

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

**SUBJECT: DONALD HISS**

**FILE NUMBER: 101-4300**

**PART: 2 OF 2**

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: September 16, 1952

SAC, Boston (100-27622)

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SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, Wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C;  
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Rerep of SA [redacted] at Washington, D. C., dated August 22, 1952, in the above-captioned matter, requesting an interview with [redacted]

[redacted] re Butel dated August 4, 1952, stating prior Bureau authority was necessary to interview [redacted]

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated January 24, 1941, at Washington, D. C.; report of SA [redacted] dated February 4, 1941, at Boston, Massachusetts; and report of SA [redacted] dated December 12, 1950, at Boston, Massachusetts, captioned [redacted] SPECIAL INQUIRY; and the report of SA [redacted] at Boston dated June 28, 1952, entitled [redacted] AEA. No information of a derogatory nature was developed during these investigations concerning [redacted]

Reference is also made to Bulet to Boston dated February 28, 1950, entitled [redacted] SECURITY MATTER - C, in which [redacted]

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Memo to SAC Boston  
cc Richmond  
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Letter to Director

RE: DONALD HISS, Wa.  
SM - C; PERJURY

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Reference is made to page 3 of the report of SA [REDACTED] New York, dated December 11, 1950, entitled [REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE, where it is pointed out that [REDACTED] is completely unreliable and that anything she says leads only to confusion.

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The report of SA [REDACTED] dated February 27, 1951, at Boston, during the inquiry concerning [REDACTED] revealed that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and OWEN LATTIMORE were speakers during the 1949-1950 scholastic year under the auspices of the "Great Issues Course" as two of twenty speakers, many of whom were prominent Americans in various fields.

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There is no indication that [REDACTED] ever spoke at Dartmouth College.

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In letter to the Director dated December 21, 1950, entitled "SUSPECTED CHINESE COMMUNISTS IN THE UNITED STATES. INTERNAL SECURITY - CH," Bu-file 105-11841, [REDACTED]

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Letter to Director

RE: DONALD HISS, Wa.  
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There is no information available in the Boston files indicating that

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In view of the fact that [REDACTED] furnished considerable information during the above-mentioned interview, it is felt he should be again interviewed in connection with instant case.

[REDACTED]

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In view of the above, it is felt [REDACTED] should be interviewed in connection with instant case.

SAC, Boston (100-27622)

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October 7, 1952

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DONALD HISS, wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
PERJURY

*Reply from Richmond 11-17-52  
Report submitted 11-13-52*

*Reply from Boston 11-24-52  
Report will be submitted 12-1-52*

Reference is made to Boston letter dated September 16, 1952, requesting Bureau authority to interview [redacted]

[redacted] for information regarding Donald Hiss in view of their prior association with subject.

A check of Bureau files reveals that John Sloan Dickey was interviewed by the Boston Office on January 20, 1949, regarding Alger Hiss. The results of this interview were set forth in the report of SA Frederick M. Connors dated February 23, 1949, at Boston, Massachusetts, in the Jahan Case. During the interview Dickey related that he was acquainted with Donald Hiss and was more friendly with Donald than he was with Alger. Dickey was unable to furnish any derogatory subversive information regarding Alger, and the interview indicates that he possessed no such information regarding Donald. In view of this fact, it is not felt that Dickey should be reinterviewed concerning subject, as same would not likely produce worthwhile information.

(74-1333-2832)  
Boston is granted authority to interview [redacted] for any pertinent information he may have regarding Donald Hiss, inasmuch as Bureau files contain no information which would preclude the interview.

Reference is made to Richmond's letter dated September 9, 1952, requesting Bureau authority to interview [redacted]

Richmond's attention is directed to its file number 123-692 which concerns a Voice of America investigation conducted by the Richmond Office in December, 1950, regarding [redacted]

- cc - 2 - Richmond (100-8770)
- cc - 2 - San Francisco (100-36096)
- cc - 2 - Washington Field (101-607)

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The report of SA [redacted], dated December 6, 1950, at Richmond, Virginia, in the [redacted] Case sets forth the following information regarding [redacted] who was interviewed regarding [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] (an anonymous source), of known reliability, advised in May, 1941, that [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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The National Lawyers Guild was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944.

(123-6917-13)

The Richmond Office should index the name of [redacted]

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In view of the fact that [redacted] has been interviewed previously by Richmond and has been cooperative, Richmond is granted authority to interview him regarding Donald Hiss.

