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FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON
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There are being enclosed here with for the Bureau and the New York office copies of the testimony of employee before the House Committee On Un-American Activities on May 4,5, 1950. Also a copy of the testimony of HOWARD ALLEN [illegible]IDGEMAN on April 29, 1950 and of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY on May 6, 1950.

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SECOND SESSION

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Witnesses

Simon Federman, appearing in behalf of American Federation for [illegible]

William W. Remington . . .

Exhibits

Remington Exhibit No. 1 — Photo[illegible] Todd (Elizabeth Winston [illegible]) [illegible]

Remington Exhibit No. 2 — Photo[illegible] William [illegible]

Remington Exhibit No. 3 — Photo[illegible] [illegible] Local 150, American Federation of Government Employees . . .

Remington Exhibit No. 4 — Photo[illegible] Federation of Government Employees Membership and Financial Report, December 1936 [illegible]

Thursday, May 4, 1950

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF [illegible]
COMMITTEE ON [illegible]
[illegible]

PUBLIC HEARING

Morning Session

The committee met, pursuant to call [illegible] room 226, Old House Office Building, [illegible] John S. Wood (chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: [illegible] (chairman), Francis E. Walter, [illegible] (arriving as indicated), Francis [illegible] Bernard W. Kearney.

Staff members present: Frank [illegible] Louis J. Russell, senior investigator; [illegible] William A. Wheeler, Courtney Owens, and [illegible] investigators; Benjamin Mandel, [illegible] Carrington, clerk; and A. S. Poore, editor.

[redacted]

Mr. TAVENNER. At this time [illegible] call Mr. William Walter Remington.

Mr. WOOD. Is Mr. Remington [illegible] forward, please.

Mr. Remington, will you stand [illegible] you solemnly swear the evidence [illegible]

shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,

so help you God?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do.

Mr. WOOD. Have a seat. [illegible]

the purpose of this hearing there are [illegible]

Harrison, McSweeney, Case, Velde, Tavenner, [illegible]

of the committee.

You may proceed, Mr. Tavenner.

TESTIMONY OF [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. [illegible]

the hearings which the committee [illegible]

regarding alleged communist [illegible]

will say to the witness that [illegible]

before this committee with regard to [illegible]

and I would like him to have the opportunity [illegible]

testimony, and to make certain [illegible]

which are committed to this committee [illegible]

Mr. WOOD. First of all, Mr. [illegible]

by counsel here?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir, [illegible]

Mr. WOOD. I would like to advise you [illegible] outset

you will be accorded the privilege of conferring with your

counsel at any time you desire before [illegible]

to any question which may be propounded to you.

Mr. REMINGTON. Mr. Chairman, [illegible]

mission to read a short statement at the outset.

Mr. WOOD. Upon the completion [illegible] tion you will be given the opportunity to make [illegible] you desire.

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, I am sorry [illegible] may I offer it for the record.

Mr. WOOD. That will be [illegible] conclusion of your testimony [illegible] record you will be given that opportunity [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Will counsel please [illegible] the record.

Mr. RAUH. My name is [illegible] Northwest, for the [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Remington [illegible] name and present address.

Mr. REMINGTON. William [illegible] Building, Department of Commerce.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I was born in [illegible] 1917.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give to the [illegible] outline of your educational background.

Mr. WOOD. Before going into that [illegible] The rule of this committee is that [illegible] photographed unless he is willing [illegible] to being photographed while you are [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I have no objection.

Mr. WOOD. I will ask that you gentlemen do it as rapidly as possible so as not to interfere with the proceedings.

Mr. CASE. I thought the question of counsel was for the residence address of the witness. Was that the question?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. REMINGTON. If that was the question, my residence address is 2136 North Troy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. CASE. And the answer you previously gave was your office address?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. WOOD. Proceed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you state to the committee your educational background, please?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was educated in the public schools of Ridgewood, New Jersey; the Episcopal Church Sunday School; also, I went to Dartmouth College and I was graduate work in Columbia University.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give the committee a statement of your employment background since completing your high school training?

Mr. REMINGTON. When I was eighteen years old and in college, Dartmouth College, I was hit by the depression, short of funds, and left college to work between my sophomore and junior years. I worked as a messenger for the Tennessee Valley Authority during that period of time.

Mr. WOOD. Where?

Mr. REMINGTON. In Knoxville, Tennessee. That was my first regular employment, aside from the many jobs I held as a college student, earning most of my way through college.

After completing some graduate work in Columbia, I came down to Washington to the National Resources Planning Board.

Mr. TAVENNER. When was that, please?

Mr. REMINGTON. In 1940. From there I went to the Office of Price Administration for about six or seven months from there to the War Production Board.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you go to the War Production Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. In February of 1942. I left the War Production Board in the spring of 1944 to enter the Navy. I was approximately two years in the Navy. I was in the Navy, Pardon me, for longer than two years. I went with the Office of Mobilization and Reconversion at the end of 1946. I was there until the spring of 1947, when I went to the Council of Economic Advisers. I remained there about a year until the spring of 1948, when I went to the Department of Commerce, where I now am employed.

Mr. CASE. Can you be more specific as to the time you went to the Department of Commerce?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir. I went to the Department of Commerce, I believe, May 16, 1948. Pardon me, I said, I meant to say March 16.

Mr. CASE. March 16, 1948?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. CASE. And in that department

Mr. REMINGTON. The Office of [illegible]

I headed the so-called export program [illegible]

Mr. CASE. Which had to do with the [illegible] of export licenses?

Mr. REMINGTON. The export [illegible]

connection with the issuance of export [illegible]

staff did review the volume of export [illegible]

appropriate to issue or [illegible]

Mr. CASE. Dealing with the [illegible]

lend-lease?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. [illegible]

had been worked up [illegible]

Mr. CASE. There was a [illegible]

be exported to complete the [illegible]

was presented to Congress [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, I [illegible]

am sorry.

Mr. WOOD. Proceed [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I entered [illegible]

I was sixteen years old.

Mr. TAVENNER. During those [illegible]

freshman and sophomore years [illegible]

member of the American Student [illegible]

Student League for Industrial Democracy [illegible]

League?

Mr. REMINGTON. It is my recollection that the American Student Union was formed in 1936. Is that right?

Mr. TAVENNER. I am not certain of the date, but that is approximately correct.

Mr. REMINGTON. I had absolutely nothing to do with its predecessor organizations. I did take part in some of the campus activities of the American Student Union, [illegible] ganization was formed.

Mr. TAVENNER. In taking part in the [illegible] Union, were you a member of it?

Mr. REMINGTON. As I have testified before [illegible] for a fact that I became a member. However, I [illegible] myself with some of the organization's activities [illegible] campus. I certainly participated in them [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you take the pledge required [illegible] members of that organization?

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't know what [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. I will read to you the [illegible] in the January 9, 1936, issue of the Dartmouth [illegible] known as the Oxford pledge. Are you familiar with [illegible] known as the Oxford pledge?

Mr. REMINGTON. I am familiar with that [illegible] never too the Oxford pledge. I think that is borne out by the fact that I willingly entered the Navy during this last war.

Mr. TAVENNER. But that was in 1942 [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. And the time with which we are dealing was what year?

Mr. REMINGTON. 1936, when I was approximately seventeen years old, eighteen years old.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you become a member or [illegible] American Student Union?

Mr. REMINGTON. My best recollection [illegible] in the activities of the American Student Union [illegible] I have been told that I was listed in [illegible] member. I think that is quite possible [illegible] because I know for a fact that I took part [illegible] willingly. I do not, I cannot [illegible] a member or was not a member.

Mr. TAVENNER. If you are undertaking [illegible] this time as to whether or not you were a member [illegible] be certain whether you took the pledge which was required to be taken by members of that organization.

Mr. REMINGTON. I remember considerable discussion [illegible] that pledge, sir, in a general way, in various campus organizations. I remember that at that time I was never fully willing to follow the ASU organization on the campus. The Oxford pledge was one of the points of disagreement which I had with some members of the organization [illegible]

from my personal knowledge and personal [illegible]

pledge was required of ASU members [illegible]

know that only from what you [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you [illegible]

ment of the Oxford pledge.

