

Mr. CHAMBERS. I knew Mr. Hiss, roughly, between the years 1935 to 1937.

Mr. NIXON. Do you know him as Mr. Alger Hiss?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes.

Mr. NIXON. Did you happen to see Mr. Hiss' pictures in the newspapers as a result of these recent hearings?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes; I did.

Mr. NIXON. Was that the man you knew as Alger Hiss?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes; that is the man.

Mr. NIXON. You are certain of that?

Mr. CHAMBERS. I am completely certain.

Mr. NIXON. During the time that you knew Mr. Hiss, did he know you as Whittaker Chambers?

Mr. CHAMBERS. No, he did not.

Mr. NIXON. By what name did he know you?

Mr. CHAMBERS. He knew me by the party name of Carl.

Mr. NIXON. Did he ever question the fact that he did not know your last name?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Not to me.

Mr. NIXON. Why not?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Because in the underground Communist Party the principle of organization is that functionaries and heads of the group, in other words, shall not be known by their right names but by pseudonyms or party names.

Mr. NIXON. Were you a party functionary?

Mr. CHAMBERS. I was a functionary.

Mr. NIXON. This entire group with which you worked in Washington did not know you by your real name?

Mr. CHAMBERS. No member of that group knew me by my real name.

Mr. NIXON. All knew you as Carl?

Mr. CHAMBERS. That is right.

Mr. NIXON. No member of that group ever inquired of you as to your real name?

Mr. CHAMBERS. To have questioned me would have been a breach of party discipline, Communist Party discipline.

Mr. NIXON. I understood you to say that Mr. Hiss was a member of the party.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Mr. Hiss was a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. NIXON. How do you know that?

Mr. CHAMBERS. I was told by Mr. Peters.

Mr. NIXON. You were told that by Mr. Peters?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes.

Mr. NIXON. On what facts did Mr. Peters give you?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Mr. Peters was the head of the entire underground, as far as I know.

Mr. NIXON. The entire underground of the Communist Party?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Of the Communist Party in the United States.

Mr. NIXON. Do you have any other evidence, any factual evidence, to bear out your claim that Mr. Hiss was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Nothing beyond the fact that he submitted himself for the 2 or 3 years that I knew him as a dedicated and disciplined Communist.

Mr. NIXON. Did you obtain his party dues from him?