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Reference is made to San Francisco's letter dated September 10, 1952, requesting Bureau authority to interview [redacted]

regarding his prior association with Donald Hiss. Authority is granted San Francisco, inasmuch as Bureau files contain no information regarding [redacted] which would make the interview undesirable.

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One copy of referenced Richmond and Boston letters is enclosed for WFO.

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SAC, Washington Field (101-607) 68157 September 18, 1952

Director, FBI (101-4300)

DONALD HISS, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
PERJURY

*Reply from L.A.  
12-4-52 - Report  
will be submitted  
12-15-52*

Reference is made to WFO letter dated August 26, 1952, requesting Bureau authorization to interview [redacted] and [redacted] regarding Donald Hiss. b7c

Bureau files reveal that [redacted]

[Large redacted block]

Pressman appeared before the HCUA on August 28, 1950. He testified that he had been associated with Alger and Donald Hiss but alleged that, as a matter of knowledge, during the period of his participation in the Harold Ware Communist Party underground group (that Alger and Donald Hiss were not members of that group. When Senator Richard Nixon interrogated Pressman regarding Donald Hiss, Pressman stated, "He was not a member of my group. I have absolutely no information as to his political affiliation."

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cc - 2 - New York (101-  
cc - 2 - Los Angeles

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For the information of WFO, the Department  
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(100-11820-654)

In view of the above, it is not believed  
that an interview with  at this time regarding  
Donald Hiss would be productive. Therefore, authoriza-  
tion for New York to interview  is declined.

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(100-11820-576; 100-36-26)



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Bureau letter dated March 19, 1951, advised Los Angeles that it would not be necessary to pursue interrogation of [redacted] at that time, if it appeared that he was beginning to resent the interviews. Los Angeles was also instructed not to request or seek an interview of [redacted] in the presence of [redacted] but should either volunteer information or request to be interviewed, they should be interviewed. The Bureau file fails to reflect that [redacted] has subsequently been interviewed or whether or not he, in fact, did discuss this matter with [redacted]. b7c

As indicated above [redacted]

[redacted]

Therefore, unless the Los Angeles Office is in possession of information which would make an interview with [redacted] inadvisable, he should be interviewed for any information he may have regarding Donald Hiss. In conducting the interview, Los Angeles should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with security subjects. The interviewing agents should be most circumspect but in addition to interrogating [redacted] concerning Donald Hiss, an effort should be made to elicit additional information from him concerning his past associations with the members of the Harold Ware group and the allegation that he was also a member of that group and attended meetings thereof. If [redacted] is cooperative complete details in this regard should be obtained. b7c

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TITLE DONALD HISS, wa.		ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11/22/91 BY 9903	CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] No information developed to substantiate allegations made by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

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It is to be noted that [REDACTED], of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]

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It is to be noted that the National Lawyers Guild has been cited as an organization which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions," and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report #3123 dated 9/21/50.)

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

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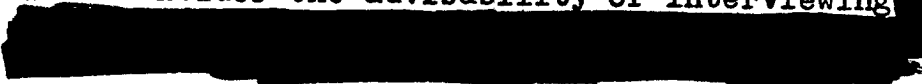
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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION



At Washington, D.C.

Will consider the advisability of interviewing 



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REFERENCE

Report of SA  dated 8/22/52 at Washington, D.C.  
Report of SA  dated 9/17/52 at Washington, D.C.  
Bulet to Chicago dated 9/23/52.

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<b>TITLE</b> DONALD HISS, wa. Donald Jones		<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> SECURITY MATTER - C PERJURY	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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INFORMANT

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated October 21, 1952, at Denver, Colorado, in the case entitled: "DONALD HISS, wa. Donald Jones, SECURITY MATTER - C PERJURY", is identified as follows: 070

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 22, 1952, at Washington, D. C. b2 b7c b7d



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TITLE <b>DONALD HISS, wa. Donald Jones</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C PERJURY</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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*11-12-52* Special Agents **[REDACTED]** and **[REDACTED]**  
 conducted the following investigation.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Bureau dated 10/7/52.

Report of SA [redacted] of Washington  
Field, undated, received 8/28/52.

*Rept dated 8-22-52 - See SF letter  
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DONALD HISS, wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C and PERJURY

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Re New York report of [redacted]  
dated 10-31-52.