"The American Student Union [illegible]

reservation on the Oxford pledge [illegible]

the support of any [illegible]

government [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I have [illegible]

I have heard it discussed [illegible]

wording of it was.

Mr. WOOD. The question [illegible]

is: Are you familiar with the [illegible]

statement that has been [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. There [illegible]

could not affirm from my knowledge [illegible]

pledge had something to do with [illegible]

not know whether the American Student Union [illegible]

its rules, as its policy, in Dartmouth [illegible]

my own knowledge whether the wording [illegible]

took the pledge would not be [illegible]

for the United States [illegible]

Mr. WOOD. I wanted your answer [illegible]

question. Do you know that [illegible]

[illegible]

read to you by counsel was included in the [illegible]

under discussion, the Oxford pledge [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not know [illegible]

Mr. WOODS. Proceed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know [illegible] ship requirement that there be an accounting [illegible] the members?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not know [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. The [illegible] there was no such requirement [illegible] an absolute requirement [illegible] rate, you tell us that you did not [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. That is [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. That you did not [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. That is correct.

Mr. TAVENNER. What organization [illegible] did you engage in?

Mr. REMINGTON. I remember [illegible] ing to secure donations of clothing [illegible] bombing in Spain at the time [illegible] interested in that country. I remember [illegible] planning or student meetings to discuss [illegible] peace at Dartmouth College on Armistice [illegible] find that in many colleges there [illegible] that time student strikes on Armistice [illegible]

find at Dartmouth in the years when I had some influence on the policy of certain student organizations there, not particularly the ASU but others, that there was no such strike at Dartmouth College. At that time there were meetings to discuss seriously the problems of war and peace.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you take part in a cooperative movement to establish a restaurant which was organized and sponsored by the American Student Union?

Mr. REMINGTON. I did, sir. That restaurant was originally sponsored by the American Student Union in 1936, when I came back to the campus from my year of absence there was no formal connection between the eating club, as it was called, and the ASU. It was not referred to as an ASU club, and it was not an ASU club. It was a cooperative, and in that cooperative I earned my food and in addition some cash income to [illegible] myself through college. I worked there as [illegible] dishwasher, and later as manager.

Mr. TAVENNER. At the time you state you worked in that capacity, there was no connection between that restaurant and the American Student Union.

Mr. REMINGTON. In 1937-38, academic year, when I acted as manager, there was no such connection. When it was set up in 1936 I believe there was such a connection.

Mr. TAVENNER. As a further activity, did you take part in a movement by the American Student Union [illegible]

films?

Mr. REMINGTON. I recall attending several movies pro-duced in France, in England, and in other places -- pardon me, France, England and Italy, no other country that I can recall in Dartmouth Hall. I believe those films were [illegible] by ASU. There may have been other films that are not specifically in my mind at the moment. The French films were shown partly because the romance language department was interested in them. There were films, I believe, [illegible] and in Italian. There may have been others [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you take part in [illegible] establishment organized and controlled by the [illegible] Union?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. During the two years of your [illegible] sophomore courses at Dartmouth were you a member of the [illegible] Communist League?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I wonder [illegible] summarize these years at Dartmouth College [illegible] some very brief excerpts from an affidavit which was [illegible] and sworn to by President Ernest Martin Hopkins, [illegible] president of Dartmouth at that time. He knew me well during these years and he has known me since [illegible]

Mr. WOOD. For the purposes of this hearing, Mr. [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He summarizes these [illegible]

Mr. WOOD. Just a moment. As the [illegible]

testimony if you desire to offer any [illegible]

from other people for the purpose of [illegible]

I am sure, will be glad to [illegible]

being please confine your testimony to [illegible]

the questions.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir. I am [illegible]

to read it.

Mr. WOOD. It is [illegible]

it. We are conducting an [illegible]

duct it in an orderly manner. [illegible]

I am exercising presence [illegible]

I think we can proceed in a more orderly [illegible]

confine your answers to the questions [illegible]

conclusion of your testimony [illegible]

affidavits from other people [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. During your [illegible]

at Dartmouth, were you a member of the [illegible]

the USA?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I was [illegible]

Communist Party at any time.

Mr. TAVENNER. During your sophomore [illegible]

did you belong to an organization [illegible]

Wars?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you have any part to play in the founding of the program of the Veterans of Future Wars at Dartmouth?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I believe that was done at Princeton, was it not?

Mr. TAVENNER. Or did you have any association with the activities of that organization at Dartmouth?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. With whom did you room during your freshman year at college?

Mr. REMINGTON. I roomed with Mr. Richard [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. After you finished your [illegible] college, I understood that you sought employment [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the character of that employment?

Mr. REMINGTON. Messenger.

Mr. TAVENNER. That was at the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville, Tennessee?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you arrive at Knoxville?

Mr. REMINGTON. During the last week of September [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Had you, prior to your arrival at Knoxville, joined the Young Communist League or the Communist Party of the USA?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I never joined [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. With whom did you reside while employed by the TVA?

Mr. REMINGTON. For eight months of that period—seven months of that period, pardon me—I resided with Mr. Henry Hart.

Mr. WOOD. Would that be the first seven months you were there?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir, the first seven months, including the first week or ten days when I resided at the YMCA. I believe I had no roommate there.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you remember the [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Temple Street. The number [illegible] believe.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long did you continue to [illegible] messenger?

Mr. REMINGTON. Until I resigned from the TVA [illegible] according to personnel records, on May [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Then your entire employment [illegible] was in the capacity of a messenger?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you reside with anyone [illegible] persons, other than Mr. Henry Hart, after the first seven or eight months?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you state with whom please?

Mr. REMINGTON. On about the first of [illegible]

when I was nineteen--I moved into a room with a Mr. [illegible] Todd. Within a few days he brought into that room two friends of his, one of whom lived there for a month; the other of whom lived there for part of that ensuing month. Then on about June 1--

Mr. TAVENNER. Just a moment. Who were those persons?

Mr. REMINGTON. A Mr. Horace Bryan was there during the entire month, I believe. I myself was out of town [illegible] deal during that period, so I can't say whether [illegible] out of town. Mr. Willis Marlow was at that residence during part of that month.

Mr. WOOD. You spoke of living in that room [illegible] Merwin Todd. Was that individual known [illegible] Todd?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir. Mr. Pat Todd [illegible] left 933 North Broadway, the two of us [illegible] went to an address on Highland Avenue for a brief period of two or three weeks, perhaps four, when I was winding [illegible] affairs and packing in anticipation of returning to [illegible] College in September for my junior year, which [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the address of the place of residence at the time the four of you lived together, the four persons whose names you mentioned, including yourself?

Mr. REMINGTON. The address was on North Broadway [illegible]

believe the number was 983.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the date of your departure from Knoxville?

Mr. REMINGTON. I left Knoxville approximately the last week of June 1937. It may have been about the first of July. I believe it was before the first of July by several days.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you familiar with the rating given you by Mr. Jerome Allen, senior clerk [illegible] 1937, regarding your work?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Is this a correct statement [illegible] "Mr. Remington's work in the mail room was not [illegible] He was not interested in our work. He was slow and [illegible] to be physically lazy, which was probably due to [illegible] after working hours."

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe he made some remarks [illegible] did to me personally--to the effect that [illegible] of L. union there in the TVA was greater than my [illegible] carrying mail. Carrying mail is a dull job for [illegible] no matter what mail it is. It is true that I spent more [illegible] A.F. of L. union than anything else in Knoxville [illegible] my record since then proves that I am not physically [illegible]

Mr. WOOD. I feel, again, that your answer is not responsive directly to the question asked. The question [illegible] was whether the language read to you was the correct [illegible]

of the rating made of your work at that time.

Mr. REMINGTON. Mr. Allen said that, I thought he said more, too. I thought he went on to make some more favorable remarks, but I am not sure of that. I believe that [illegible] of the statement he made.

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, there is more [illegible] I shall read it now. "He resented being supervised by his superiors. He was not adapted to our minor routine [illegible] Mr. Remington has a bright mind and reads [illegible] is interested in sociology and I believe he would [illegible] any type of work dealing in social problems. If [illegible] had not resigned, I would have recommended [illegible] due May 15, 1937, that he be transferred to another [illegible]

Does that complete what you understood [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I think so, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. You stated that you arrived in Knoxville, Tennessee, what month? September 1936?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir, when I was [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. In December 1936, while you were [illegible] Knoxville, Tennessee, were you a member of the Communist Party or the Young Communist League?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir, not then nor any other [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Then your answer would be the same [illegible] the months of February, March, April, May and June [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir, same answer [illegible]

Communist.

