

Interview with Judge Charles Wyzanski, Arden House (Harriman, NY),
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Wyzanski said that he has deposited a number of letters he wrote from Washington to his mother during the early days of the New Deal in Langdell Library. CHECK THESE OUT.

Wyzanski told Hiss that he would ~~not~~ support his application for readmission until he told the truth about Priscilla. "Alger told me about her abortion." ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Wyzanski obviously believes that Hiss was shielding Priscilla in the case. "Alger knew about it /Prossy's Communist activities/ as well and was probably legally guilty but not morally." Wyzanski pointed to ~~an~~ E.M. Forster's famous remark about betraying one's country before one's family or those close to one.

"Alger always stays with the Red Lord (Huntington) while in England."

Wyzanski's wife is a Warburg--obviously there is money ~~in~~ in his family and ~~his~~ background.

Wyzanski convinced Marbury to file the libel suit as a means of testing Chambers' story and gaining the right of discovery. They met at Wyzanski's house in Cambridge shortly after Marbury's return from Europe in Sept. 1948. Wyzanski was head ~~of~~ (or is?) of the Harvard Board of Overseers.

Send Wyzanski xeroxes of his letters to Hiss and a copy of my ~~own~~ piece on the "Symbolism of Subversion." ~~SEE~~ HIM AFTER I READ HIS LETTERS

Rusk told Wyzanski in Georgia several years ago (1973?) that he felt that both the prosecution and ~~the~~ the defense were built on a tissue of lies--also that Hiss never put Communists in State Department posts on his staff. Rusk checked this out thoroughly. (HISS ALSO MENTIONED THIS TO ME: OBVIOUSLY WYZANSKI WAS HIS SOURCE.)

Wyzanski is a gold mine of ~~his~~ stories, which should be taped (he said. Fraidel had urged him to do so). There is a book of letters and tapes in ~~his~~ his. DISCUSS IT.)

Wyzanski told Rosenwald that Hiss would be reinstated, which he heard from a judge of the Supreme Judicial Court.--i.e., the "fix was in"--CHECK WHEN THE DATE OF HISS'S HEARING BEFORE THE COURT WAS HELD--WAS THIS EARLIER.?

Wyzanski said that the original conference on the case in August 1948 involved Wyzanski, Rosenwald, Marbury, etc.

He thinks that Hiss and Chambers had a homosexual relationship: "I heard this from a close friend of Alger's whose name you would ~~not~~ recognize. I know now that most people are bisexual. I didn't know it then (in 1948). I was naive on the subject."

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