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See Reference 65-9940-70

Massing, H.

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D - ESPIONAGE SUSPECTS IN THE UNITED STATES

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As explained by Massing, "you become suspicious when you see a former German Communist who claims to have broken with the Party but who, nevertheless neglects to associate at all with the proponents of the German anti-Communist movement in the United States." (u)

Other factors, according to Massing, have from time to time made him suspicious of certain individuals. Such suspicions could be based on a person's activities, his writings, and the variety and nature of his associates. (u)

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Alger Hiss, formerly of the State Department, presently head of the Carnegie Peace Foundation.(u)

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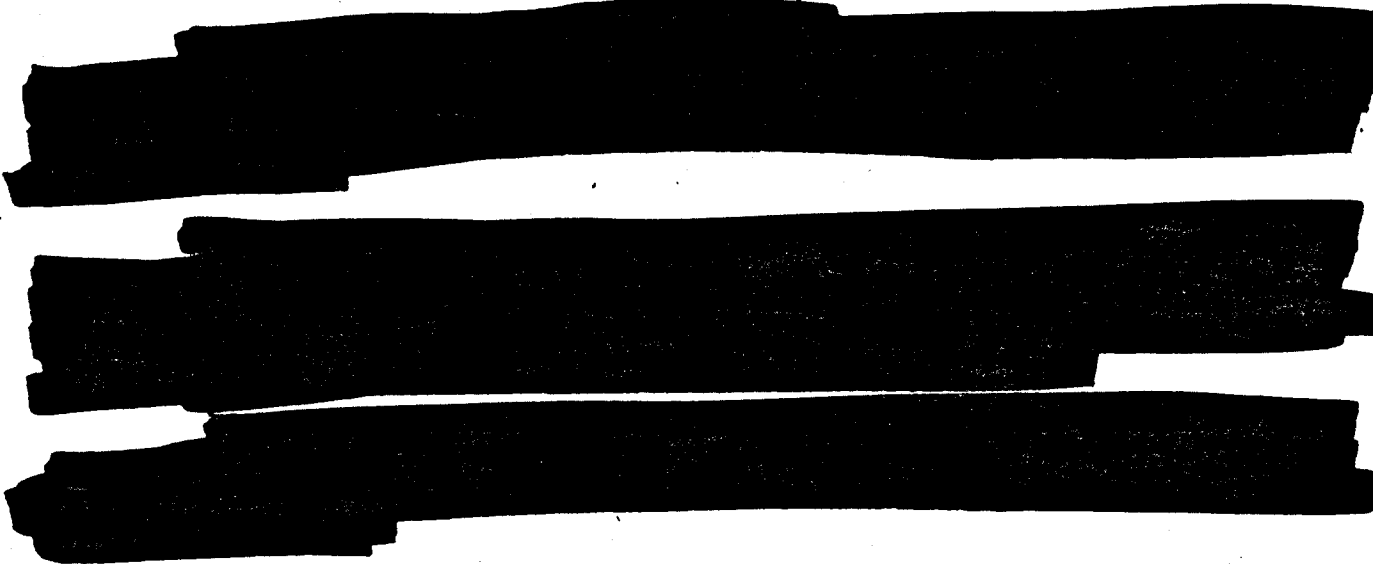
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The Reverend Harrington informed Massing that since Hiss became director of the Carnegie Foundation, that organization has become much more cooperative with the Soviets and he has appeared to look askance at any anti-Communist activities of the Unitarian Church or its Service Command. According to Massing, Owen Latimore is a very close friend of Joseph Barnes and Frederick V. Field. Massing regards Latimore as pro-Soviet. (u)



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PERTINENT INFORMATION

This FBI report contains information on the subjects as above. The following was taken verbatim concerning the subject of this dossier: (U)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Whittaker Chambers
Tamm

~~DR. PAUL WILHELM MASSING, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, BUFILE SIX FIVE~~
~~DASH NINE FOUR FOUR ZERO DEBRIEF AND HEDE MASSING APPEARED BEFORE~~
~~THOMAS COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE. COMMITTEE QUESTIONED~~