Mr. TAVENNER. You have stated that the person mentioned by you as Merwin G. Todd--

Mr. REMINGTON. Pardon me, sir. I didn't state his middle initial. I don't believe I know that.

Mr. TAVENNER. The person mentioned by you as Merwin Todd is also known as Pat Todd?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know that Pat Todd, the person with whom you roomed, was an organizer for the [illegible] of the Communist Party in Knoxville?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. Mr. Todd, whom I knew [illegible] roomed with him, never said anything or did anything which gave me that impression.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know that Pat Todd was a member of the Communist Party or affiliated in any way with the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. He never said anything or did anything which gave me that impression. I have been asked about him many times by investigators who have certainly implied that he was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Well, will you answer my question, please? Did you know--whether you knew it from his actions or not--that he was a member of the Communist Party or affiliated with it?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Or the Young Communist League?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever attend any Communist Party meetings with Pat Todd?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. You have mentioned the name of Horace Bryan as one of the persons who lived with you at [illegible] Broadway. Did you know whether he was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. He never said anything [illegible] which led me to think he was a Communist [illegible] me that he was, except that investigators [illegible] questions about him that I think they may have been trying to give me that implication. I do not know.

Mr. WOOD. Mr. Remington, you were asked [illegible] were rooming with Horace Bryan, whether or not you knew that he was a Communist?

Mr. REMINGTON. The answer is no.

Mr. WOOD. At no time while you roomed with him did you have any information that he was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. None.

Mr. TAVENNER. You were subpoenaed on the 25th of April, I believe, to appear here as a witness before this committee?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. I don't recall the date, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall whether [illegible]

right, a member of the investigative staff of this committee served the subpena on you?

Mr. REMINGTON. He did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you not, at the time of the service of that subpena, state to Mr. Appell that when you were in Knoxville you were told, in 1939, that Horace Bryan was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. When I was in Knoxville?

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you answer my question, please. Did you make that statement to Mr. Appell?

Mr. REMINGTON. Not in those words. I did not make that statement. Shall I state what I did say?

Mr. TAVENNER. If you desire to make any explanation, proceed.

Mr. REMINGTON. I said that when I came through Knoxville that happened to have been in September of 1939, I talked to many people I had known there before. They told me that there had been, after I left Knoxville, Communists there. They told me the names of some people who they thought had been in that group. Mr. Bryan's name, I think, was mentioned. I could not swear that Mr. Bryan's name was mentioned in that connection.

Mr. WOOD. You say "they" told you. Could you identify for the record whom you got that information from in 1939?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not know who [illegible]

to whom I talked during the several days I was in Knoxville.

I do not know who, specifically, told me about that period.

As I said, I do not know for a fact that anyone mentioned Mr. Bryan's name.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you not, in your conversation with Mr. Appell, narrow it down to one or two individuals with whom you stated you had "bull sessions" regarding this subject?

Mr. REMINGTON. Narrow what down, sir?

Mr. TAVENNER. Narrow down the source of the information that you obtained.

Mr. REMINGTON. I think I said that I talked with several people, that I certainly knew that I had talked to a group which I narrowed down to one or two people. But I did not say that I talked exclusively to them. I do recall [illegible] having talked to some people while I was [illegible] may have seen others. I know I talked to a great many.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you not tell the investigator that that information came as a result of a "bull session" [illegible] expressed it, that you held with one of two individuals?

Mr. REMINGTON. I didn't narrow it down that narrow, sir. That certainly does not like with my recollection.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did either Bernard Baran or Henry [illegible] tell you that?

Mr. REMINGTON. One of them or someone else may have said, "Mr. Bryan is suspected of having [illegible]

but I doubt it.

Mr. TAVENNER. At any rate, this instance in 1939 was after you had left your employment in Knoxville?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, it was after I left Knoxville. I had been gone from Knoxville well over two years before those conversations took place.

Mr. TAVENNER. When I mentioned Horace Bryan being a member of the Communist Party, I was not drawing a distinction between being a member of the Communist Party [illegible] Knoxville and being a member at large.

Mr. REMINGTON. I understood that.

Mr. TAVENNER. So I want to make it [illegible] in my question whether or not you knew him as a member at large of the Communist Party.

Mr. REMINGTON. I understood that from your question. A Communist is equally malodorous regardless of which [illegible] he is in.

Mr. TAVENNER. Does your answer apply to either [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. It does, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know Howard Allen Bridgman?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. How well acquainted were you with him?

Mr. REMINGTON. I saw Mr. Bridgman as a fellow messenger in the TVA for a few weeks after he returned from a [illegible] Russia in 1936. I was associated with [illegible]

committees, although not very closely [illegible] I saw him [illegible] one or two social occasions that I can remember, although they [illegible] turn, had grown out of A.F. of L. activities. [illegible] I saw him at a meeting of the American Economic Association, or perhaps a meeting of the Society for Public Administration in some fairly recent year, but aside from that I did not see him after leaving the TVA.

Mr. TAVENNER: Did you attend Communist Party meetings with Mr. Howard Allen Bridgman?

Mr. REMINGTON: Not sir. I have never been a member of the Communist Party. I have never attended Communist Party meetings with Mr. Bridgman or anyone else.

Mr. TAVENNER: Then your answer is that you have never attended a Communist Party meeting with [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON: That is right, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER: While you were employed from September [illegible] to July 1937 with the TVA at Knoxville [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON: I never attended any Communist Party meetings with Mr. Bridgman, and I have never attended Communist Party meetings, in Knoxville or anywhere else.

Mr. TAVENNER: Do you know Elizabeth Winston [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON: I know an Elizabeth [illegible] the person you named?

Mr. TAVENNER: Yes, also known as Betty [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON: She had been married [illegible]

Todd.

Mr. TAVENNER. That is right, and is presently the wife of Pat Todd.

Mr. REMINGTON. I know her. I know her, rather.

Mr. TAVENNER. How well did you know Betty Malcolm [illegible] Mrs. Pat Todd?

Mr. REMINGTON. I have met her two or three times.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where?

Mr. REMINGTON. I met her here in Washington to spend [illegible] on, for dinner and to talk some.

Mr. TAVENNER. When was that?

Mr. REMINGTON. In the fall of 1958, when I was coming down here to begin my first application [illegible] position. The Todds were in town.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were they assisting you in securing a [illegible] position at that time?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. How well did you know Mrs. Todd while living in Knoxville?

Mr. REMINGTON. Not at all. I am not sure that she was in Knoxville when I was there. If she was there and I saw her, it was just in passing.

Mr. TAVENNER. In order that there may be no chance of a description, I hand you a photograph and [illegible]

identify the person shown in that photograph.

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe that is Bob [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer the photograph in evidence

and ask that it be marked Remington Exhibit No. [illegible]

Mr. WOODS. Without objection, [illegible]

(The photograph above referred to was marked [illegible]

Exhibit No. [illegible] is filed herewith.)

Mr. CASE. Mr. Chairman, I would like [illegible]

Mr. WOODS. Mr. Case.

Mr. CASE. When was it that you came [illegible]

for a position [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I made application [illegible]

the late fall of 1938 or winter of 1939 [illegible]

to inquire about Civil Service examination [illegible]

with two or three persons in government [illegible]

as a postgraduate study [illegible]

with a government agency, the [illegible]

primarily with the examinations and [illegible]

Then I came down again in 1939 [illegible]

is, I came down during the academic year 1938-39 [illegible]

three times before I was employed.

Mr. CASE. When you left the [illegible]

for a government position?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe it became [illegible]

still in the Navy, knowing I was to be released within a few months.

Mr. CASE. When did you take a government position?

Mr. REMINGTON. I took a civilian government position with the OWMR effective about the first of April 1946.

Mr. CASE. That was the Office of War Mobilization.

Mr. REMINGTON. The Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

Mr. CASE. Who was your immediate [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I worked under Charles [illegible]

Mr. CASE. What were you doing there?

