

RAYMOND SYLVESTER CATLETT  
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RAYMOND SYLVESTER CATLETT was interviewed at the Washington Field Office by Special Agents COURTLAND J. JONES and JOHN E. HOWARD on May 13, 1949, in a further effort to clarify information given by his mother, CLAUDIE CATLETT, that the CATLETT family had received a typewriter from the HISS family, and to determine why he had not previously given information concerning this typewriter to agents of this office. Throughout the course of this interview, RAYMOND CATLETT evidenced a very uncooperative attitude. He advised in substance that he had received a typewriter from Mr. ALGER HISS, that he did not know when this typewriter had been given to him, but that it was sometime in the 1930's, and that ALGER HISS at the time was living either on P Street or on 30th Street (May 1, 1935 - January 1, 1938). He stated that the typewriter was given away by some member of his family to his sister, that it eventually came into the hands of a person named LOCKHART, who lived in Northeast Washington, that this man got it from VERNON MARLOW, who he said moved and was unable to pay the moving bill, the typewriter being given in payment of that bill. He stated that as far as he knew, the typewriter was presently in New York in the custody of Mr. HISS' attorney. He believes the typewriter which was procured by Mr. HISS' attorney is the same one that was given his family by ALGER HISS, and bases this upon his familiarity with the machine and various imperfections that he recalls it having. He admitted that he had assisted ALGER HISS' attorney in locating this machine and that he had received \$40. from DONALD HISS for this assistance.

He stated that he had not assisted agents of this office in locating the machine or given them any information concerning his knowledge of it because he did not like the way the agents talked. When further pressed in this regard, he mentioned that someone had said something about Communism, something about Russian lovers, and something about Mr. HISS.

Every effort was made to procure a more definite and clearer statement from him for his failure to give this information to representatives of this Bureau, to no avail. Every attempt was made to procure a signed statement from him setting this information out but it was impossible to obtain any statement of a comprehensive nature.