

# ACHESON SUSPECTED JANITORS OF SPYING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (UPI) —The late Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, believed the Soviet Union obtained more United States secrets through charwomen, janitors and stenographers than from top officials such as Alger Hiss, according to 1949 congressional testimony released today.

Mr. Acheson's comments on Jan. 14, 1949, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which was considering his nomination as Secretary of State, were part of an 840-page volume of secret testimony from 1949 and 1950 released by the committee.

Mr. Hiss, who served in high State Department positions during World War II while Mr. Acheson was an Assistant Secretary of State, was accused of being a Communist on Aug. 3, 1948, by Whittaker Chambers before the House Un-American Activities Committee. He later was accused of espionage and was under indictment for perjury when Mr. Acheson gave his testimony.

"Security is an extremely difficult thing," Mr. Acheson said. "My own suspicion of it is that people who are really conducting spy work for foreign governments do not fool with exposed people like high officers of the government."

"I think what they do is to work through much more minor characters—stenographers, or janitors or charwomen or somebody who can get hold of something of that sort."