New York is requested to advise whether  
the word [redacted] appearing in line 8, paragraph 4,  
page 2, of referenced report should be [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: November 13, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa.  
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Rebulet September 9, 1952 to Washington Field Office and auxiliary offices; also re report of SA [redacted] dated August 22, 1952, at Washington, D. C. b7c

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and auxiliary offices copies of corrected page five of the referenced report and these pages should be inserted in the referenced report and old pages destroyed. This in accordance with instructions contained in rebulet.

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The Bureau and offices which received copies of the referenced report also should make these two corrections on their copies received by them:

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- (1) Refer to page four, last paragraph, line number eight, and insert quotation marks around the words, [redacted]
- (2) Refer to page eleven, last paragraph, line number two, and insert quotation marks around the words, [redacted]

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The quotation marks around the terms used by the interviewees were omitted through inadvertency. These corrections have been noted on the Washington Field Office copies of the referenced report.

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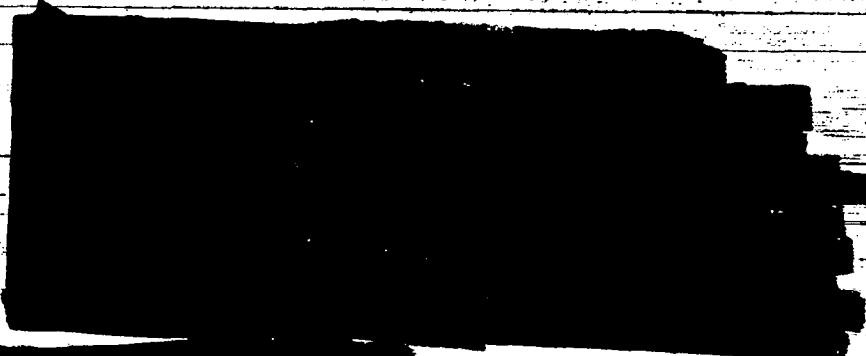




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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated October 7, 1952.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: 11/12/52

FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

SUBJECT: DONALD Hiss, wa.  
Security Matter-C; Perjury.

Bureau File # 101-4300

Deadline Date: 11/12/52

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 Heidelberg, Germany

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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SECRET-ARMY COURIER

Date: 3 November 1952 *AS*  
 To: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 From: [REDACTED] (100-85)  
 Subject: DONALD HISS  
 SECURITY MATTER - C  
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The information contained in the Bureau letter of reference was furnished to Intelligence Division, USAREUR, which subsequently also received the information from G-2, Washington. Intelligence Division [REDACTED] but to date no information has been received regarding the subject. U *b7c*

The information in the Bureau's letter was also furnished to OSI with the request that any information received by OSI regarding HISS be furnished to me. By letter dated 16 October 1952, OSI, US Air Forces in Europe, advised that it had no information regarding the subject and further that checks made by it with the following agencies failed to reveal any information on the subject:

FRANKFURT: US Consulate  
 Office of the High Commissioner for Germany  
 Department of the Army Detachment  
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BERLIN: US Consulate  
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TITLE DONALD HISS, wa. Donald Jones			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C PERJURY

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

These sources unable to furnish any additional information relative to associations of HISS, particularly with persons identified by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as members of the "Harold Ware Group".

CC TO: [REDACTED]  
 REQ. REC'D. [REDACTED]  
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 ANS. BY: [REDACTED]

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During the course of instant investigation conducted earlier by former Special Agent [REDACTED], the following persons were considered for interview inasmuch as they possibly may have known DONALD HISS during the period of pertinent years during which he was employed by the Government. However, no specific indication was disclosed that these following persons would be in possession of information pertinent to this investigation. Also, due to derogatory information available concerning these persons in the files of the Washington Field Office, they were not interviewed as contacts with them were not deemed either advisable or possibly productive: b7c

It was ascertained that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and contact with him was deemed undesirable. b7c

[REDACTED] interview [REDACTED] was not considered desirable. b7c

[REDACTED] Inter-views with these persons were not deemed desirable [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] and it was not deemed desirable to contact him in instant matter. b7c

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LEADS

THE BOSTON OFFICE:

AT HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Will interview [REDACTED] for any pertinent information he may possess.

