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New York 7, New York

March 28, 1946

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Director, FBI

Re: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

On March 26, 1946, Mr. J. C. STRICKLAND of the Bureau telephonically advised Mr. CONROY that the Director was desirous of having WHITTAKER CHAMBERS of the editorial staff of Time Magazine, interviewed in connection with information previously furnished by CHAMBERS concerning ALGER HISS of the State Department. It was desired that this office ascertain whether CHAMBERS would object to the use of his name in the further development of information concerning HISS and his activities and also to determine if CHAMBERS would be willing to testify as to his knowledge of HISS' connections with the Communist Party. It will be recalled that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was interviewed by ADOLF BERLE of the State Department during September of 1939 at which time CHAMBERS revealed certain information concerning the Communist underground movement in Washington, D. C. and identified certain persons actively associated with the Communist Party. Among those named was ALGER HISS. A typewritten copy of Mr. BERLE's notes was furnished to the New York Office and the information thereon concerning HISS is characterized as follows:

"Alger Hiss, Ass't. to Sayre - CP - 1937
Member of the Underground Com. - Active
Baltimore boys -
Wife - Priscilla Hiss - Socialist -
Early days of New Deal.

"Donald Hiss, (Philippine Advisor) Member of C.P. with
Pressman & Witt - Labor Dep't. - Ass't.
to Frances Perkins - Party wanted him there -
to send him as arbitrator in Bridges trial -
Brought along by brother.

CHAMBERS was first interviewed by Agents of the New York Office on March 13, 1942 and the result of this interview is set forth in the New

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