Mr. REMINGTON. My first duties there were to study the problems of stabilization, how to prevent wage increases and price increases which would be inflationary during the controlled period. During that time I recommended wage stabilization as well as price stabilization.

Mr. CASE. During that time did you have anything to do with making recommendations as to exports or imports?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. CASE. When did you go to the Council of Economic Advisers?

Mr. REMINGTON. About the end of March of 1947.

Mr. CASE. What were your duties there?

Mr. REMINGTON. My duties there were to participate in the drafting of reports on the economic situation [illegible]

particu[illegible]ly assigned to the produ[illegible] [illegible] and

means for preventing or mitigating the consequences [illegible]

excessive inflation or excessive deflation.

Mr. CASE. Who was your immed[illegible] [illegible] the

Mr. REMINGTON. Mr. Gerhard [illegible]

Mr. CASE. And you [illegible]

Department of Commerce in March [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. CASE. And who was your immediate [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. My immediate [illegible]

McIntyre.

Mr. CASE. And what [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. [illegible]

of International Trade.

Mr. CASE. And Director of Export [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. [illegible]

as Assistant Director.

Mr. CASE. And what were your [illegible]

connection?

Mr. REMINGTON. As director of [illegible]

I had the responsibility to provide [illegible]

the programs, so-called [illegible]

from this country without [illegible]

I also, through my subordinates, [illegible]

responsibility for setting up the machinery [illegible]

[illegible]

exports to Europe, whether they would [illegible]

impact upon our economy or whether [illegible]

could have no impact.

Mr. CASE. That is a rather [illegible]

you say you relieved through your [illegible]

mean by that?

Mr. REMINGTON. I mean I had the [illegible]

did the review under my supervision.

Mr. CASE. You do consider [illegible]

decisions made?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do. [illegible]

grain staff work.

Mr. CASE. When did you [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. [illegible]

when I was seeking Federal employment.

Mr. CASE. What was his position [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He was Assistant [illegible]

Resources Planning Board.

Mr. WOOD. Mr. Case, [illegible]

Mr. CASE. Just one more question [illegible]

have anything to do with your employment [illegible]

International Trade Department [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He had nothing to do [illegible]

appointment. He did approve [illegible]

Mr. CASE. In what capacity did [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He approved it as Director of the Office of International Trade and as supervisor of the men who had initiated it.

Mr. WOOD. The committee will stand in recess until two o'clock.

Will that be a convenient time for you to come back, Mr. Remington?

Mr. REMINGTON. I am at your service, sir.

(Thereupon, at 12:15 p.m., a recess was taken until 2:00 p.m. of the same day.)

Thursday, May 4, 195[illegible]

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
Washington, D. C.

PUBLIC HEARING

Afternoon Session

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 2:[illegible] p.m., in room 226, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., Hon. John S. Wood (chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives John S. Wood (chairman), Francis E. Walter, John McSweeney [illegible] indicated), Harold H. Velde (arriving [illegible]), Bernard W. Kearney.

Staff members present: Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel; Louis J. Russell, senior investigator; Donald [illegible]; William A. Wheeler, Courtney Owens, and William [illegible], investigators; Benjamin Mandel, director of research; [illegible] Poore, editor.

Mr. WOOD. The committee will be in order, please.

For purposes of the hearing this afternoon, the Chair has designated a subcommittee composed of Messrs. Walter, Kearney and Wood, and they are all present. It believes, in view of the fact the witness was sworn to testify before the [illegible]

this morning, it may be necessary to administer an additional oath, so will you stand and be sworn, please. Do you solemnly swear the evidence you give this subcommittee shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do.

Mr. WOOD. Proceed.

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM W. REMINGTON (Resumed)

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Remington, near the [illegible] of the morning session I was asking you questions relating to your acquaintance ship with Betty Malcolm, also known as [illegible] Malcombre. You told us [illegible] met her in Washington in the [illegible] that completed your testimony with regard to your acquaintance ship with her or not.

Mr. REMINGTON. I said that I had known her [illegible] I did not know her by the other name that you [illegible] name. I said also that I did not know [illegible] Knoxville before I left Knoxville or [illegible] have seen her. I do not recall her there.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you visit her in Knoxville on any occasion at her residence at 1412 Forest Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee?

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't recall it, sir. [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. During the time of your [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I think not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Well, are you in doubt about that?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then possibly you did visit at her home.

Mr. REMINGTON. I think not. My recollection is that when I saw her in Washington, I was meeting her [illegible] for the first time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Meeting her as [illegible] time. Do you mean meeting her in her new [illegible] the first time?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe I was meeting her for the first time. As I indicated, if she arrived in [illegible] left there, it is possible that I met her [illegible] ville. I don't think I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Well, if you met her, would you [illegible] whether or not you visited her in her home?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. If there is any uncertainty [illegible] having visited her in her home, did you go to [illegible] two or three occasions?

Mr. REMINGTON. I am sure I did not. [illegible] I would remember having met her there [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know her husband, Kenneth Malcolm, otherwise known as Kenneth Malcolm?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. You have never met him?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, I don't think I ever met him.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever have a conversation with Kenneth Malcolm, also known as Kenneth Malcombre, on any occasion while you were employed at TVA?

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't remember it, [illegible] I don't think he was in Knoxville when I was there.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever attend a Communist Party meeting at the home of Betty Malcolm, otherwise known as Elizabeth Winston Malcombre, then as Mrs. [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a meeting [illegible] the home of this same person?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know Kenneth Malcolm to be a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I have read his name in the [illegible] since then, in the very recent past, and I have been asked, I think, perhaps by some investigator, about him, whether it was some investigator, or whether it was your [illegible] Appeal, I don't know.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you see the article to which you refer?

Mr. REMINGTON. I think I saw it — I don't know whether I read it in a clipping from the Knoxville Journal [illegible]

read it quite recently, or whether I read it two or three years ago here in the Washington papers. I am not sure.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know Betty Malcolm to be a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know Muriel Speare who likewise has been married several times? She has also borne the name of Muriel Speare Borah, and later Muriel Speare Borah Williams.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. What are the circumstances under which you knew her?

Mr. REMINGTON. I met her in the [illegible] union [illegible]. She was an active member. I saw her in connection with [illegible] union committees.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was she an employee at TVA?

Mr. REMINGTON. She was.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the nature of her employment?

Mr. REMINGTON. She was a secretary [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Was that in the same section in which you worked?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether Muriel Speare Borah Williams was a member of the Communist Party at the time you were an employee at the TVA?

Mr. REMINGTON. When I was there she [illegible]

or did anything, to my knowledge, which made me feel that she was a Communist. I have heard that she has testified before this committee, I believe, that she joined the Communist Party when she was employed by TVA. However, that was at a period after I left Knoxville and the TVA.

(Representative Velde enters hearing room.)

Mr. TAVENNER. My specific question was whether you knew she was a member of the Communist Party during the time of your employment at TVA. During the time of your employment at TVA, did you know she was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you learn of that allegation [illegible] prior to your leaving Knoxville for the assumption of your collegiate duties at Dartmouth?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know Ted Wellman?

Mr. REMINGTON. I met Ted Wellman [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Where and when?

Mr. REMINGTON. I met him in Chattanooga in the spring of 1937. I met him again in Knoxville in the late spring of 1937, in June.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the occasion of your meeting him in Chattanooga?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was in Chattanooga one day. I believe it was a Sunday, on the way back from a weekend [illegible]

several members of the TVA union.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who were they?

Mr. REMINGTON. I am sure that one of them was Merwin Todd. I do not know who the others were.

Mr. TAVENNER. You mean you do not recall their [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not recall the names of the others who were on that trip. I am sure that one of them was Mr. Todd.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the purpose of your meeting [illegible] man in Chattanooga?

Mr. REMINGTON. There was no purpose of that meeting. We were coming back from this short weekend [illegible] Chattanooga to eat a meal. He joined us at [illegible] I don't know how or under what circumstances he [illegible] came and joined us and we talked about [illegible] during the course of a meal.

Mr. TAVENNER. Had you met him before that time?

Mr. REMINGTON. I had not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he know the other members of your party prior to that time?

Mr. REMINGTON. He knew at least one member [illegible] I believe.

