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TITLE RICHARD HOWELL POST, FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE		CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Former associates at Carnegie Institute, Cold Spring Harbor, neighbors and references advise RICHARD HOWELL POST to be a loyal American of "an excellent American family". WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised in a signed statement that he addressed a Communist cell meeting at the house of a Mr. POST in Alexandria, Virginia about 1936 and he believed RICHARD HOWELL POST to be identical with the Mr. POST at whose residence he delivered the lecture on "Marxist Theory". CHAMBERS advised he knew POST to be a member of the Communist Party at that time. Credit and Criminal records at NYC negative.

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I was introduced to Post by a Mr. J. Peters at Post's home in Alexandria, Virginia. Perhaps ten people attended the meeting at his home and I spoke on Marxist theory.

I later learned that Post went to work for the Department of State and I recall that J. Peters or Post had told me he (Post) was associated with a journal published by the State Department.

The meeting at Post's home was attended only by members of the Communist Party and the group was known as a secret cell. I knew Post to be a Communist at that time but I did not know the names of any other people who attended my lecture.

I have read the preceding pages and believe the statements included therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Whittaker Chambers

~~Witnessed~~

Gerard E. Tracy, FBI, NY, NY, 2/5/48
Robert E. [redacted] NY, NY, 2/5/48

introduced
by jp in 1936

The original statement is being retained in the files of the New York Office. Mr. CHAMBERS advised that one J. PETERS, who introduced him to POST in about 1936, was arrested in October of 1947 under the name of ALEXANDER SWINGS, also known as STEVE MILLER and J. PETERS, by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and that PETERS is now "fired on bond awaiting deportation hearing". He explained that he considered Mr. PETERS to be still a prominent member of the Communist Party and that he did not believe PETERS would admit to know POST or "tie him up" with the Communist Party.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, at Washington, D. C., this _____ day of _____, 19____.

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Investigation at Oyster and Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island was conducted by SA JOHN P. FAY.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informant mentioned in the report of SA
GERARD B. TRACY, dated February 12, 1968, at New York City, is identified
as follows:

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Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Associate Editor of Life Magazine, was interviewed on February 7, 1948 at the Time and Life Building, 20 Rockefeller Place, New York City, and provided the following voluntary signed statement:

2/7/48

I, Whittaker Chambers, make the following statement of my own free will without any promise, threat or reward to Special Agents Robert Plante and Gerard E. Tracy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, who have identified themselves to me. I realize anything I advise can be used before a government hearing board. I will appear before a hearing board if it is necessary but due to my business obligation I would prefer not to be called.

About 1944 I first met a Mr. _____ Post in Washington, D. C., whom I believe was employed by the U.S.A. on a project which included the measurement of children's skulls which study was probably related to some type of nutritional research.