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[REDACTED] This lead originally was set out in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED], WFO, dated August 22, 1952; permission to interview [REDACTED] was granted Boston in Bureau letter dated October 7, 1952.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will interview [REDACTED] in accordance with instructions from the Bureau contained in Bureau letter dated September 18, 1952, to WFO, New York, and Los Angeles. This lead to interview [REDACTED] originally was set out in WFO letter to Bureau, New York, and Los Angeles dated August 26, 1952.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will interview [REDACTED] relative to activities and acquaintances of DONALD and ALGER HISS. [REDACTED] should be

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interviewed for any supporting information concerning DONALD HISS inasmuch as the testimony of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS thus far has not been corroborated from other sources insofar as the involvement of DONALD HISS is concerned. This lead initially was set out by letter for Newark and referred to the New York Office by Newark letter to the Bureau dated August 25, 1952.

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Will locate and interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He is reported to be engaged in private law practice in New York City and, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This lead initially was set out in the report of SA [REDACTED] WFO, dated September 17, 1952.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will consider the advisability of interviewing [REDACTED]

This lead originally was set out by Chicago in its report of SA [REDACTED] dated October 9, 1952.

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Will interview [REDACTED], for any information he may possess concerning DONALD HISS. It is recalled [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Bureau permission to interview was granted in Bureau letter to WFO dated August 26, 1952.

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Will interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Bureau authority for this interview was contained in Bureau letter to WFO dated August 26, 1952.

Will interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Will continue to locate for interview friends and associates of DONALD HISS in the various Government Departments where HISS worked from 1933 through 1945 including those in the Public Works Administration Housing Section

[REDACTED]

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- REFERENCES:
- ✓ Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated August 22, 1952, at Washington, D. C.
  - ✓ Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated September 17, 1952, at Washington, D. C.
  - ✓ Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated October 9, 1952, at Chicago
  - ✓ Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated October 31, 1952, at New York
  - ✓ WFO letter to Bureau, New York, and Los Angeles, dated, August 26, 1952
  - ✓ Bureau letter to WFO, New York, and Los Angeles, dated September 18, 1952
  - ✓ Bureau letter to Boston, dated October 7, 1952

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FE (101-4300)

DATE: NOV 26 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (101-804)

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SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa  
SECURITY MATTER - C and Perjury

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated 11/17/52 in above captioned matter.

The word [redacted] appearing on line 3, paragraph 4, page 2 of report of SA [redacted] dated 10/31/52 should read [redacted]

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This correction is being noted in the New York Copy of the above mentioned report.

The Washington Field Office is requested to make the above mentioned correction in their copies of reference report.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED]

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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/22/52 at Washington, D. C.  
Boston letter to Bureau dated 9/16/52.  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (101-4300) ~~Secret~~

FROM : SAC, New York (101-804)

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS, wa  
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DATE: 1/14/53

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New York, 10/31/52.

The N.Y. files contain the following information regarding [redacted] Information contained in relet is being omitted. b7c

[redacted] b1

On 3/10/49 the Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, returned an indictment on four counts charging JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE GUBITCHEV with violating sections 371, 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, USC (Espionage).

An anonymous source as set out in the report of SA [redacted], Washington Field, dated 7/19/50, entitled [redacted] b7c

A highly confidential source in the report of SA [redacted] Washington Field, 4/2/48, lists [redacted] b7c

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N.Y. file 65-15244-33, page 4, reflects [REDACTED] was in contact with [REDACTED] between 9/17/49 and 3/14/50. [REDACTED] is the subject of N.Y. file 65-15244, ESPIONAGE - R.

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[REDACTED], it is recommended a case be opened on [REDACTED]

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Also, no information disclosed to substantiate that HISS was acquainted with members of "HAROLD WARE Group", previously identified by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Reply from 4870 3/23/53  
Report will be discussed by  
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THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City

Will interview [REDACTED]

It will be recalled [REDACTED] has been suggested as possibly having pertinent information concerning DONALD HISS [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED]

It will be recalled [REDACTED] was suggested as possibly a source of additional information concerning associates and activities of DONALD HISS during the years he was employed at Public Works Administration.

Will interview [REDACTED]

It has been suggested [REDACTED] is possibly one who could furnish additional information concerning HISS' activities and associates during the years HISS was employed as a lawyer in the Public Works Administration. b7c

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C.