Mr. TAVENNER. Which member was that?

Mr. REMINGTON. I couldn't swear which member it was, but I could guess, if you want me just to guess.

Mr. WOOD. Only what you know.

Mr. TAVENNER. It would seem you should know, when a person who is a stranger to you comes up to a group of you, you would likely know which of the group he had met before.

Mr. KEARNEY. How long ago was this?

Mr. REMINGTON. This was thirteen years ago, [illegible] when I had just passed my nineteenth birthday.

Mr. TAVENNER. Well, do you recall?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not recall well enough to [illegible] who it was he had known before. If you want [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. No, I am not asking for [illegible] trying to help you refresh your recollection [illegible] gone on this particular trip.

Mr. REMINGTON. We had spent the day at a labor union school in the Cumberland Mountains.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the name of the school?

Mr. REMINGTON. Highlander Folk School.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you at that time know that [illegible] was the Communist Party organizer for the State of Tennessee?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I did know him as a man who was in charge of the Red Carriers' Union in Chattanooga, and who was active in the Central Labor Union, because those were the matters we talked about at that short dinner time or lunch time session.

Mr. TAVENNER. I hand you a photograph and [illegible] you can identify the person whose picture appears there.

Mr. REMINGTON. Not positively, but I think this is Ted Wellman. This picture is not a good one, but I think it probably is.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer the photograph in evidence and ask that it be marked "Remington Exhibit No. 2."

Mr. WOOD. It will be admitted.

(The photograph above referred to, marked "Remington Exhibit No. 2," is filed herewith.)

Mr. TAVENNER. Tell us when you met Wellman the second time, this time, I believe, in Knoxville.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. I recall one day having an appointment to eat dinner with a friend of mine, going into the restaurant, and finding him with another man. I had seen the man before. I recognized him as Mr. Wellman. I sat down [illegible] I had had a dinner appointment with my friend, not with Mr. Wellman. We talked during the course of that meal.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who was present besides Mr. Wellman?

Mr. REMINGTON. The person [illegible] I had the dinner appointment.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was it Henry C. Hart?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, it was not Mr. Hart. I know that for a fact. I think that it was Mr. Todd, but it is not something that I could swear to definitely.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was this meeting held at Crawford's [illegible] restaurant in Knoxville?

Mr. REMINGTON. I am sorry. I [illegible] know where Crawford Grill restaurant is.

Mr. TAVENNER. It was at a restaurant in Knoxville.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you state the general location of it?

Mr. REMINGTON. It was, as I recall, [illegible] quite near the TVA, because those were the only restaurants [illegible]. I ate in a restaurant directly across the street from the union building quite often, and also in a restaurant between the union building and the New Sprankle building. I think it was the latter.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you have a conversation with Mr. [illegible] or he with you, at that meeting, [illegible] the [illegible] Communist Party was discussed?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, indirectly.

Mr. TAVENNER. Please tell us about it.

Mr. REMINGTON. We discussed labor [illegible] entirely. There was some remark made during the course of that meal which led me subsequently to inquire, "Who [illegible] guy?" It was something about the Communist [illegible] Communist attitudes, or Communist views, or something of that sort. I can give hypothetical examples of what it might have been. I can't recall the chance remark which was made thirteen years ago which aroused my curiosity.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you make inquiry [illegible] Wellman and your roommate, Pat Todd, were [illegible]

Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Why not?

Mr. REMINGTON. I made an inquiry which did not bring out that Mr. Wellman was a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. You made no inquiry [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I did not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was that because you [illegible] was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Why did you not [illegible] him?

Mr. REMINGTON. Because Mr. Todd [illegible] Mr. Todd had never done anything [illegible] believe that he was a member of the Communist Party. Consequently, there was no [illegible] to be made.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you make any inquiry [illegible] whether Wellman was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. I would guess that I [illegible] made the inquiry which I know I made.

Mr. TAVENNER. And did he advise you [illegible] Communist Party organizer for the State of [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. My belief now is [illegible] Communist Party organizer for the State [illegible]

you know?" Or something of that sort, because Mr. Wellman [illegible] was known to and he knew most of the labor organizers [illegible] and CIO, in that vicinity. He [illegible] assume [illegible] ness to know them.

Mr. TAVENNER. And so Mr. Todd expressed surprise that you did not know Wellman was the Communist Party organizer for the State of Tennessee.

Mr. REMINGTON. I would not call it [illegible] probably thought I had heard it somewhere. After finding out that he was a Communist, of course I was [illegible] again. I saw him on these two occasions. [illegible] he was a Communist, I did not see him [illegible] to show that, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. In other words, you were so opposed to the Communist Party and what it stood for that you [illegible] dealings with Mr. Wellman after you found out [illegible] member of the Communist Party.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was that your attitude towards other persons in the TVA at that time who were members of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. If I had known, or if I had had reason to believe, that there were people among my friends who were members of the Communist Party, I would have had that attitude.

Mr. TAVENNER. When were you married?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was married in 193[illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Where was your wife from?

Mr. REMINGTON. My wife was from Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were Communist Party activities carried on in the home of your mother-in-law?

Mr. REMINGTON. At the home of my mother-in-law I met Communists. I did not work with them in union activities. I did not work closely with them on any matter. I did not associate with them as close friends. I talked with them and -- I am trying to draw the distinction. I would have talked with a Communist in 1940, 1941. I would have talked with a Communist earlier. I would not have chosen a Communist for a personal friend, nor would I have worked intimately with a Communist in union activities as I worked with [illegible] the TVA union.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you meet at the home of your mother-in-law, Joseph North?

Mr. REMINGTON. I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Is he a person known to you to be a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe he is a member of the Communist Party; at the time that I knew him, at [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he tell you he was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. I certainly assumed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Why?

Mr. REMINGTON. Because of his position as the editor of the New Masses.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was he active in the promulgation of Communist [illegible] in-law in the promulgation of Communist [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He talked [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Well, did you have many [illegible] which he attended [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. And he did propose [illegible] in the home of your mother-in-law [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. As [illegible] the Communist Party, [illegible] but I never seen a Communist [illegible] mother-in-law. I have seen [illegible] North was a somewhat more [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. And you [illegible] a Communist Party member [illegible] didn't you?

Mr. REMINGTON. I accepted [illegible] not to work with him in [illegible] class.

Mr. TAVENNER. But you [illegible] to Communism [illegible] gathered from [illegible] Mr. Ted Wellman to the effect [illegible]

further to do with a person that you knew [illegible] Communist

and that you wouldn't have a Communist [illegible]

it was a different situation when [illegible]

it?

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, I did [illegible]

I learned he was a Communist, I did [illegible]

have associated actively with communists [illegible]

any capacity. That is to my [illegible]

different matter than meeting someone [illegible]

in-law. When I was at my mother-in-[illegible]

couldn't pack up my bag and go to [illegible]

couldn't ask them to leave.

Mr. TAVENNER. [illegible]

Mr. Jacob Golos, will [illegible] not?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did Mr. Ford [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know who [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not. [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. You received your information [illegible]

Joseph North?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. And at the same time or a [illegible]

at a later time than your introduction to [illegible]

Elizabeth Bentley?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Now let us return for the moment to the period of time spent by you at Knoxville, Tennessee. Did Ted Wellman ever give you any directions?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Or instructions or advice regarding your own conduct, as a Party member or otherwise?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I was never a member of the Party, and there was no way in which he could have given me any kind of instructions.

Mr. TAVENNER. Or advice?

Mr. REMINGTON. There was no way in which he could have given me any advice.

Mr. TAVENNER. Well, you were present at that meeting at this restaurant, at which communism was discussed.

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I said at that restaurant there were some words spoken which aroused my curiosity to the point that I asked, "Who is this guy?"

Mr. TAVENNER. Can you recall what those words were?

Mr. REMINGTON. I told you, sir, that I could give you, perhaps, a hypothetical example of what I might have been some mention of what the Communists thought of the unions or what the Communists were trying to do, but I cannot remember a specific sentence that was spoken thirteen years ago when I was nineteen years old.

Mr. TAVENNER. All right, sir. [illegible]

Aberrombie?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was she an employee [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. In what capacity?

