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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: JAY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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DATE: January 13, 1949

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
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- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

At 11:25 a.m. today Special Agent Kenneth Delavine of the Washington Field Office telephonically advised that Jesse R. Rogers, an employee of the War Department, who was interviewed for approximately two hours yesterday by Agents of the Washington Field Office, reportedly died in his sleep last night.

Mr. Delavine stated Rogers was interviewed at his office in the War Department on the afternoon of January 12, 1949 by Agents Robert McGaslin and Paul Tierney. According to the Agents, Rogers was obviously not furnishing the information he had in his possession and to almost every pertinent question he would reply that he could not recall and ask the Agents whether they could furnish him with additional information. The Agents, of course, did not disclose any facts to Rogers and upon taking their leave, asked him to make an effort to recall the answers to the questions that he had asked him. He stated he would do so and arrangements were made to reinterview him today.

Mr. Delavine stated that discreet inquiries would be made to determine whether Rogers had committed suicide and the Bureau would be kept currently advised with respect to all developments concerning his death.

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