

are not comments on a file, or on a memorandum. These are rather, as I saw them, apparently digests of telegrams.

As you showed me those yesterday, I did not recognize or remember having seen any one of those particular memoranda. On the other hand, the number of telegrams pouring into my office was so great that I had to have somebody sieve those telegrams and give to me the important ones, and in certain cases, if they were long telegrams or memoranda, often tell me what they were and whether in their opinion I should read them or not.

It is possible that those particular memoranda which you referred to might have been digested by Mr. Hiss after reading the original, so that he could tell me in a few words what the memorandum contained. Not that he would show me or pass to me those specific memoranda, but possibly that he would digest it for his own purposes, so that in handing me a stack of telegrams he might just glance at his little digest and say, "Well, this telegram is about so-and-so; I don't think you have to read that." "This telegram is about so-and-so; perhaps you better get after that." And so on and so forth.

Now, I have no recollection of those specific papers, but I merely tell you what our practice was for what it may be worth.