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 to me, but it obviously didn't occur to my attorneys either. But, in the middle of a huge case of that kind, where the amount of documentary examination, the number of witnesses to be spoken to, or the amount of research and investigation...it's not surprising that we overlooked something. But, in fact we did. This does not look to me like a machine left out in the open.

In fact, people who have commented on the case since, have often caught up on that particular....

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Lowenthal:

Tell me about the contents of the Baltimore documents?

Hiss:

The Baltimore documents consist of a real mish-mash material. The longest..took up, I think, 20 pages...anyway a long, long...the original was many pages long. And was copied in toto. It was a report from [Counsel Boyce] in, either Yokohama or Manchuria, about uh, the kind of stuff that the Department would normally have released to American exporters and so on about conditions in Manchuria. There were, however, either exact copies of some cables, or excerpts from cables, a number of which were certainly in confidential code. Uh, and you would have been considered confidential at the time, though there were no security regulations...uh, people wandered in and out of offices, and in and out of the department in '38, the date of the documents.

I would characterize them generally as of no great interest even to the press at the time. Much less of any significance from a..let's call it espionage point of view,'cause

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