Mr. REMINGTON. She was a clerk-typist [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. In your department?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was her address [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I was her [illegible]

920 Temple Street, where I rented [illegible]

left there about a week later [illegible]

address. Subsequently I found [illegible]

at the TVA. She was on my rolls [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Incidentally, [illegible]

Williams on your mailing rolls also?

Mr. REMINGTON. Possibly, I [illegible]

run which either originated at her office [illegible]

at her office. She was never on a regular [illegible]

which I had responsibility for [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall whether [illegible]

Spearo were close friends prior to [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. They certainly [illegible]

union on many committees. I do not know [illegible]

say, close friends.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did Pat Todd come to the TVA [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He did.

Mr. TAVENNER. In what capacity [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He was an assistant [illegible]

I believe at about $1620 or $1860 [illegible]

the Coordination Division of TVA [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Was he on your payroll [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I certainly [illegible]

originated or terminated there, but never [illegible]

any regularly assigned drivers [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. You spoke of Mabel [illegible]

at 920 Temple?

Mr. REMINGTON. I will say [illegible]

week that I was there.

Mr. TAVENNER. That was the time that [illegible]

Pat Todd lived at that time [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. In which you and Mrs. [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was Harry's [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Henry.

Mr. TAVENNER. Henry. Was Henry [illegible] employed in

TVA?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. I understood you [illegible] that Hart was a member of the Communist Party, [illegible] in that?

Mr. REMINGTON. When I was in Tennessee he did nothing [illegible] and said nothing which would give me that [illegible] his public testimony, before this committee, I believe that he joined the Communist Party after I left Tennessee.

Mr. WOOD. Then what is your answer to the question whether at the time you were in Knoxville, Tennessee, you [illegible] be a Communist?

Mr. REMINGTON. The answer is no.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever attend any Communist meetings with Mabel Abercrombie?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend any kind of meetings with her?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Tell us about them.

Mr. REMINGTON. I attended many meetings of union committees with her. Those were meetings of the committees of the Government Employees Union of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were any of those meetings held at the home of Betty Malcolm, otherwise known as Elizabeth Winston Malcombre?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know Harry [illegible] Morton?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. I hand you a photograph [illegible] and ask you to identify the person whose picture appears [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know John M. [illegible]?

Mr. REMINGTON. Not when I was at OWMR [illegible] I was at the Housing Agency and [illegible] Mobilization and Reconversion.

Mr. TAVENNER. When was that?

Mr. REMINGTON. That was in [illegible] of the year, and also during the [illegible] told me that he recalled having met me [illegible] but I did not remember him. Pardon me [illegible] that. I said I met him when he was [illegible] I was at OWMR and he apparently remembered [illegible] another occasion which I have [illegible] in a grocery store on Pennsylvania Avenue [illegible] early part of the year. That chance meeting [illegible] recognized me but I did not recognize him [illegible] a few days later. He was employed at the Government [illegible] time and so was I.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do I understand then you do not [illegible] ever having met him while you were [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I can't place him [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether he was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. As far as I know, I don't even remember having met him in Tennessee, so I would have no knowledge about him there at all.

Mr. TAVENNER. I wasn't confining the question entirely to Tennessee, but to any time?

Mr. REMINGTON. In my contacts with him here we have aside from our one lunch of reminiscences about this and that our contacts were strictly limited to official business.

Mr. TAVENNER. Still you have [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. The answer is that I have no reason to regard him as a Communist at all.

Mr. TAVENNER. Whether you have any reason or not, have you any knowledge? There may be a distinction.

Mr. REMINGTON. I have no knowledge of any Communist activities, affiliations, or sympathies of his part.

Mr. TAVENNER. That was not my question. My question was do you know that this person, John M. Frantz, was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know Laurent Frantz?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. His brother?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. I hand you a photograph [illegible] identify the person whose photograph appears [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know Kenneth [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. When was Kenneth [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He was employed [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the character [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He was [illegible] the entire period of my employment [illegible] central files during part of my [illegible] he probably was in central [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Was he on our [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever [illegible] meeting with him?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know [illegible] Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Or affiliated [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you have any knowledge [illegible] Frantz was in any way affiliated with [illegible] of the United States or any of its [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know William Haney?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. In the earlier part of your testimony you stated that a complaint was made by the person [illegible] TVA that possibly you were devoting too much of your time to outside matters, in effect. What matters outside of your employment at TVA were you particularly interested in at that time, such as organizations to which you may have belonged?

Mr. REMINGTON. I put my heart and soul into the organization. That was the Knoxville branch for the TVA [illegible] the American Federation of Government Employees [illegible] AFL affiliate.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you a member of an organization known as the Workers Alliance?

Mr. REMINGTON. I have made talks to the Workers Alliance in connection with my work with committees of the [illegible] went with the Workers Alliance workers to [illegible] problems in Knoxville.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you a member of Workers Alliance?

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't think so. I certainly worked with it, and so, for purposes of this hearing, I would like to assume that I was sympathetically associated with its efforts in Knoxville to gain higher relief benefits and more [illegible]. Beyond that, I know nothing about the Workers Alliance [illegible]

say I was sympathetically associated [illegible]

I have to stop at that point. I know [illegible]

of its activities.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall attending [illegible]

Alliance that you attended when you [illegible]

cycle?

Mr. REMINGTON. I traveled every [illegible]

on a motorcycle. I have gone to [illegible]

at which I talked on marijuana [illegible]

speed limits [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you take [illegible]

did you take Kenneth Malcom [illegible]

Workers Alliance meeting?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I [illegible]

cycle, but not him.

Mr. TAVENNER. Is there anything [illegible]

your saying that him [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No, simply [illegible]

of my knowledge.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know [illegible]

Alliance, Francis Martin?

Mr. REMINGTON. I think I [illegible]

the David Martin who worked [illegible] TV.

Mr. TAVENNER. David Stone [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. There was a David [illegible]

David Martin--I don't know about the [illegible] of it--who worked at TVA, who was quite active in the union, and who brought his brother around to the office once or twice.

Mr. TAVENNER. I show you a rather clear newspaper photograph and ask if you can identify that person.

Mr. REMINGTON. I think that is the man who is the brother of David Martin.

Mr. TAVENNER. In other words, Francis Martin.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. A secretary of the Workers Alliance.

Mr. REMINGTON. I know nothing about his connection with Workers Alliance, but that I think is the man. I saw [illegible] know nothing about his connection with Workers Alliance. I want to point out that I left Knoxville in June 1937. I know nothing of what happened after that. I know nothing that happened before I got there in late September of 1936.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether he was secretary of the Knox County branch of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. I read two days ago, in the old [illegible] from the Knoxville Journal, that he was such.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know it?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. While you were living there?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you belong to an organization [illegible]

ville by the name of Workers Education.

Mr. REMINGTON. I belonged to the Workers Education Committee of the American Federation of Labor and in the TVA called the Knoxville Workers Education Committee at one time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you hold any [illegible] in that group?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was [illegible] the kid on the committee and [illegible] was for the most part [illegible].

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you [illegible] the chairman of Workers Education.

Mr. REMINGTON. [illegible] been chairman of that committee and [illegible] it. I don't know whether he was [illegible].

Mr. TAVENNER. Was Horace Bryan connected [illegible] zation, Workers Education.

Mr. REMINGTON. Mr. Bryan was [illegible] study director, director of education [illegible] period of three months they had [illegible]. During part of that three months [illegible] during part of the period.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know [illegible] Horace Bryan was chosen to conduct the [illegible].

Mr. REMINGTON. Mr. Bryan's [illegible]

Workers Education Committee. The committee made a check on him, interviewed him, and selected him.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who proposed his name to the Workers Education group?

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't know. I could guess if you want me to guess. I don't know specifically who proposed him. It was someone who had known that Mr. Bryan had been engaged in workers' education in Tennessee. I don't know who that would be, specifically, although I can guess.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether Horace Bryan was chosen for that position in fact by the Knoxville Communist Party and recommended to the group by the Communist cell?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, definitely not. Do you want me to describe the reviewing process the committee went through in selecting him? I can recall something about it.

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes.

Mr. REMINGTON. The committee, after having the proposal of his name, called those men in the labor unions in that vicinity who had heard him perform. The committee called or wrote persons who had known him teach at Highlander Folk School, which was closely tied in with American Federation of Labor unions at that time, and with the CIO unions which were beginning to be formed. A check was made on him with persons I have every reason to believe were reputable trade unionists.