~~BOB AT SAME TIME. HEDE HEDE VERY FEW QUESTIONS.~~ ASKED PAUL
QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIS BACKGROUND, THEN ASKED HIM ABOUT ALGER
HISS AND NOEL FIELD. COMMITTEE INDICATED THAT HISS HAD RECOMMENDED
NOEL FIELD FOR A STATE DEPT. POSITION AROUND NINETEEN FORTY. COMMITTEE
APPARENTLY TRYING TO SHOW HISS KNEW OF FIELDS ACTIVITIES AT TIME
HE RECOMMENDED HIM. PAUL UNABLE TO HELP CONCERNING THIS. COMMITTEE
~~DID NOT QUESTION PAUL OR HEDE ABOUT ZUBILIN.~~ MASSINGS FEEL THAT THE
NAMES WERE BROUGHT TO COMMITTEES ATTENTION BY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
AND THEY WERE QUESTIONED IN ORDER TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE CHARGES
MADE BY CHAMBERS CONCERNING HISS.] FURTHER INFO CONCERNING HEARING W
BE SENT BUREAU BY LETTER.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

December 6, 1948

Transmit the following message to:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. BU FILES REFLECT
CHAMBERS IN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE ADVISED ADOLPH BERLE, STATE DEPARTMENT
THAT ONE WADLEIGH, EDITOR OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE JOURNAL AND EMPLOYEE OF
STATE DEPARTMENT WAS MEMBER OF ALEXANDRIA UNIT OF COMMUNIST PARTY UNDERGROUND
APPARATUS. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED HENRY JUDITH WADLEIGH WAS EMPLOYED STATE
DEPARTMENT FROM MARCH NINETEEN THIRTY SIX UNTIL FALL OF NINETEEN FORTY FOUR.
CHAMBERS ALSO TOLD BERLE THAT WADLEIGH'S LEADER IN UNDERGROUND WAS HEDI GUMPER
MASSING. NEW YORK SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW HEDI MASSING CONCERNING WADLEIGH
WHO WAS MENTIONED BY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS IN HIS STATEMENT ON DECEMBER THREE,
NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT.

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HIM. AFTER ABOUT A YEAR, AND POSSIBLY IN THE WINTER OF NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE, THIRTY SIX, NOEL FIELD TOLD HEDE THAT SOMEONE ELSE WAS ALSO RECRUITING HIM TO DO THE SAME WORK AND HE DID NOT KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO. HEDE TOLD NOEL THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO MEET THIS PERSON WHO WAS TRYING TO RECRUIT HIM SO THEY COULD HAVE IT OUT. FIELD SAID HE WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE HEDE MEET THE PERSON. ACCORDING TO HEDE, APROXIMATELY A WEEK LATER FIELD HAD A DINNER PARTY AT HIS APARTMENT IN WASHINGTON. HEDE RECALLS THAT HERTA FIELD, NOEL-S WIFE, WAS PRESENT, ALONG WITH NOEL, HERSELF, AND ALGER HISS. SHE CANNOT RECALL WHETHER OR NOT ANY-ONE ELSE WAS PRESENT, POSSIBLY A FEW OTHERS. HISS-S WIFE WAS NOT PRESENT. NOEL FIELD TOLD HEDE THAT HISS WAS THE PERSON WHO WAS TRYING TO RECRUIT HIM. HE TOLD HER THIS EITHER BEFORE OR ON THE NIGHT OF THE DINNER. HEDE STATED THAT SHE WAS IMPRESSED BY HISS-S GOOD LOOKS, HIS CHARM, AND HIS INTELLIGENCE, AND THEY GOT ALONG VERY WELL. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DINNER AND AT THE FIRST MOMENT WHEN HEDE AND ALGER HISS COULD GET TOGETHER THEY HAD A CONVERSATION WHICH, TO THE BEST OF HEDE-S RECOLLECTION, IS AS FOLLOWS...ALGER HISS.. "WELL YOU ARE THE FAMOUS GIRL WHO IS MEDDLING IN MY AFFAIRS." HEDE MASSING... "AND YOU ARE THE MAN WHO IS MEDDLING IN MY AFFAIRS." ALGER HISS... "WHAT IS YOUR APPARATUS." HEDE MASSING... "I WOULDN-T ASK THAT