Will continue to attempt to locate for interview various persons reported as former associates of DONALD HISS when HISS worked in various government departments during the years 1933-1945.

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Persons having been suggested previously by [REDACTED]  
as set out in the referenced report of Special Agent  
[REDACTED], dated September 17, 1952, at Washington, D. C., included  
[REDACTED]

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REFERENCES:

- ✓ Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated  
September 17, 1952, at Washington, D. C.
- Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated  
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Regarding \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ no recommendation to interview them is being made by the New York Office. If Washington Field desires that they be interviewed, Washington Field should so advise the New York Office in the next report.

Regarding the lead set out in Washington Field report of SA \_\_\_\_\_, dated June 24, 1952, to interview \_\_\_\_\_ it should be noted that \_\_\_\_\_ died on July 2, 1952, as the result of a fall at Brooklyn, New York. He was buried on July 5, 1952.

REFERENCE: Report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated January 27, 1953 at Washington Field.

April 15, 1953

SAC, New York (101-804)

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Director, FBI (101-4300)-66

DONALD HISS, wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated April 1, 1953, at New York.

New York attention is directed to paragraph 6, on page 2 of referenced report which states [redacted]

The Bureau desires to disseminate this report to the Department of Justice; however, it cannot be disseminated containing the above quoted paragraph, inasmuch as this paragraph does not show what [redacted]

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New York should rewrite page 2 in accordance with the above observation and submit the appropriate copies to the Bureau and WFO.

cc - 2 - Washington Field (100-607)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-11820)

DATE: 6/15/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-41734)

SUBJECT: [redacted] wa  
SECURITY MATTER - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
PERJURY

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Re report of SA [redacted], Miami, 5/14/53 wherein was set out a list of names of individuals, furnished by [redacted] who might be in a position to furnish information concerning the members of the WARE Group as well as information concerning the subject. In addition a lead was set out for the Washington Field Office to interview those individuals named by [redacted] who were in the territory of the Washington Field Office unless reasons existed for not doing so, and in the event certain of these individuals were no longer in that territory WFO was requested to review its files for information as to their present location, after which leads were to be set out for their interview.

In order to assist WFO in its coverage of the aforementioned leads the New York Office files were reviewed on 6/3/53 as to each of the names furnished by [redacted], the results of which are being set forth below:

- 2 - Boston
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-17804 - [redacted] - Info)
- 2 - New Haven
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Pittsburgh
- 2 - San Francisco
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is the subject of a pending IS-C investigation of which New York is origin (Bufile 100-23619).

[REDACTED] He has been uncooperative in his appearances before various Congressional Committees and during the course of attempted interviews of him by Bureau Agents. In view thereof NY does not contemplate an interview of [REDACTED] in regard to instant case at this time.

[REDACTED] is the subject of a SM-C investigation of which Boston is origin (Bufile 101-1591, and Boston file 100-18091). Boston is requested to submit its recommendations as to the advisability of an interview of [REDACTED] in regard to instant case.

[REDACTED] was the subject of a Departmental Applicant investigation in connection with his employment in Washington, DC. The last information available to the New York Office is that he was in the WFO territory. Therefore, WFO is requested to submit its recommendation as to the advisability of an interview of [REDACTED] in connection with the instant case.

The New York files reflect no case file on [REDACTED] but do reflect a SM-C case on [REDACTED], of which Philadelphia is office of origin (Philadelphia file 100-34237). According to this file, [REDACTED]

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- (1 - 100-89851 - [REDACTED] - Info)
- (1 - 100-104156 - [REDACTED] - Info)
- (1 - 65-14920 - ALGER HISS - Info)
- (1 - 101-804 - DONALD HISS - Info)
- (1 - 100-83935 - [REDACTED] - Info)
- (1 - 100-94653 - [REDACTED] - Info)
- (1 - 105-6167 - [REDACTED] - Info)
- (1 - 100-9413 - [REDACTED] - Info)

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[REDACTED] Philadelphia is therefore requested to submit its recommendation as to the advisability of an interview of [REDACTED] in connection with the instant case. b7c

EARL BROWDER

BROWDER is the subject of a pending IS-C and Perjury investigation of which New York is origin (Bufile 40-3798). BROWDER was the former General Secretary of the CP, USA. He was arrested on 9/30/52 for making a false statement at his wife's naturalization hearing on 10/14/49 and he was released on bond on 10/9/52. BROWDER has been uncooperative in his appearances before the Congressional Committees and the NYO does not contemplate an interview of him in regard to the instant case.