That is how the check was made on Mr. Bryan. I know nothing of anything else.

Mr. TAVENNER. I was asking what position, if any, you held with the Workers Education organization. Were you secretary of that organization at any time?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. The secretary was [illegible] who could take shorthand. I functioned as general [illegible] and then I became a teacher.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where was the mail addressed to that [illegible] received?

Mr. REMINGTON. At the TVA union.

Mr. TAVENNER. What post office box [illegible] about that?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I would think it impossible that the union would have had a post office box [illegible] normally receive their mail at the TVA union [illegible].

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether [illegible] Workers Education Committee procured a post office box [illegible] the receipt of the mail addressed to that organization?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. If he had one, I know nothing about it.

Mr. TAVENNER. Let me see if I can refresh your recollection. I hand you a photostatic copy of an application for a post office box dated March 8, 1937, which was signed [illegible] four different individuals. Will you [illegible]

individuals?

Mr. REMINGTON. Signature of applicant: Horace Bryan. Referenses: Harry Bridgman. I suppose that means Howard Bridgman. M. Todd. I assume that is Merwin Todd. And Bernard Borah. All three of TVA. Bryan, of course, was not.

Mr. TAVENNER. What is the business and street address given?

Mr. REMINGTON. The address of both Bridgman and Todd is TVA. The residence of Mr. Bryan is given as [illegible] North Broadway. At that time I was living with Mr. Hartley Temple Street.

Mr. TAVENNER. 920 Temple Street.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. Mr. Borah's address is not given as TVA, but is given as 30[illegible] - 12th Street. [illegible] know. There were three keys. I know nothing about them. I know nothing about this box, which I think is clear from this document.

Mr. TAVENNER. Merwin Todd is the same person to whom you have referred as Pat Todd in your previous testimony.

Mr. REMINGTON. I would assume so.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was Bernard Borah the husband of Muriel Speare Borah?

Mr. REMINGTON. Muriel Speare married Bernard Borah sometime after I left the TVA. I do not know precisely when.

Mr. TAVENNER. You were acquainted with Bernard Borah, were you?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was.

Mr. TAVENNER. He was an employee at TVA.

Mr. REMINGTON. He was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was he on your postal route?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. He was not on my regular route, but I carried messages to and from any office that called for a special messenger.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the nature of his duties?

Mr. REMINGTON. He was in the Soc[illegible] and Economic [illegible] I think that is what they called it, when [illegible] at TVA.

Mr. TAVENNER. This post office box [illegible] result of this application [illegible] Workers Education, residence address [illegible] used by what other persons, to your knowledge.

Mr. REMINGTON. I had no knowledge of the [illegible] didn't know it existed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you receive [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. I hand you a photostatic copy of a mailing list from the office of the American Federation of Government Employees, national office, which gives the names and addresses of various persons who were members of Local [illegible] at [illegible] Tennessee, and ask if you do not find on that list the name of William Remington, post office box [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. There it [illegible]. What is the date on this? I think it is clear that I was on this mailing list. I think it is also clear that my name could have been sent in to this mailing list. I have no personal knowledge of receiving things through this box. I am absolutely positive I did not have a key to it. Mail might have been brought to me from this box and from this union. I got my mail [illegible] my parents were writing to me at the time, and I don't know anyone else from whom I was receiving mail, and that all came to me personally and not through any intermediaries.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you become a member of Local 136?

Mr. REMINGTON. Local 136. Is that the number of the union?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes.

Mr. REMINGTON. I became a member of that TVA union within a week or so after I got to the TVA.

Mr. TAVENNER. When you became a member did you give your name and address to the local?

Mr. REMINGTON. Of course.

Mr. TAVENNER. What address did you give?

Mr. REMINGTON. I assume that I gave my residence address, which was 920 Temple Street, although I may have given the TVA office address.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to introduce in evidence that photostatic copy of mailing list, and ask that it be marked

"Remington Exhibit No. 3."

Mr. WOOD. Without objection it will be admitted.

(The photostatic copy of document above referred to, marked "Remington Exhibit No. 3," is filed herewith.)

Mr. TAVENNER. I hand you now an additional photostatic copy of a statement of new members, bearing date December 2[illegible], 1936, giving names and addresses, which shows your address as 920 Temple Avenue. Will you examine that.

Mr. REMINGTON. That is my address.

Mr. TAVENNER. And that is what you gave the union at the time of your joining?

Mr. REMINGTON. That is right.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you change that address or notice to the union?

Mr. REMINGTON. I have no recollection of it, at all. I can understand the possibility that when I left Temple Street or knew I was about to leave, that my address was changed with the union to this box number. You knew we were going to live together. He might have said, "I will handle your union mail for you." I have no recollection of it, thirteen years ago when I was nineteen.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did not you and Bryan and Todd, whose names appear on there, agree that you were to receive your mail through that box?

Mr. REMINGTON. Whose names appear on there?

Mr. TAVENNER. On the application for a post office box.

Mr. REMINGTON. My name does not appear on this application for a post office box.

Mr. TAVENNER. I didn't ask you that. I asked if you agreed with Todd and with Bryan, whose names appear on that application, to use that box.

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I believe that had so agreed. I would naturally have been one of the references for this box, but I was not. Incidentally, I think that is a very logical presumption, that if I had been using the box my name would appear there.

Mr. TAVENNER. I offer the second photostatic evidence and ask that it be marked "Remington Exhibit No. 4".

Mr. WOOD. Without objection it will be admitted.

(The photostatic copy of document above referred to was marked "Remington Exhibit No. 4" is filed herewith.)

(Representative Velde enters hearing room.)

Mr. TAVENNER. If there is anything else on those two documents you would like to point out to the committee, we will be glad to have you do so.

Mr. REMINGTON. I would like to check them and get an idea as to the dates of them.

Mr. TAVENNER. I notice on the second sheet of "Remington Exhibit No. 3" that there appears the name Marvin Todd, address 618 Henle, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. REMINGTON. That means that these are not in alphabetical order if his name appears on page 8 and my name appears later. Therefore, it would seem to be a chronological list, the earlier names first and the later names second.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know when Marvin Todd lived at the address I have just mentioned?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, but I know when he didn't live there. He didn't live there when he was living with me and that was in May and June.

Mr. TAVENNER. That was in May and June, and in May and June your address was 933 Broad Street.

Mr. REMINGTON. Broadway. I know [illegible] In June I was on Highland Avenue on Highland [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. And at that time you and [illegible] together?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. After seeing these records and [illegible] further on the subject, are you still willing to state that you did not advise the national office of the American Federation of Government Employees that your address would be post office box 1692?

Mr. REMINGTON. The application for the box, sir, [illegible] that I had nothing to do with taking it out. How I [illegible] this mailing list in that connection, I don't know. I think it quite obvious that I did receive letters [illegible]

at this box number from this organization. I don't know that they mailed anything during the period of time after I left 920 Temple Street, addressed to me. If they did, I apparently received it at this box rather than at 920 Temple Street.

Mr. WOOD. I don't think that is responsive to the question, sir. The question is, did you notify the office that that was your address?

Mr. REMINGTON. All I can say that is entirely responsive is that I do not recall, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. You indicated a moment ago that perhaps Merwin Todd had given such an address for you, but if that had been true, wouldn't he have given the same address for himself on the second page of that exhibit of which was not the same address as yours when in fact the two of you were living together?

Mr. REMINGTON. As I pointed out before, the list is not alphabetical. If it is not alphabetical and my name appears after his, the presumption is it is chronological, which indicates I got on the list at a later date. There is a point here which occurs to me. This post office box was applied for by Mr. Bryan. Is that true?

Mr. TAVENNER. That is what the application shows, that he signed for it.

Mr. REMINGTON. If he signed for it, it clearly had something to do with the Workers Education Committee. That was in

the A.F. of L. union. I was a member of that union and of the committee. I became a teacher for that committee. It seems to me highly possible that the union sent literature having to do with the work of that committee to a man who was on the committee and employed by that committee at the address given by the director of education for that committee. I think the logicalness of that presumption is borne out by the fact that Merwin Todd, who is on the list at an earlier time, perhaps before the committee became active, perhaps before the committee took out its box, appears with his Henry Street address.

