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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES R. SHINNERS:

Inquiry was conducted at the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, 15 West 16th Street, New York City, for purpose of obtaining any typewritten specimens emanating from ALGER HISS. Mr. ALFRED ALLEN, Assistant Director, stated the records of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind reflected that ALGER HISS has contributed a total of \$20.00 during the years of 1946, 1947 and 1948. HISS' address in 1946 was listed as 3210 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and more recently at 22 East 8th Street, New York City. The files fail to reflect any typewritten correspondence emanating from Mr. HISS or his family. Mr. ALLEN pointed out that all requests for contributions are sent out from the Foundation on regular forms with business reply envelopes enclosed obviating any necessity for correspondence on the part of donors.

A similar inquiry was also conducted at the Save the Children Federation, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, to ascertain if any typewritten correspondence was in the files of this organization. Mr. FRED A. MOORE, Assistant Director, and EMILY CAPPELI advised the only record of Mr. or Mrs. HISS was a \$5.00 contribution to the Federation by Mrs. HISS on April 18, 1942. There were no typewritten specimens located in the files of this organization.

On Friday, January 14, 1949, contact was had with Miss ANNA ROTHE, Editor of "Current Biography," a publication released by the H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, Bronx, New York. At the time of the interview, Miss ROTHE made available the files concerning the biographical sketch prepared on ALGER HISS by "Current Biography" in February of 1947. In this file it was noted that there were two typewritten specimens emanating from Mr. HISS in conjunction with data provided to "Current Biography" by HISS. A third specimen was also noted which came from the State Department, which provided the original outline of Mr. HISS' background. These specimens were forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory by Special Agent DONALD E. SHANNON for appropriate examination.

Interview was had with DANIEL BOWEN, 45 West 56th Street, New York City, on January 14, 1949 to ascertain background information he may possess along with any typewritten specimens of TIMOTHY HOBSON, stepson of Mr. HISS.

Mr. BOWEN stated that he is presently employed as Manager of the Greneker Corporation, 137 West 56th Street, which firm manufactures mannequins. He stated that he met TIMOTHY HOBSON through a mutual friend while HOBSON was stationed at St. Albans Naval Hospital, St. Albans, Long Island, in the fall of 1945. BOWEN said that HOBSON was an ambulatory patient while at St. Albans

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and as a result was permitted to leave the grounds. It was during one of these leaves from St. Albans that HOBSON was brought to BOWEN's apartment at 45 West 56th Street.

BOWEN said that following HOBSON's release from the Navy as an undesirable he allowed him to reside at his apartment. At the same time, BOWEN added, another friend of HOBSON, ALBERT FENALOSA, also moved into the apartment on a temporary basis. FENALOSA was previously interviewed in the instant investigation. BOWEN said that HOBSON and FENALOSA remained in his apartment from approximately October until Thanksgiving of 1945. During the period that HOBSON resided at his apartment, BOWEN said that he never recalled the presence of a typewriter in his apartment. BOWEN emphasized this point by stating that he himself owned a Remington Portable Typewriter prior to entering the Navy in 1942 and sold it at that time to his present employer, OLIVER VAUGHN. BOWEN added that the reason he is so conscious of the typewriter is that on several occasions he has borrowed his former typewriter from Mr. VAUGHN for temporary use and on each occasion has returned it. He pointed out, however, that he is positive that during the short period that HOBSON and FENALOSA were at his apartment he did not have occasion to use a typewriter.

It was pointed out by BOWEN that HOBSON possessed a considerable amount of correspondence when he moved into his apartment because he used a dresser drawer in BOWEN's apartment exclusively for his manuscripts, and correspondence. He said that he is positive that HOBSON received some mail from ALGER HISS while he was at the apartment because on several occasions he showed BOWEN letters from his stepfather discussing pertinent phases regarding his undesirable discharge from the United States Navy. BOWEN said that he recalled that Mr. HISS recommended to HOBSON that he receive psychiatric treatment immediately after his discharge from the Navy in an attempt to curb his homosexuality. BOWEN stated, however, that he could not specifically recall whether or not these letters from Mr. HISS were typewritten, but he believes that a certain number of them were typewritten.

BOWEN stated that the reason the voluminous amount of correspondence with HOBSON, which included many manuscripts of plays and short stories, was in his possession while at BOWEN's apartment, was that at the time BOWEN asked FENALOSA and HOBSON to leave the apartment because of the return of his roommate from war, he personally packed HOBSON's personal belongings. BOWEN said that the correspondence previously referred to filled a Navy duffel bag by itself. BOWEN has no idea of the disposition of this correspondence by HOBSON after he left his apartment. BOWEN did state, however, that he

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moved in with FENALOSA in an apartment in the Chelsea area.

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BOWEN said that he never heard of HOBSON ever using a typewriter outside of his apartment while he was living with him. He further added that he could not recall HOBSON having any personal contact with Mr. HISS or his mother, except for one weekend when he believed he went to Washington to see them. BOWEN did indicate that HOBSON could have used the typewriter in the office of Blue Angel Nightclub where he was occasionally employed by a friend of his, Mr. JACOBY, Manager of the Blue Angel.

BOWEN said that he has seen very little of HOBSON since he moved from his apartment, but has heard that he is presently residing at 239 East 38th Street, New York City. BOWEN said that he received this information from a TOM YOUNG who resides in the next apartment to HOBSON on 38th Street.

BOWEN admitted during the interview that he was discharged from the Navy for being a homosexual as was FENALOSA, previously set out in this report.

Inquiry was conducted at the offices of the United Service to China, 1790 Broadway, for purpose of ascertaining if this organization had any typewritten correspondence in their possession from Mr. HISS. Mr. VICTOR RULE, Assistant Director of this organization, caused a check to be made of the records of this organization and it was noted that there was no record of HISS ever having any association with this firm. This search, Mr. RULE said, included a check of all contributions to this organization both by geographic and alphabetic sequence since 1941.

Mr. RULE stated that he recalled that in 1947 contact was had with Mr. HISS following his appointment as President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace to ascertain whether or not Mr. HISS would consider being a member of the Board of United Service to China. This contact, Mr. RULE stated, was had with Mr. HISS telephonically by Mrs. MAURICE T. MOORE, Chairman of the Nominating Board and no correspondence took place. The reason Mr. RULE stated he is positive there was no correspondence is that such an approach would have cleared his desk for signature. Mr. RULE pointed out that Mr. HISS' name was suggested by HATHAWAY WATSON, JR. of the National Security Resources Planning Board, Washington, D. C.

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