[REDACTED]  
The New York files reflect no reference under this name. WFO is requested to review its files as to this individual after which a recommendation as to the advisability of an interview of her should be submitted.

[REDACTED]  
The New York files reflect no case file on this individual, but references indicate that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] San Francisco is requested to submit its recommendation as to the advisability of an interview of this individual in connection with the instant case.

[REDACTED]  
These individuals are subjects of an Espionage - R investigation of which Pittsburgh is origin (Bufile 100-365891 and Pittsburgh file 100-9004). Pittsburgh is requested to submit its recommendation as to the advisability of interviews of [REDACTED] in regard to the instant case.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was the subject of an IS - Hatch Act case in 1941 of which Washington Field was origin. WFO is requested to submit its recommendation as to the advisability of an interview of this individual in connection with the instant case.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was the subject of a SM - C investigation of which New York was origin (Bufile 100-35). [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has been uncooperative in his appearances before a Federal Grand Jury and before the HCUA. In view of the foregoing, NY does not contemplate an interview of this individual in connection with the instant case.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This individual is the subject of a SM - C and Registration Act case of which WFO is origin (Bufile 101-2375 and WFO file 101-759). WFO is requested to submit its recommendation as to the advisability of an interview of this individual in connection with the instant case.

[REDACTED]

This individual has been interviewed concerning the subject, the results of which have been reported in a previous report in the instant case. b7c



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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was the subject of an International Development Program applicant investigation in 1951 (Bufile 128-498) as well as the subject of a European Recovery Program applicant investigation in 1948. In addition, in 1948 he was the subject of an LGE investigation in connection with his employment in the United States Department of State. WFO is therefore requested to submit its recommendation as to the advisability of interviews of [REDACTED] in regard to the instant case. b7c

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was the subject of a LGE investigation in 1949 in connection with his employment by the State Department. In addition, the New York files reflect that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WFO is therefore requested to submit its recommendation as to interviews of [REDACTED] in connection with the instant case. b7c

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is the subject of a pending IS-R investigation of which New York is origin (Bufile 65-44184). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and in view of the foregoing, NY does not contemplate an interview of her in connection with the instant case. b7c

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is the subject of a SM-C investigation of which New Haven is origin. New Haven is therefore requested to submit its recommendation as to the advisability of an interview of this individual in regard to the instant case. b7c

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was the subject of a SM-C investigation of which WFO was origin (Bufile 101-2605 and WFO file 100-5097). The NY files further reflect that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WFO is therefore requested to consider an interview of this individual in connection with the instant case. b7c b7D

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[REDACTED] was the subject of a 37 - C case of which New York was origin, (Bufile 100-16886). Investigation has reflected that [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] he has always been uncooperative in his appearances before Congressional Committees and during the course of attempted interviews of him by Bureau Agents. In view thereof, NY does not contemplate an interview of [REDACTED] in connection with the instant case.

For the information of other offices receiving copies of this letter, it is noted that [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] This testimony is at variance with the allegations of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in regard to the composition of the WARE Group. In the event of a perjury action against the subject, [REDACTED] would be the main witnesses; however, it now appears definite that [REDACTED] by virtue of his current illness will not be available to testify. Thus, there is a need for additional witnesses who could furnish information as to the subject and the WARE Group.

Inasmuch as the statute of limitations will bar prosecution subsequent to 8/28/53, it is requested that the above-indicated leads be expedited.

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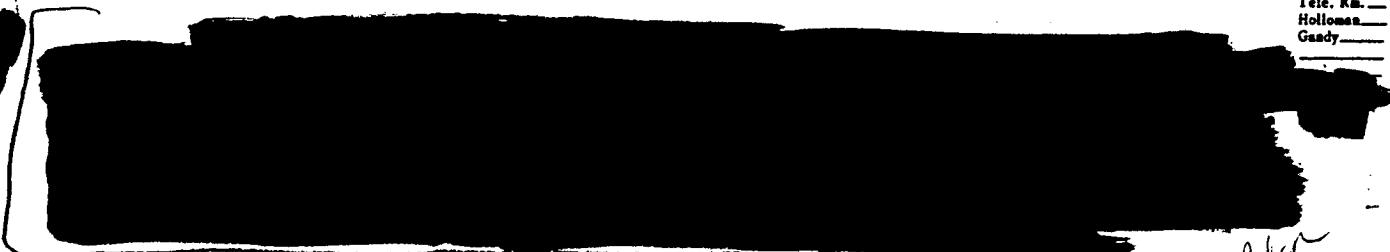
TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AK*

DATE: March 20, 1953

FROM : V. P. Keay *VPK*

SUBJECT: DONALD HISS  
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RECOMMENDATION:

You may desire to refer this material to the Espionage Section for its information and such action as deemed appropriate.

