

Summation on Behalf of the Government

the housewarming party in Volta Place; the \$400—what better proof do you want, in 1937, than the \$400?

Chambers' testimony; the bank records; the records of the car; the phoney explanation of the spending of the \$400; Mrs. Tally's explanation of the lease—it had to be that way.

Now let me before I forget it just touch on the rug. Why was that rug put in storage in September 1937 and kept there all of those months, some 15 months? Why?

[4726] I thought that Mr. Cross was going to say with regard to Mrs. Murray, that lovely girl that we had near the end of the trial, the maid from Baltimore, the maid for the Cantwells, I thought Mr. Cross was going to say, "Well, you got us on that one. We were wrong by a year but it only brings us into 1936." I thought that was what he was going to say. I could not think of anything else that he could say about that lady. She testified, I thought, rather frankly. She was, in my opinion, the essence of simplicity and truthfulness. There was no prompting. Everything was done to avoid any criticism of prompting. She did not know what it was all about. She came up here the very first day of the trial. I did not bring this out but Mr. Cross brought it out, and they left her in the hall there and not on the steps and she said she noticed him right away.

She remembers talking to Mrs. Hiss when Mrs. Chambers went to New York for prenatal care; she was washing the baby. She said, "Do you have a child of your own?" And she said she had a boy. I thought that did it. I thought that there was a witness that really put the lie back where it belonged.

But no, Mr. Cross told us he does not think she did it wilfully. He thought she was deceived a little [4727] bit with auto-suggestion; that the agents were sort of putting her in a proper frame of mind, and then they got her out to the Chambers farm and some more of that auto-suggestion. And then the clincher, and this really did it, and he tells us what happened was that it was the Maxim Liebers who came. I don't know whether Maxim Lieber looks like