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WOMAN." AFTER THIS EITHER HEDE OR ALGER SAID, "WHAT DIFFERENCE
DOES IT MAKE WHO GETS NOEL. WE-RE BOTH WORKING FOR THE SAME BOSS."
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RECRUIT FIELD TO WORK WITH HIM, AND FURTHER THIS BRANCH WAS IN COM-
PETITION WITH HER GROUP HEADED BY "BORIS". HEDE STATED THAT THROUGH-
OUT THE EVENING SHE GOT ALONG VERY WELL WITH ALGER HISS. THEY SEEMED
TO AGREE ON EVERYTHING. AFTER THE MEETING HEDE RETURNED TO NY AND
REPORTED THE RESULTS OF HER MEETING WITH ALGER HISS. BORIS WAS DE-
LIGHTED AND SLAPPED HEDE ON THE BACK AND SAID, "GOOD GIRL." HE IN-
STRUCTED HER NOT TO SEE HISS IN THE FUTURE. HEDE STATED THAT SHE NEVER
SAW ALGER HISS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THIS ONE DINNER PARTY AT NOEL
FIELD-S. HEDE HAS SEEN MANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALGER IN THE PAPER
RECENTLY AND SHE IS SURE THAT IT WAS ALGER HISS SHE MET IN FIELD-S
APARTMENT. HEDE STATED THAT SHE WAS PROBABLY STAYING AT FIELD-S
APARTMENT THE NIGHT SHE MET HISS. HEDE EVENTUALLY MET FIELD AND HE
OPERATED FOR HER GROUP. HE IS PRESENTLY IN SWITZERLAND.

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Report 12/23/48

by Joseph M. Kelly &
Thomas G. Spencer } NY

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On December 7, 1948, SAs JOHN J. WARD and WILLIAM J. McCARTHY, Jr., interviewed HEDE MASSING at her residence concerning HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, who, according to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was operating in behalf of the Communist international movement under HEDE GUMPERTZ, who is HEDE MASSING.

HEDE MASSING stated that she could not recognize HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH from his name or the descriptive data concerning him.

She was also asked concerning HAROLD WILSON, who was WADLEIGH'S co-worker in his intelligence work. HEDE did not recognize WILSON from his name or descriptive data, or the photograph of DAVID CARPENTER.

HEDE MASSING stated that she wished to furnish some additional information concerning ALGER HISS. She added that she had not previously furnished this information since her mind was not exactly clear concerning the matter. She felt she now could reconstruct the events with a fair degree of accuracy. HEDE stated that for approximately one year, or a period of time which included a winter and a summer, she had been working on NOEL FIELD, a State Department employee, to get him to enter into the work she was doing, which was intelligence work on behalf of the Soviets or the Comintern. She stated that she was not certain that she was working for the Soviets nor did she know whether or not NOEL FIELD understood that he was being recruited for the Soviets. However, she is sure that he knew that he was to work in behalf of the Communist international cause. HEDE stated that she had propositioned NOEL FIELD to obtain information from the State Department and turn it over to her. She would then see that it was turned over to her superior, BORIS, who would send it either to Russia or to a representative of the Comintern. HEDE frequently went to Washington and stayed at FIELD'S apartment with FIELD and his wife while she was developing him.

After about a year, and possibly in the winter of 1935-1936, NOEL FIELD told HEDE that someone else was also recruiting him to do the same work and he did not know just what to do. HEDE told NOEL that she would like to meet this person who was trying to recruit him, so they could have it out. FIELD said he would arrange to have HEDE meet the person.

According to HEDE, approximately a week later, FIELD had a dinner party at his apartment in Washington. HEDE recalls that HERTA FIELD, NOEL'S wife, was present, along with NOEL, herself and ALGER HISS. She cannot recall whether or not anyone else was present, possibly a few others. HISS' wife was not present.

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NOEL FIELD told HEDE that HISS was the person who was trying to recruit him. He told her this either before or on the night of the dinner. HEDE stated that she was impressed by HISS' good looks, his charm, and his intelligence, and they got along very well. Immediately after the dinner and at the first moment when HEDE and ALGER HISS could get together, they had a conversation, which, to the best of HEDE'S recollection, is as follows:

ALGER HISS: "Well, you are the famous girl who is meddling in my affairs."

HEDE LASSING: "And you are the man who is meddling in my affairs."

ALGER HISS: "What is your apparatus?"

HEDE LASSING: "I wouldn't ask that question of you. You shouldn't ask it of me".

(They both laughed at this)

ALGER HISS: "Well, we'll fight it out to see who gets NOEL."

HEDE LASSING: "I'll beat you in this game because I'm a woman."

After this either HEDE or ALGER said:

"What difference does it make who gets NOEL, We're both working for the same boss."