*3-26-53. Inform photographs substantially same as that which has previously been reported - sent to Department. Pending investigation of same currently being conducted.*

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-11820)

DATE: 4/27/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-41734)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], wa  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
PERJURY  
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Rebulet of 3/30/53 in the case entitled [REDACTED]  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R", with which was attached a  
memorandum from the Criminal Division of the Department.

The Department memo contained comments relative to the  
cases of the subject and other members of the WARE group. Particu-  
lar emphasis was placed by the Department on the need for addi-  
tional witnesses who could be utilized to testify concerning the  
activities of the subject, and the Department noted that the  
Statute of Limitations would run in the case of the subject on  
8/28/53. The Department's memo also pointed out that if continuing  
investigation should at any time reflect a possible change in the  
attitude on the part of the individual members of the WARE group  
or additional witnesses were developed, the Department would wel-  
come the opportunity to present the matter to a Grand Jury.

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Referenced Bulet instructed New York to immediately review the individual cases of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] DONALD HISS and the subject for sources to be contacted as possible witnesses against the members of this group. The Bureau instructed that these sources should be immediately reinterviewed regardless of previous lack of indication on their part that they might cooperate with the government. The letter also instructed New York to continue the present investigations which are being directed toward the development of additional sources and witnesses concerning the activities of the WARE group, and that New York should bear in mind that as additional witnesses are developed, prosecution for perjury may result if the subjects are called at some future time to testify before a Federal Grand Jury. b7c

Reference is also made to Bulet to New York dated 4/9/53 in the instant case which advised that particular investigative attention should be afforded this case to insure that all possible investigative leads are thoroughly explored toward developing additional witnesses to replace [REDACTED] a key witness in the possible perjury prosecution of the subject. b7c

For the information of the other offices receiving copies of this letter, it is noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c  
This testimony is at variance with the allegations of [REDACTED] in regard to the composition of the WARE group.

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NY 100-41734

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In the event of a perjury action against the subject, [REDACTED] would be the main witnesses. However, it now appears definite that [REDACTED] by virtue of his current illness, will not be available to testify prior to the running of the Statute of Limitations in the instant case. Thus, there is a need for additional witnesses.

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With the exception of [REDACTED], none of the other alleged members of the WARE group has proved to be cooperative either in appearances before Congressional Committees or during the course of interviews by Bureau agents. On these occasions they have either denied past CP membership or have refused to answer questions as to their alleged Communist connections on the ground of privilege against self-incrimination.

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In accordance with Bureau instructions, the instant case file has been reviewed for sources to be considered for contact as possible witnesses against the subject as well as against the other members of the WARE group.

It is felt that the logical potential witnesses would of necessity be those individuals who actually were members of the WARE group since only they could testify from actual knowledge as to the said group. Therefore, a summary is being hereinafter set out of the position taken by the various members of the WARE group during the course of appearances before Congressional Committees and during the course of attempted interviews of them by Bureau agents.

Letter to Director  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is the subject of a pending IS-C investigation of which New York is origin (Bufile 100-236194 and NY file 100-54965). His name is currently carried in the Security Index.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was the subject of an IS-R investigation of which New York was origin (Bufile 101-1335 and NY file 100-89851). His name is currently carried in the Security Index.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was the subject of an SM-C investigation of which Los Angeles was office of origin (Bufile 100-36, Los Angeles file 100-17804 and NY file 100-104156).

ALGER HISS

HISS was the subject of a perjury investigation of which New York was origin (Bufile 74-1333 and NY file 65-14920). HISS has denied past CP membership during the course of testimony before the HCUA on 8/5,16,17,25/48 and during the course of an interview by Bureau agents on 6/2/47, as well as in various statements made to the press. He is presently in prison as a result of his conviction for perjury in the USDC, SDNY.





