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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD 12-21-48 3:50 PM URGENT  
DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, IS -- R. RE TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS OF INSPECTOR HOWARD FLETCHER OF BUREAU, TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BEN MANDEL, RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF THE HONIA. LARRY S. DAVIDOW OF DETROIT ADVISED THAT MANDEL WROTE TO HIM IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX AT THE TIME ALGER HISS' APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION WAS EMINENT, REQUESTING HIM TO CONTACT JOHN FOSTER DULLES IN THIS MATTER. MANDEL ADVISED DAVIDOW THAT HE KNEW PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON WHO COULD ESTABLISH HISS' COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS BUT DID NOT IDENTIFY THEM. DAVIDOW'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH JOHN FOSTER DULLES AND THE LATTER'S REPLY WAS TURNED OVER TO COMMENTATOR FULTON LEVINE WHO, IN ONE OF HIS RECENT BROADCASTS, COMMENTED ON THIS SITUATION. BEN MANDEL WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY AT HIS OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT HE WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH DAVIDOW. AT THE TIME OF THE CORRESPONDENCE, HE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF SECURITY DIVISION, STATE DEPARTMENT, AND WAS AWARE OF HISS' POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION. HE ALSO KNEW THAT DAVIDOW WAS PREVIOUSLY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED

WITH JOHN FOSTER DULLES. MANDEL STATES HE DID ADVISE DAVIDOW THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING ALGER HISS' COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS BUT THAT HE HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THIS. MANDEL STATED HE WAS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ISAAC DON LEVINE AND HAD MAINTAINED OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS' ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING ALGER HISS THROUGH HIM. HE

HAD NO OTHER PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION CONCERNING ALGER HISS' COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS OTHER THAN THAT FURNISHED BY LEVINE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP. DASH R. RE DEATH LAW-  
RENCE DUGGAN, NYCPD INVESTIGATION REFLECTS DUGGAN HAD OPERATION  
ON BACK LAST OCTOBER. BROTHER AND FELLOW EMPLOYEES OF DUGGAN STATE  
HE HAS LOOKED TERRIBLE LATELY. BROTHER STATES DUGGAN WENT BACK  
TO WORK TOO SOON AND WORKED TOO HARD. TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.  
SCHEDULED FOR THIS MORNING WAS TO BE IN COMPANY OF FELLOW EMPLOY-  
EE. FELLOW EMPLOYEE STATES TRIP WAS TO BE ON ROUTINE BUSINESS.  
FURTHER STATES THEY HAVE BRANCH IN WASHINGTON AND NECESSARY TO MAKE  
TRIPS THERE AT VARIOUS TIMES. FELLOW EMPLOYEE STATES THEY HAD  
PLANNED TO FLY, BUT HAD DISCUSSED EFFECT OF BAD WEATHER ON PLANS.  
WHEN THIS FELLOW EMPLOYEE RECEIVED NEWS OF DUGGAN-S DEATH, HE  
THOUGHT THE CALL WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TELLING HIM THAT THE FLIGHT  
WAS CANCELLED. WINDOW IN ROOM FROM WHICH DUGGAN JUMPED OR FELL  
WAS OPEN APPROXIMATELY THIRTY SIX INCHES. WINDOW SILL WAS A LITTLE  
OVER THIRTY INCHES FROM FLOOR. WINDOW SILL WAS APPROXIMATELY TEN  
INCHES WIDE INSIDE ROOM AND LEDGE EXTENDED APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN  
INCHES ON OUTSIDE, MAKING TOTAL WIDTH APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FOUR  
INCHES. THERE WAS ICE ON WINDOW LEDGE. INTERVIEWS WITH FELLOW  
EMPLOYEES AND ELEVATOR OPERATOR FAILED TO ELICIT INFORMATION AS  
TO ANYONE IN ROOM WITH DUGGAN AT TIME HE JUMPED OR FELL.  
CONCLUSION OF NYCPD WAS THAT NO FOUL PLAY WAS INDICATED. IMPOSSIBLE  
TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE JUMPED OR FELL.

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