HEDE cannot recall whether she made this statement or whether ALGER made it. The statement meant to HEDE that they were both working for the same boss, the Communist international movement. HEDE stated that there was no question in her mind that HISS was working for some branch of Soviet Intelligence or for the Comintern and was trying to recruit FIELD to work with him, and further this branch was in competition with her group headed by "BORIS". HEDE stated that throughout the evening, she got along very well with ALGER HISS. They seemed to agree on everything. After the meeting, HEDE returned to New York and reported the results of her meeting with ALGER HISS to her superior, BORIS. BORIS was delighted and slapped HEDE on the back and said, "Good girl". He instructed her not to see HISS in the future. HEDE stated that she never saw ALGER HISS either before or after this one dinner party at NOEL FIELD'S. HEDE has seen many photographs of ALGER in the paper recently and she is sure

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During the interview with HEDE MASSING on December 7 and 8, 1948, she stated that about the time she was working on NOEL FIELD to cooperate with her in Communist Intelligence work, she was also working on LAWRENCE DUGGAN, a State Department employee and a close associate of ALGER HISS. DUGGAN resisted her, but eventually agreed to see her superior BORIS. BORIS later told her that DUGGAN was difficult and suggested she might have to see him again. She never did. She always liked DUGGAN and respected him and when she broke with the Russians in 1938, she went to Washington to see him and tell him she was through, since she felt responsible for him. She stated that she did not see him, but saw his wife and received a cool reception. She felt that DUGGAN must have told his wife about her and her activity and opposed it. The wife's treatment of her indicated that DUGGAN had either kept out of the movement or had gotten out. HEDE never saw DUGGAN on her visits to Washington and has not seen him since probably 1935 or 1936. HEDE stated that she had held back the above information concerning DUGGAN when interviewed recently, because she was not sure he ever got into the work and if he did, she felt quite sure he was out by 1938.

The above is being brought to the attention of the Bureau in that they may wish to have DUGGAN interviewed at this time, since it is very possible that when ALGER HISS worked on NOEL FIELD to recruit him, he may also have worked on LAWRENCE DUGGAN.

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The information furnished by HEDE MASSING regarding her conversation with ALGER HISS in the home of NOEL FIELD in Washington was immediately brought to the attention of Mr. DONEGAN and on his suggestion arrangements were made on December 9, 1948 for MASSING to view ALGER HISS face to face. This confrontation took place in this office and was witnessed by Bureau Agents. Neither HISS nor MASSING said anything on this occasion. HISS was requested immediately prior to the confrontation to view this individual long enough to satisfy himself positively as to whether or not he had ever seen her before. After he observed her for approximately two minutes he indicated that he had satisfied himself and accordingly was escorted from the room. He then informed the writer that he was positive he had never talked with that woman at any time or place, that he had no recollection whatsoever of ever having met her, and that the only qualification he would make in his denial of acquaintanceship or introduction to her was that it was barely possible he might have been casually introduced to her at a large affair where hundreds of people might have been present and he might have been introduced briefly to a great number of persons. He declared that this contingency was an exceedingly remote possibility.

On the following day a second confrontation of HISS with MASSING was staged and on this occasion HISS was accompanied by his attorney, EDWARD C. MC LEAN, at the latter's insistence. This session lasted approximately fifteen minutes and during that time MASSING attempted, by giving her recollection of the conversation between herself and HISS, to refresh his recollection. She stated, for instance, that she recalled definitely this conversation took place at the home of NOEL FIELD in Washington, that FIELD and his wife were present, that ALGER HISS was not accompanied by his wife, and that there may have been one or two more persons present. She pointed out to HISS that she recalled their private conversation apart from the others immediately after dinner.

HISS insisted that MASSING was surely mistaken in her identification of him as the man with whom she conversed on that occasion and very pleasantly thanked MASSING for attempting to "help". After leaving the room where the above described confrontation occurred, HISS expressed complete amazement that this woman would be so positive in her recollection of an event which he was equally positive never took place.

when Mrs. Massing and Alger Hiss could get together, they had a conversation which to the best of her recollection went as follows:

"Well, you are the famous girl who is meddling in my affairs." Alger Hiss said, "and you are the man who is meddling in my affairs." Alger Hiss said, "what is your apparatus" and Mrs. Massing stated, "I didn't ask that question of you. You shouldn't ask it of me." They both laughed at this, after which Alger Hiss stated, "Well we'll fight it out to see who gets Noel." Mrs. Massing stated, "I'll beat you in this game because I am a woman." After this statement, either Mrs. Massing or Alger Hiss said, "What difference does it make who gets Noel. You're both working for the same boss." Mrs. Massing cannot recall whether she made the statement or whether it was made by Alger Hiss. She said the statement meant to her that they were both working for the same boss, the Communist International movement. She said there was no question in her mind that Alger Hiss was working for some branch of the Soviet intelligence or for the Comintern and was trying to recruit Noel Field to work with him and further, this branch was in competition with her group headed by Boris.