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[REDACTED] is the subject of a pending ESPIONAGE - R investigation of which New York is origin (Bufile 100-362128 and NY file 100-94653). His name is currently carried in the Security Index.

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[REDACTED] was the subject of an IS-C investigation of which New York was origin (Bufile 100-184255 and NY file 100-24753).

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[REDACTED]. It is not known to New York whether any additional efforts were made to interview [REDACTED] or whether he has appeared before various Congressional Committees or before a Federal Grand Jury.

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HAROLD WARE

HAROLD WARE died in 1935.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was the subject of an SM-C investigation of which New York was origin (Bufile 100-16886 and NY file 100-9413). His name is currently carried in the Security Index.

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[REDACTED] b7c

In view of their past attitude during the course of appearances before Congressional Committees and during the course of attempted interviews by Bureau agents, as outlined above, and further in view of their current Communist connections, it would appear useless to attempt any further interviews at this time of [REDACTED]. New York is therefore recommending against attempting any such interviews at this time in connection with the instant case. b7c

Since WFO is the office of origin in the DONALD HISS case and in view of the opinions expressed by [REDACTED] as to the possibilities of his being cooperative, WFO is hereby requested to submit its views as to the advisability of such an interview at this time. b7c

WFO is further requested to submit its views as to the advisability of any additional interviews with [REDACTED]. b7c

A copy of this letter is being designated for the information of the Los Angeles Office since [REDACTED] is located in the division covered by that office. Since he was interviewed as recently as 12/2/52, it is not believed advisable to attempt any additional interviews of him at this time in connection with the instant case. b7c

In addition to the aforementioned members of the WARE group, the following have been considered as possible potential witnesses:

[REDACTED] b7c

This individual is the subject of an SM-C investigation of which Miami is origin (Bufile 101-1336, Miami file 100-12041 and NY file 100-99589). [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED]

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Miami is hereby requested to interview [REDACTED] in detail concerning the subject, the other members of the WIRE group, and what, if any, information she may have as to that group. With regard to the subject, New York is particularly interested in the identities of persons who could furnish information regarding the WIRE group, information concerning the composition of the group, and any additional collateral information which would tend to prove that the subject, as a member of this unit, necessarily knew that ALGER HISS, [REDACTED] DONALD HISS and [REDACTED] were also members thereof. In submitting the results of this interview, it is suggested that sufficient copies be made for distribution to the individual New York and Bureau case files of the members of the group as outlined above.

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[REDACTED] However, Dallas is requested to interview her, if they think it possible and advisable, which interview should be conducted along the lines suggested in connection with the interview of [REDACTED]. In the event such an interview is conducted, similar distribution of the results thereof should be made as indicated above in connection with the [REDACTED] interview. b7c

[REDACTED] is the subject of a pending IS-R investigation of which New York is origin (Bufile 65-44184 and NY file 100-50874). b7c

[REDACTED] it is believed she would be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning the members of the WIRE group. However, [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] and the investigation of her has failed to indicate any reason why she might be in any way cooperative with the government. Her name is currently carried in the Security Index. In view of the above, New York is not recommending that an attempt be made to interview [REDACTED] at this time in connection with the instant case. b7c

[REDACTED] WFO is requested to check its files and advise as to whether [REDACTED] has ever been interviewed, has ever been considered for interview, and whether she is available for such an interview. b7c

If in the future any additional witnesses are suggested, that fact will be immediately called to the attention of the Bureau.

It is requested that the coverage of the aforementioned leads be expedited in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

DATE: April 15, 1953

*PR*  
FROM : SAC, WFO (101-607)

SUBJECT: *b7c*  
DONALD HISS, wa.  
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Re report of Special Agent [redacted], New York, dated April 1, 1953, in which are set out details of interviews with [redacted]

[redacted]

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As the Bureau is aware, [redacted] is the subject of a pending investigation in this office in the case entitled [redacted] "MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (ESPIONAGE)" (Bufile 65-61449; New York file 65-16217). Background information as available in the WFO concerning [redacted] is set out in a report of Special Agent [redacted] WFO, dated April 10, 1953, in that case. It will be noted that investigation has disclosed no specific allegations of espionage. It is requested that Bureau permission be granted to interview [redacted], specifically for any information he may have that would be pertinent to instant case.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted], made September 17, 1952, at Washington, D.C., in this case. In that report, [redacted]

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