

tremely interested that Colonel Bykov should not know too much about the Washington apparatus, not out of any Communistic disloyalty, but due to a proprietary sense, I think, that the Russians were moving in on the apparatus, which he had, at least, had a large share in creating. He, of course, did not tell me in so many words, "Do not help Bykov," but he gave me to understand that the less I told him about the Washington apparatus the better. Nevertheless, it proved impossible not to tell him about the details of the apparatus. He then having learned presently of the group, raised the question of procuring documents through them. I should think in August or the early fall of 1937 I arranged a meeting between Alger Hiss and Colonel Bykov. For that purpose, Mr. Hiss came to New York, where I met him. I have forgotten where our rendezvous was held, but I believe it was somewhere near the Brooklyn Bridge. We then proceeded by the elevated train to a movie house quite a distance out in Brooklyn, which I cannot locate, but which I believe I could easily find. Alger and I waited on a bench on the mezzanine, and presently Bykov emerged

from the body of the theatre. I introduced them. We left the theatre and went for a long walk, and by various circumstances, we went back to New York City and had supper, the three of us together, at the Port Arthur Restaurant in Chinatown. Colonel Bykov spoke no English, or refused to speak English. He spoke German with a very bad Yiddish accent. He raised the question of procuring documents from the State Department, and Mr. Hiss agreed.

Q What?

A Mr. Hiss agreed. [Colonel Bykov also raised the question of Donald Hiss' procuring documents. Alger Hiss said that he was not sure that his brother was sufficiently developed yet for that function -- and perhaps I should say right here that Donald Hiss never at any time procured any documents. Nevertheless, he was a member of the apparatus which I headed.] Following that meeting Alger Hiss began a fairly consistent flow of such material as we have before us here. The method was for him to bring home documents in his brief case, which Mrs. Hiss usually typed. I am not sure that she typed all

of them. Alger Hiss may have typed some of them himself. But it became a function for her and helped to solve the problem of Mrs. Hiss' longing for activity, that is, Communist activity. Nevertheless, there occasionally came to Mr. Hiss' knowledge, certain things, or he saw certain papers which he was not able to bring out of the Department for one reason or another, either because they merely passed through his hands quickly, or because he thought it inadvisable, but notations, in his handwriting, are notes of such documents, such information, which he made and brought out in that form.

Would you like to ask questions at that point?

Q You say this began in 1937?

A I believe so.

Q Can you place the meeting any more closely than that?

A As to months? No, I am not sure, but it seems to me that the weather was not very severe, so I presume it had to be late spring, or the summer or fall -- early fall.

Q Now, may I ask, did I understand you to say that you had not testified as to this activity of Mr. Hiss