Mrs. Massing stated that throughout the evening she got along very well with Alger Hiss. They seemed to agree on everything. After the meeting she returned to New York and reported the results of her meeting with Alger Hiss. Boris was delighted and slapped her on the back and said, "good girl." He instructed her to refrain from seeing Hiss in the future. She stated she never saw Alger Hiss either before or after this dinner party at Noel Field's apartment. She advised that she has seen many photographs of Alger Hiss in the newspapers recently and she is sure that they were photographs of the Alger Hiss that she met in Field's apartment. Mrs. Massing stated that she was probably staying at Field's apartment the night that she met Hiss; that she eventually "won Noel Field" and that he operated for her group. She advised finally, that to her knowledge, Noel Field is presently in Switzerland.

Efforts are being made to verify the present location of Noel Field in order to determine if he is available for interview.

Your immediate advice is requested concerning a reinterview of Alger Hiss in connection with the above allegations of Mrs. Massing.

For your additional information, Mrs. Massing has been summoned to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City today.

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TO : The Director

DATE: December 8, 1948

file H. Massing

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
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1-p memo to JEH reporting that since

Reference is made to the attached teletype from New York dated December 7, 1948, and to the attached routing slip in which you inquired as to the identity of Hedi Massing. You also inquired if we had interviewed Noel Field and if he is still in the government.

For your information Hedi Tunc Massing was formerly married to Gerhart Eisler, divorcing him in Germany in 1926 to become the wife of Julian Gumberz. In 1928 she separated from Gumberz and is now the wife of Dr. Paul Wilhelm Massing. Both Paul and Hedi Massing served as agents of the Soviet Intelligence Service during the 1930's. In March, 1947, both Paul and Hedi Massing were extensively interviewed by Bureau personnel and have since served as valuable informants. They have proven exceedingly cooperative and without remuneration have continued to furnish valuable information concerning the identities and activities of Soviet espionage agents active during the period from 1932 to 1933.

Noel Haviland Field was employed by the State Department from 1928 until approximately 1940 or 1941. From as early as 1926 until as late as March 27, 1941, Field had been reported from sources regarded as reliable to have been connected with the Communist Party and Communist front groups. This information had been made available to the State Department on several occasions during that period. Subsequent to his State Department employment Field in 1941 or 1942 while in Europe became a representative of the Unitarian Service Committee, a branch of the American Unitarian Aid Society.

According to the latest available information Field is presently residing in Switzerland. Field has not been interviewed by the Bureau since he has been out of this country since approximately 1941 or 1942. Current efforts are being made to determine his whereabouts for possible interview in connection with this matter.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

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DATE: 12-20-48

FROM :

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY;
ESPIONAGE - R

~~_____~~ New York, while talking on another matter today, advised that Hedi Massing, alias Hedi Gumpert, had been asked by the HUAC to come down and testify and she was very reluctant to do so. He stated he was going to get in touch with Mr. Donegan and advise him of this development and suggest that Hedi Massing be placed under subpoena for the Grand Jury. He stated if Mr. Donegan should decide to subpoena her he wanted authority to serve the subpoena; and I told him, having in mind her cooperation with the Bureau, that necessary permission to serve the subpoena was granted to the New York Office.

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12-21-48

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ISR, ESP-R. AT REQUEST OF
SPECIAL ASST. T. J. DONEGAN, A GRAND JURY SUBPOENA WAS ISSUED
INSTANT DATE FOR APPEARANCE ~~HEDE MESSING~~ DEC. TWENTY TWO NEXT AND
QUOTE FROM DAY TO DAY THEREAFTER UNQUOTE UNTIL RELEASED BY COURT.
SUBPOENA BEING SERVED BY AN AGENT INSTANT DATE TO PROTECT INFORMANT,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU AUTHORITY.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

December 27, 1948

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R.

At 9:50 a.m. today NELSON FRANK of the "World-Telegram" telephonically informed the writer that several days ago an acquaintance of his whom he would identify only as a sincere, high type Socialist, had asked him whether he and his newspaper would be interested in buying certain information pertaining to captioned matter; particularly information to be supplied by HEDE "ASSING" and which would, according to the representation made to FRANK, supply the actual details connecting subject ALGER HISS with the Russian agent BORIS BYKOV.

