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Memorandum to Mr. Lane

From: M. Lockwood

Subject: David Carpenter.

Subject's real name is David Zimmerman. Now employed by the Daily Worker.

No mention of Carpenter in the testimony before the Un-American Activities Committee.

Baltimore Deposition: Chambers testified that Carpenter made photographs of documents submitted either to Chambers or to Carpenter directly. Carpenter might have taken pictures of a few of the Hiss documents, but in general handled only the material received from Wadleigh or Harry Dexter White. He continued his activities until after Chambers left the party in 1938. Chambers distinguishes between Carpenter and Felix Inslerman, stating that the latter was purely a photographer and the former also a receiver of stolen papers, but not so good a photographer as Inslerman.

Testimony from the first trial: Chambers was introduced to Wadleigh through Carpenter. At that time Wadleigh was connected with the A. A. A. It was common practice for Wadleigh to give documents to Zimmerman directly to be microfilmed.

Wadleigh testified that he would remove papers from the State Department, place them in a briefcase, meet Carpenter on a street corner, hand him the briefcase, and collect the papers next morning after they had been photographed during the night. Wadleigh got in touch with Carpenter through Eleanor Nelson, a party worker who had specialized in infiltration of labor organizations.

Chambers said that he had seen Carpenter in Pigman's house in Cherrydale, Va.

Hiss first saw Carpenter in the Grand Jury waiting room where some newspaper men identified him. Wadleigh asked Hiss who he (Carpenter) was and Hiss replied that he had been pointed out to him as David Carpenter. Wadleigh later testified that Hiss had identified Carpenter for Wadleigh.

At the second trial Wadleigh testified that Carpenter had given him an oriental rug, Xmas, 1937