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RE: THE CHAMBERS' MAID, EDITH

Mrs. EDITH MURRAY  
342 Bloom Street  
Baltimore, Maryland

Will be expected to testify that she was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 26, 27 and 28, 1949, and that on September 28, 1949, she executed the following statement:

"September 28, 1949

"I, Mrs. Ellwood F. Murray, also known as Mrs. Edith Gland Murray, 342 Bloom Street, Baltimore, Maryland, wish to furnish the following information voluntarily to Special Agents Joseph R. Marszalek, Edward G. Gough and Frank G. Johnstone of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Sometime in the fall of 1934 I first met Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell who were then residing in a second floor apartment at 903 St. Paul Street, Baltimore. At that time I was referred to the Cantwells by their former maid and the Cantwells hired me as their new maid. I worked for the Cantwells as their maid at 903 St. Paul Street through the winter months and until the spring of 1935. In the spring of 1935 the Cantwells left Baltimore and told me they were going to New York City.

"In the fall of 1935 I met Mrs. Cantwell on the street near my home, which was then at 1113 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, and Mrs. Cantwell rehired me as their maid. Mrs. Cantwell told me then that they were living at that time in Washington, D.C. but gave me no further details. I first cleaned up the Cantwells new apartment on the second floor at 1617 Eutaw Place, whether they bought it all or had some given to them. I do remember that when they moved in at this address, several days after Mrs. Cantwell rehired me, a moving van of an unknown company in Washington, D.C. brought their furniture and belongings. I do not definitely recall that any of this furniture was new or that the Cantwells added any furniture later, but I do recall that their apartment was rather sparsely furnished after they moved in.

"I worked for the Cantwells as their maid, also caring for their daughter, ELLEN, whom I called 'Peegee', at 1617 Eutaw Place until

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"about June of 1936 when the Cantwells moved away from Baltimore and said they were going to California. When I worked for the Cantwells during the two periods mentioned above, I generally arrived at their apartment about 9:00 A.M. each day and left for the day about 6:00 or 7:00 P.M. I believe I had Wednesday and Sunday afternoons off each week.

"Mr. Cantwell was away most of the time and I understood he was a traveling salesman. The Cantwells had few friends to my knowledge and practically no visitors while I was employed by them. I do recall one visitor at 1617 Eutar Place, a Lady from Washington, D. C. who had a little boy about 12 or 14 years old. This Lady came to visit Mrs. Cantwell three or four times but never brought her little boy along and I only learned she had a little boy through conversation. On one occasion in April or May of 1936, this Lady from Washington, D.C. came to the Cantwell apartment at 1617 Eutar Place, Baltimore and stayed with the Cantwells' daughter that day, overnight and until about noon the following day, while Mrs. Cantwell went to New York City. I definitely remember on the second day preparing and eating both breakfast and lunch with the Lady from Washington, who did not leave until Mrs. Cantwell returned from New York City. Mrs. Cantwell was about two or three months pregnant at the time and said she went to New York City to be examined by a doctor. To the best of my recollection the Lady from Washington came to Baltimore by train as I do not remember anyone bringing her by car or ever seeing any automobile belonging to this Lady parked nearby. From the way they treated each other, I would say that Mrs. Cantwell and the Lady from Washington were good friends.

"I do not recall the name of the Lady from Washington but may be able to recognize her if I see her in person. My best recollection of her description is as follows:

Age	Around 30
Height	About 5'3" or 4"; about a head taller than myself
Weight	About 125 - 130 lbs.
Build	Slender and nicely built
Hair	Dark hair, possibly combed back and knotted in the back
Glasses	Wore no glasses
Complexion	Fair and did not use much makeup, if any
General appearance	Nice looking

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"Dress	Neat, conservative dresser; slightly recall that she wore skirts and blouses and possibly ladies' suits
Manner	Very pleasant and refined and talked in an ordinary, quiet tone of voice

"I also slightly recall this Lady from Washington being associated in some way, possibly as husband and wife, with a rather tall, slender man, about 30 years of age, who was also very polite and nice. I do not recall definitely that this man ever visited the Cantwells, but it seems to me that they came to visit the Cantwells together one evening just before I left for the night. The agents have shown me a photograph of a person they have told me is Alger Hiss and the photograph looks something like the slender man who accompanied the Lady from Washington on the above-mentioned visit to the Cantwells.

"The agents have shown me a photograph and have told me that it is a photograph of Priscilla Hiss. The name is not familiar and I do not recall Mrs. Cantwell ever introducing me to a lady by that name, but I think the photograph might be a picture of the Lady from Washington who visited the Cantwells at 1617 Eutaw Place as it looks very much like her.

"On Monday, September 26, 1949 the agents took me to see a family living on a farm near Westminster, Maryland. The people we saw there were the same couple I had known before as Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell, who now have a son, John, in addition to the daughter, Ellen, whom I had taken care of as a baby back in 1934-1936. The Cantwells told me during the above visit that their real name is Chambers. Around their farm home I noticed some articles of furniture which the Cantwells had in their apartment at 1617 Eutaw Place, Baltimore in 1935 - 1936, especially the dining room furniture.

"I have discussed the period when I worked for the Chambers or Cantwells at 1617 Eutaw Place with Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, especially the visits of the Lady from Washington, but I am unable to recall any further details at this time.

"All of the above facts are true and are based on my personal recollection and memory.

/S/ Mrs. ELLWOOD F. MURRAY

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WITNESSES:

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"This is a four page statement. I have signed this page and have initialed the other three pages."