FRANK said it was only after considerable interrogation of this man that he learned the information being offered emanated from "ASSING, and that after consulting with his editor on the matter, it was decided that the World-Telegram was not interested. FRANK claimed to have been unable to secure the exact details of the information to be furnished.

At 11:30 a.m. today FRANK further informed the writer that he had just learned that the above-described information was being purchased by the New York "Daily News" for a reported sum of \$750, and that the information had been represented as consisting of definite "proof" of the link between ALGER HISS and the Russian agent BYKOV. FRANK said he had not been able to establish whether "ASSING herself was the instigator of the transaction and explained that she allegedly had told her story to a friend, who in turn had discussed the matter with the Socialist friend of FRANKS, and that he did not know who was to receive whatever sum was realized in the event a sale could be made. FRANK also pointed out that "ASSING'S information was said to be noted on four sheets of paper which of course would go to the purchaser.

It is suggested that inquiry be made of HEDE "ASSING for details of this alleged transaction.

J. W. KELLY,
Special Agent



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SONY # 16-27

HEDE MASSING

BORN Jan. 6, 1900, Vienna

PARENTS Philip and Rose Tune

Education. High School

WORK . At 18 went with travelling stock company

Marriage. 1920 to Gerhart Eisler. He interested her in Communism . Entered into minor party work

Divorce from Eisler 1926

Marrigge to Julian Gumperz with whom she had been living for a couple of years

TRAVEL to U.S. August 1926. Purpose his publishing business

U.S. Citizenship. Obtained Dec. 9, 1927, through her marriage to Gumperz

Return to Europe Early January 1928 to Frankfort au Main

Introduction to Massing Early 1928 at Frankfort. Love.

Moved to Berlin Spring 1928. Massing followed and they started living together

Work Book Store, Malik Verlag

Introduction to Ludwig. Late 1928 or early 1929 by Dr. Richard Sorge. His advice to cease C.P. activity

Travel to Moscow . January 1930. Lived with Massing who was studying there at International Agrarian Institute.

Ludwig Met again in Moscow. He approves of her plan to go back to Berlin and act as a governess.

Returns to Berlin. Summer 1931. After a stopover in Vienna to do a few minor jobs for Ludwig

Activities in Berlin. Governess for two Fischer children. Lining up mail drops. Orientating Russian agents

Leaves Berlin for Reichenberg Czechoslovakia with children in early 1933 after arrival of Nazis

Travels to Moscow Summer 1933 with children. Already had discussed with Ludwig the idea of her coming to U.S. Requested by Abramov of Comintern to carry funds to France. Given ticket to U.S.

Arrives in France ~~Agust~~ August 1933. Hoard that Massing arrested by Nazis. Visited camp in Germany and saw him clandestinely. Returned to Paris. Received instructions from Ludwig re her activities in U.S.

Arrives U.S. October 1933. Welcome guest as she could give first hand accounts of life in Nazi Germany. Met a few communists (this was contrary to instructions)

First Superior Bill Berman- met Fall 1933. Read papers for him and kept him current. Travelled to Washington- met Margaret Young Daily Worker correspondent .

Trip to France. Dec 1933. Met Massing just released from concentration camp

Return to U.S. Jan 1934 with Massing

Arthur Walker. Met spring 1934. Drunk, critical of Soviets died from accident summer 1934

Trip to Europe. Summer 1934. Courier trip for Berman

Return to U.S. Early Fall 1934 . Meets new superior " Bill Grinke". Introduced to Noel Field by Marg. Young. Field had read chapter of Massings book which had appeared in New Masses. Goes to work on Field

March 1935. Paul Massing goes over to Europe to work for Ludwig

June 1935 (Approx) Meets another superior, " Fred"

Late summer 1935. Field tells her of fact some one else is working on him. Suggests introduction. Fred not in favor, but reluctantly oks is. Meets Hiss at home of Fields. Conversation

Larry Duggan. Met through Fields. Worked on him. He was difficult. He agreed to meet someone else. Believes Duggan met someone sent by " Fred".

Trip to Europe Summer 1935. Courier trip for " Fred". Returns shortly. Continues work under Fred. Starts looking after "Anton " the photographer who was a problem.

