alger Hiss at the time of his interview on December 4, 1948. She admitted knowing Whittaker Chambers as George Grosley. She stated she has not seen him since 1936 as far as she can recall. She says she is endeavoring to obtain all information concerning the typewriter which was in her possession and her attorney offered to furnish the New York Office with any specimens or other information that he may obtain concerning the typewriter. Mrs. Hiss denied that she had ever typed any documents which were in Alger Hiss' possession. She claimed that she had no knowledge of any documents that he may have brought home.

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Serial 1147
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Report 12/23/48 by SA Joseph M. Kelly, NY

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On December 15, 1948 Special Agents [redacted] and the writer reinterviewed LEVINE at his home and requested that they be allowed immediately to inspect the basement of the BARNET LEVINE residence. LEVINE'S attitude was considerably changed on this occasion and when the inspection of the basement was broached he immediately remarked that CHAMBERS had not taken any material from the basement, but rather that it had been taken from an abandoned dumbwaiter shaft in the BARNET LEVINE residence. He willingly accompanied Agents immediately thereafter to the BARNET LEVINE residence and on the second floor thereof pointed out the abandoned dumbwaiter shaft in the bathroom in which he said he had placed an envelope for CHAMBERS in 1938 or 1939. This dumbwaiter shaft was carefully examined and it was noted that there remained nothing of significance and that only a small accumulation of dirty rags and yellowed copies of newspapers were in the shaft. LEVINE claimed to be unable to recall exactly when CHAMBERS asked him to keep the envelope for him, but stated it was either in 1938 or in 1939; further that the envelope was sealed at the time he received it from CHAMBERS and remained sealed until he turned it back to CHAMBERS on November 21, 1948, when, as mentioned above, he and CHAMBERS stopped off at the BARNET LEVINE residence.

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LEVINE further related that CHAMBERS told him in the event anything happened to him (CHAMBERS) LEVINE should turn over the envelope to Mrs. CHAMBERS and that if anything happened to both of them that LEVINE, as a lawyer, would know what to do with it. LEVINE insisted that the envelope had remained sealed from the time he received it until he returned it to CHAMBERS and that his only knowledge of the contents thereof comes from watching CHAMBERS open the envelope in the kitchen in the BARNET LEVINE residence immediately after he had handed the envelope back to CHAMBERS. LEVINE declared that he paid no particular attention to CHAMBERS as the latter was extracting the material from the envelope, except that he did know there were some documents among the material and he remembered that CHAMBERS made some exclamation of surprise as he was removing the material.

While Agents were at the 260 Rochester Avenue address the basement area was carefully searched for further property CHAMBERS might have left there, but none was located. Two rolls of 16 mm. film were taken with the express consent of LEVINE and on examination by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on the next day, December 5, 1948, were determined to be home movies of no significance to instant investigation. LEVINE remarked he had called the attention of CHAMBERS to this film when he and the latter were at the Rochester Avenue residence in November, but that CHAMBERS said that they were not his property and of no interest to him.

THOMAS J. IDNEGAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, was advised of the above outlined developments and requested that LEVINE be instructed to appear before the Grand Jury hearing instant matter on December 5, 1948. LEVINE readily assented to this request.

On December 5, 1948 HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR. was interviewed in the office of the American Russian Institute, 58 Park Avenue, New York City, which is also Mr. COLLINS' residence, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. When questioned concerning his knowledge of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS he replied that he had been previously interviewed on several occasions concerning his knowledge of this individual, but that during these interviews he had failed to recall any information concerning WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or whether he ever met this person. He declared that since the recent publicity of Mr. CHAMBERS and Mr. HISS, particularly before the House Un-American Activities Committee, he is now of the definite impression that he saw a person probably identical

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JAHAM. RE MY TEL MAY TWENTYFOUR RE CHAMBERS COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. News

NATHAN LEVINE AT BROOKLYN, NY, ON OR ABOUT NOV. FOURTEEN,

CHAMBERS HAS ADVISED HE TELEPHONED LEVINE FROM WESTMINSTER

ON OR ABOUT NOV. TWELVE, LAST, TELLING LEVINE HE WOULD BE UP IN
BROOKLYN IN A DAY OR SO TO OBTAIN ENVELOPE STORED WITH LEVINE YEARS

BEFORE. CHAMBERS WAS NOT SURE LEVINE KNEW WHAT CHAMBERS WAS TALKING

ABOUT. ON SUNDAY, NOV. FOURTEEN, LAST, CHAMBERS CAME FROM
WESTMINSTER TO BALTIMORE ENROUTE TO BROOKLYN TO CONTACT LEVINE.

AT PA. RR STATION IN BALTIMORE CHAMBERS SENT LEVINE A TELEGRAM VIA

WHICH TELLING LEVINE HE WAS COMING UP AND TO HAVE CHAMBERS THINGS

READY. CHAMBERS STATES HE DID NOT SIGN HIS OWN NAME TO TELEGRAM

BUT HOPED LEVINE WOULD GUESS ~~IT WAS~~ ITS AUTHOR AND LOCATE THE

ENVELOPE BEFORE CHAMBERS ARRIVAL. FOLLOWING MESSAGE, BELIEVED TO

BE THE TELEGRAM IN QUESTION, LOCATED IN FILES OF WESTERN UNION AT

BALTIMORE. MESSAGE, HANDPRINTED IN PENCIL THROUGHOUT, WAS FILED

AT PA. RR STATION IN BALTIMORE AT NINE THIRTYFOUR AM, NOV.

FOURTEEN, FORTYEIGHT, ADDRESSED TO NATHAN LEVINE, NINE SIX ZERO

STERLING PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY, AND SIGNED QUOTE WHIT UNQUOTE.

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telegram
to
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3/25 letter, ref to pars 4(c), 22 & 23

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MESSAGE READ QUOTE ARRIVING AROUND ONE. PLEASE HAVE MY THINGS READY
UNQUOTE. FILED MESSAGE REFLECTS SENDERS NAME AND ADDRESS AS QUOTE
W. SIMPSON, TWENTYSEVEN OAK STREET, GREENMOUNT, MD., UNQUOTE.

U S POSTAL GUIDE LISTS A GREENMOUNT IN CARROLL COUNTY, MD., SAME COUNTY
IN WHICH WESTMINSTER IS LOCATED BUT NAME AND STREET ADDRESS PROBABLY
FICTITIOUS. FREDERICK E. MORAN, SUPERINTENDENT, WESTERN UNION, ONE
ZERO EIGHT EAST BALTIMORE ST., BALTIMORE, WILL PRODUCE ORIGINAL OF
ABOVE MESSAGE IN COURT UNDER SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM. WU WILL RETAIN
MESSAGE FOR SUCH SERVICE TIL ADVISED UNNECESSARY. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN
ORIGINAL OF DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM LEVINE BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION
OF NY OFFICE. RE NY TEL MAY TWENTYSEVEN REQUESTING BALTO. TO
FORWARD IMMEDIATELY ORIGINAL SIGNED STATEMENT OF CHAMBERS DATED
DECEMBER THIRD, FORTYEIGHT, AT BALTIMORE. STATEMENT DELIVERED TO
BUREAU VIA SPECIAL MESSENGER DEC. FIVE, LAST, AND POSSIBLY STILL
AVAILABLE IN BUREAU FILES.

MC FARLIN