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Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

Am indeed sorry that the enclosed report is so unfavorable, but careful consideration was given to all that was before me, both pro and con, before coming to a final conclusion.

I am of the opinion there is something in this case which has never come to light. Mrs. Hiss, it appears is of Quaker or Mennonite extraction, who are as a whole of the best moral character. They are, of course, fanatics for peace and about turning the other cheek, but I can see nothing in any of these documents which would prevent war between the U. S. A. and Soviets, or anything that would be of enough interest to her to cause her to do such a great amount of secretarial work for this man Chambers.

Baltimore Ex. No. 10 is puzzling to me, it being on a different typewriter and apparently by an entirely different operator than the person who typed all the others.

Mrs. Hiss and Chambers committed so many typographical mistakes, and so many were made in the Baltimore Exhibits, it became necessary to seek them out, list them, compare and analyze all these errors, individually and collectively.

The sixty instances of hand-printings had to be first found, and listed for ready locating when comparing them with the standard writings and printing of all concerned.

I was compelled to make a list of all the hittings of the wrong keys in the Baltimore Exhibits and then list the errors and their positions on the typewriter key board before I could be definite as to whether or not the operator was one who wrote by sight or wrote blind.



Both Mrs. H. and C. frequently allow the shift key to release too soon and cause Capital or upper case characters to print above the line. The same thing often happened in the Baltimore Exhibits.

The presence of the virgule in three instances among the Baltimore Exhibits, its frequent use by Chambers, and it never being found in Mrs. Hiss' typewritings was of sufficient significance to cause me to ponder hard on possibilities and probabilities.

Have no way of knowing how much time and thought and work has been devoted to these documents by the prosecution, but if the document examiners have done any less than myself, then the court, the jury, and the persons on trial have not been shown the proper consideration. The court and jury are supposed to have everything presented to them for weighing and valuing. The defendant is entitled to have everything favorable as well as that which is against his interests. And document examiners, especially, be they employed by the government (Federal or State), by corporations, or those engaged in private practice, are not supposed to be, or required to be advocates. We are permitted to come and testify in court simply on the legal theory that we can be of some hold to the judge or jury.

This was one of the most tedious and lengthy cases ever before me. Am unable to recall during the last thirty years any such in which I made fifty legal cap pages of notations.

Shall I now register back to you all the questioned documents and standards? Will do so just as soon as you advise me. Meeting with you was a pleasure. I admired the very proper manner in which you presented your problem. Am sorry that I was unable to sustain your thoughts in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Cassidy
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