Travel Europe Sept 1936.. Meets Massing . Married to him in Paris Oct 27, 1936 (Had been divorced from Gumperz) . Returns to U.S. Massing follows in Jan 1937 Both are getting critical of Soviets and of Communism.

Letters from Ludwig which indicate in a guarded fashion his critical attitude.

Surveillance of Ludwig Lorre Spring 1937 on orders of Bill and Fred. Carried on by Hede Anton and another woman Gerda Frankfurter. (sexy spy)

Visits from "Helen" Late Spring 1937. She works on them to change their attitude and to continue work. Being unsuccessful she urges them to go to Moscow at her expense and talk things over. They finally agree , but insist on using their own legitimate travel documents.

Ludwig's murder/ Early September 1937 news reports of ~~xxxx~~ killing of Ignatz Reiss in Switzerland. They recognize as Ludwig

Leave for Moscow Left on Kugsholm Oct 1937. Arrived Moscow Nov 1937. Helen on boat. Stay Hotel Metropole.

Interrogations conducted by Helen and her husband " Peter" an official of NKVD. Questioning re Ludwig and everyone they ever met. They meet Fields in Moscow ~~xxxxxxx~~ 1938. Fields act amazed at critical attitude of Massings. Massings insist on being permitted to leave. Robinson Reubens passport scandal. Ultimatum issue to " Fred", as a result of which their passports and departure permit were issued. They leave immediately. Arrive U.S. June 1938

Visits from Peter and Helen 1942 and 1943. These two appear to have some official position. They indicate to Massings that latter have been watched by Russians

Visit from Fields 1946. Fields are clearly pro Soviet.

First interviewed by FBI . March 1947. Previously fearful of Soviets and wanted to forget the whole matter.

First told FBI about Hues 12-7-48

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J. D. U. CHAMBERS, WAS; ET AL, PERJURY, ESP R. WALTER LIEBER INTERVIEWED
 TODAY IN HIS OFFICE, FOUR EIGHT NINE FIFTH AVE., NYC, BY SAs WILLIAM
 J. MC CARTHY, JR. AND LAURENCE SPILLANE. AS SOON AS THE NAME CHAMBERS
 WAS MENTIONED LIEBER STATED HE FELT HE SHOULD CONSULT HIS ATTORNEY SINCE
 THE HISS-CHAMBERS CASE WAS SO HIGHLY PUBLICIZED. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD
 LISTEN TO SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWER THOSE THAT HE FELT HE SHOULD AND
 IN THIS WAY HE WOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND JUST WHAT WAS WANTED OF HIM
 AND COULD PROPERLY CONSULT WITH HIS ATTORNEY. LIEBER ADVISED THAT HE
 KNEW WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND AS DAVID BREEN.
 HE ALSO ADVISED BY CHAMBERS THAT CHAMBERS HAD USED THE NAME LLOYD
CANTWELL. HE DID NOT KNOW UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES. HE DID NOT KNOW
 ANY OTHER ALIASES OF CHAMBERS. HE STATED THAT HE FIRST MET CHAMBERS
 SOME TIME BETWEEN NINETEEN THIRTY AND THIRTY FIVE WHEN CHAMBERS WAS
 THE EDITOR OF "NEW MASSES" AND HE, LIEBER, WAS A LITERARY AGENT.
 HE RECALLS RENTING A COTTAGE WITH CHAMBERS AND DAVID BREEN AT THAT TIME IN EITHER NINETEEN THIRTY
 THE COTTAGE WAS JUST BELOW FRENCH TOWN. HE ALSO RECALLS PURCHASING
 A FARM IN FERNDALE IN THIRTY FIVE OR THIRTY SIX

