

*Hede Massing—For Government—Direct*

Q. Excluding that, if you will, Mrs. Massing.

A. I shall try. I am not versed in such matters. I shall try to give the conversation without saying who Mr. Field was. I spoke to Mr. Hiss about the fact that I was [1675] trying—

MR. CROSS: I think this ought to be the substance. I mean, I am not objecting to giving the substance, but I think it was to be as nearly as possible the substance of the conversation, not conclusions.

THE COURT: That is quite right.

Q. Just your best recollection of the conversation had 14 years ago, please. A. I spoke to Mr. Hiss about the fact that he was—

MR. CROSS: I object. Those are the exact words she used before.

MR. MURPHY: Your Honor, I submit that is quite responsive.

THE COURT: Mrs. Massing—

THE WITNESS: Your Honor, I don't quite know what it is—

THE COURT: Sometimes I do not, but if you will try and tell us the best you can the substance of what was said by you and Mr. Hiss and others in his presence.

A. (Continuing) I said to Mr. Hiss, "I understand that you are trying to get Noel Field away from my organization into yours," and he said, "So you are this famous girl that is trying to get Noel Field away from me," and I said, "Yes". And he said, as far as I remember, "Well, we will see who is going to win", at which point I said, "Well, Mr. Hiss,"— [1676] I did not say, "Mr. Hiss"—"Well, you realize that you are competing with a woman," at which either he or I said, the gist of the sentence was, "Whoever is going to win we are working for the same boss."

Now, as I say, I don't remember whether he or whether I said that, but this sentence I remember distinctly because it was very important.