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AND CHAMBERS VISITING HIM FREQUENTLY AND CHAMBERS WIFE STAYING AT HIS PLACE A SHORT TIME. HE ALSO RECALLS CHAMBERS RENTING A COTTAGE IN PINEVILLE, NEAR NEW HOPE, PA. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT FROM AROUND THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE OR THIRTY SIX UNTIL THE END OF NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN CHAMBERS SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME WITH HIM IN HIS APARTMENT IN NYC POSSIBLY ONE DAY OUT OF EVERY TWO WEEKS. DURING THIS PERIOD OF ASSOCIATION HE DID NOT RECALL EVER MEETING ANYONE THROUGH BREEN. HE COULD NOT RECALL ANY VISITORS AT THE SUMMER CAMPS. HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE PHOTOS OF ALGER HISS AND PRISCILLA HISS. HE STATED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THEM. THE ONLY PERSON HE RECALLS HAVING SEEN AT THE CAMP WAS A COLORED GIRL WHO WAS BROUGHT THERE BY CHAMBERS TO HELP MRS. CHAMBERS. THIS WAS IN PINEVILLE. HE STATED THAT HE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO RENT THE COTTAGE BELOW FRENCH TOWN. HE FEELS THAT CHAMBERS USED HIM TO SUIT HIS, CHAMBERS, CONVENIENCE AND IT IS POSSIBLE CHAMBERS MAY HAVE HAD HIM RENT A COTTAGE SINCE HE WAS USING HIS KNOWN NAME AND CHAMBERS WAS USING A ALIAS. HE STATED HE CANNOT RECALL WHETHER OR NOT HE EVER AGREED TO HOLD HIMSELF OUT AS CHAMBERS EMPLOYER. HE FEELS THAT CHAMBERS DID MAKE ALLEGATIONS TO THIS

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EFFECT. HE STATED THAT MISS LAWYERS TALKED WITH HIM RECENTLY AND TOLD HIM THEY HAD FOUND A LETTER IN A SCHOOL IN BALTIMORE WRITTEN BY MRS. CHAMBERS STATING THAT CHAMBERS WAS EMPLOYED BY LIEBER. HE STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THAT CHAMBERS LIVED IN BALTIMORE DURING THE PERIOD NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE OR THIRTY SEVEN, HOWEVER, HE WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD EVER VISITED CHAMBERS. HE STATED HE WAS NEVER APPROACHED BY CHAMBERS TO DO ANY WORK FOR THE SOVIETS OR THE CP. HE WOULD NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS EVER APPROACHED BY ANYONE. HE WOULD NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE SUSPECTED THAT CHAMBERS WAS ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE. HE WOULD NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP. HE STATED THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE NAME "AMERICAN FEATURES SYNDICATE" BUT WOULD NOT DISCUSS IT UNTIL HE CONSULTED HIS ATTORNEY. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE PHOTO OF DR. ROSENBLIT NOR DID HE RECOGNIZE THE NAME. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON THE PHOTO OF ALEXANDER STEPHENS, WAS., J. PETERS, AND THE PHOTO OF JOHN SHERMAN, WA, CHARLES CHASE. LIEBER STATED THAT COL. BORIS BYKOB, WAS PETER, WAS UNKNOWN TO HIM,

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AND HE NEVER MET HIM THROUGH CHAMBERS OR HEARD CHAMBERS MENTION HIM.
HE STATED HE WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. HE DID NOT KNOW
WHETHER CHAMBERS WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP BUT FELT HE WAS A SYMPATIZER.
LIEBER FEELS THAT ALGER HISS IS BEING PERSECUTED AND THAT CHAMBERS IS
A [REDACTED] HE STATED THAT HE WOULD CONSULT HIS ATTORNEY AND
ADVISED THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS AS TO WHEN HE WOULD CONFER WITH THEM
AGAIN.

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J. H.

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HEDI MASSING

HEDI MASSING was the first wife of GERHART EISLER, having met him in 1919 in Vienna, where they were married in 1920. She stated that she then accompanied EISLER to Berlin, where he was the editor of a Communist Party newspaper. She remained with GERHART EISLER until 1923, at which time she left him, divorcing him in 1926. ✓

She again saw EISLER in 1928 in Germany and later saw him in Moscow in the winter of 1930-1931, at which time he had returned from China and was sick in the Kremlin Hospital, where she visited him. U

She said that at that time her sister, ELLI, was married to GERHART EISLER and was in Moscow. U

HEDI MASSING advised that she last heard from EISLER in the fall of 1933 when she was in the United States and was staying at the apartment of HELEN BLACK in Greenwich Village, New York City. At that time she received a letter from EISLER, postmarked in some mid-western city, telling her that he knew that her husband, PAUL MASSING, was in a concentration camp in Germany and advising her that if he could help her he would do so. ✓

Later, in the early months of 1934, after PAUL MASSING had arrived in the United States, HEDI and PAUL MASSING attended a party at HELEN BLACK's and saw GERHART EISLER. U

HEDI MASSING recalls seeing EISLER again in the summer of 1934, at which time she was sick. EISLER called her on the telephone and then came to see her at her apartment on 52nd Street. They had a long conversation together, at which time EISLER informed her that she should again become active in Communist Party work. U