Mr. WALTER. Are the names of other members of the committee on that list?

Mr. REMINGTON. I have not checked it yet. [illegible] check it if you wish me to take the time.

Mr. TAVENNER. I will ask you to examine Remington Exhibit No. 4 and see if Todd did not [illegible] at the same time you did, and his name appears together with yours, so instead of joining ahead of you, you joined at the same time, so that your argument would not stand.

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't follow you at all.

Mr. TAVENNER. Didn't you state to the committee that the address shown for Todd was different from yours because he was on the list longer, he was a member longer.

Mr. REMINGTON. You said Mr. Todd's [illegible]

What is the page on which my name appears?

Mr. TAVENNER. The first page, I believe.

Mr. REMINGTON. My name appears on page 1. So it is not a chronological list nor alphabetical.

Mr. TAVENNER. Let me ask you to examine the sheets again and see if it is not a fact that the names appear in their alphabetical order, but the sheets are assembled without regard to the alphabetical order?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. The sheets have been assembled with my name on the first sheet, so consequently we have no clue as to what the original order was.

Mr. WOOD. I think the whole discussion is purely argumentative. The question now being asked is why Mr. Todd joined this organization at the same time you did.

(Representative McSweeney enters hearing room.)

Mr. REMINGTON. Mr. Todd had been a member of the union before I joined it.

Mr. WOOD. You have the paper before you. Is his name there with yours?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. It appears on the same list of new members dated December 24, 1936. However, Mr. Todd had been out of town for a considerable period, and this may involve a readmission to membership. He had been a member before I was, and he was a member when I joined the union. It is my understanding.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever receive any mail through this post office box 1692?

Mr. REMINGTON. Not that I recall. I say if the union sent anything to me after my name was on their address list in that fashion, I may have. The box was taken out by the director of the Workers Education Committee and [illegible] that is the connection in which I appear on the union list.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know Jess Reeves?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever attend a meeting of any kind at a place called Reeves Roost, located outside of the city limits of Knoxville, near Knoxville?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. From what I have heard of those meetings, they did not invite kids in their teens. My own knowledge of those meetings is from testimony before some committee which I read in the newspapers and in committee reports.

Mr. TAVENNER. I understand you returned to Dartmouth College in the fall of 1937?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you discuss your return to college with Merwin Todd or his wife, Betty Todd?

Mr. REMINGTON. I certainly discussed it with Merwin Todd. He knew about it. We roomed together at the time I was packing getting ready to go. I certainly discussed it with his wife.

after I was back there. I don't remember [illegible]

it with her before I returned, because I don't know [illegible]

her then.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you discuss [illegible] around [illegible]

Kenneth Malcolm?

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't think I did [illegible]

that I don't think I ever met him. I [illegible]

my friends that I had gone back to [illegible]

imagine after I left Korea that [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. You say you told a [illegible]

Bridgman. When did you last see Mr. [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I last saw Mr. [illegible]

ciation, I believe the American [illegible]

Society for Public Administration [illegible]

Mr. WOOD. He just asked for [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Two or three [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. At that time did [illegible]

Communist Party membership?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he not advise you [illegible]

was no longer a member of the Communist [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. He did not. He [illegible]

he was, if he ever was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you make any statement to him [illegible]

regard to your past Communist Party membership?

[illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I never had any

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he tell you that he had changed his

views towards communism?

Mr. REMINGTON. He told me that he had become [illegible]

which I had not known. I don't recall [illegible]

political or economic philosophy except [illegible]

that we had become first, middle-of-the-road [illegible]

earlier we had been--we had not been [illegible]

of fact, when we had seen each other [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. I don't believe you [illegible]

tion.

Mr. REMINGTON. [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. [illegible]

(The question referred to was [illegible]

follows: "Did he tell you that he had [illegible]

communism?")

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I don't believe [illegible]

views towards communism.

Mr. TAVENNER. You have mentioned [illegible]

return from your marriage trip you stopped [illegible]

Tennessee?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. What year was [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. 1939.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you then meet [illegible]

Hart?

Mr. REMINGTON. I know I met Hart. I think I met Muriel Borah. I guess she would still have been Muriel Borah at that time. If she had married and gone to Chattanooga, then it was Mabel Abercrombie I saw. I saw one of the two. And I definitely saw Henry Hart.

Mr. TAVENNER. Can you state whether you had a conversation with them, or they with you, concerning the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell us what that was, please?

Mr. REMINGTON. There was a discussion particularly on the Hitler-Stalin Pact, which we were all in agreement on. We all hated it. It had been announced just two or three weeks before. There was some remark to the effect, what a fiction of suckers the Communists were about that. They certainly had their eyes opened, something to that effect. And I was told that those who had been in the Communist Party in the Party prior to the Pact had resigned immediately upon hearing of the Pact. Some, of course, had resigned long before the Pact. They had joined in late 1937 and gotten out in 1938 and early 1939. Others got out when the Pact was signed and announced.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did any of those three persons you spoke of say they had gotten out of the Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. Mr. Hart definitely told me that. I hear whether from her own lips or not I can't swear. I think it was

I heard that Muriel Speare, as I had known her, had been in that category. About the others, I do not know.

Mr. TAVENNER. I understood you to say you were uncertain as to whether it was Speare or Abercrombie who was present.

Mr. REMINGTON. That is what I said, sir. I said if she was present I heard it from her own lips, and if she was not, I heard it about her, presumably from Bart.

Mr. TAVENNER. What about Abercrombie? Had she resigned from the Party, if you talked to her?

Mr. REMINGTON. She certainly was against the Party at that time. As to whether she told me she had been a member of the Party, she did not. I don't know whether she was a member or was not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then Mabel Abercrombie was present at the time you had this conference, because she told you those things herself?

Mr. REMINGTON. I said I know one of those [illegible] present. I am not sure which one. If Mabel Abercrombie was not the one present, I talked to her on the phone. I am sure. If she was in Norris I talked to her. I remember calling some people in Norris who were not in Knoxville to say "hello" in passing.

Mr. TAVENNER. At any rate, that is what she told you?

Mr. REMINGTON. That is what she told me or someone told me in her behalf. I think she told me.

Mr. TAVENNER. So that at least in 1939 you knew that Hart had been a member of the Communist Party; that Mabel Abercrombie had been a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I knew about Mr. Hart.

Mr. TAVENNER. I thought that was the effect of your testimony with regard to Mabel Abercrombie.

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I said she was strongly opposed to the Communist Party when it passed through Knoxville. I know that. I said I did not know whether she had in fact been a member of the Communist Party prior to that. I do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Tell us just how that matter came up in your conversation with her.

Mr. REMINGTON. We were talking in this group about the Hitler-Stalin Pact. There was some mention of what sincere the Communists were, how ashamed they were of having been such, and how apparently all those few who had been Communists in TVA, how many there were I don't know--had resigned. That is the impression I gathered from this conversation. There was no discussion specifically of a roster of names or anything of the sort, obviously. This was a social gathering, during which we were talking about the Pact for a part of the evening.

Mr. TAVENNER. When was the last time you saw Mabel Abercrombie?

Mr. REMINGTON. I saw her in the last few days of August, 1947.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you have a discussion with her then on that subject?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, very briefly, very briefly, because her husband was there and I was interested in meeting him and discussing their future plans, which interested me.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did this conversation take place?

Mr. REMINGTON. At the Hanover Inn, Hanover, New Hampshire, where they were employed on a student basis.

Mr. TAVENNER. Fix the date as best you can.

Mr. REMINGTON. The last week of August, 194[illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. State to the committee what the conversation was relating to communism.

Mr. REMINGTON. As I said, the discussion of communism in TVA was very cursory. We talked about other things. The conversation that took place, as I recall, was something like this:

"Bill, did you read those stories in the Knoxville journal? Did anybody ever send those to you about communism in TVA?"

I said: "No. What is it all about?" Or else I said: "I have heard something about it but have not read them. What is it all about?"

And she told me something about the articles in the newspaper; but we got off into why she and her husband were in New Hampshire, of all places, almost immediately.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did Mabel Abercrombie tell you that she had

seen Bridgman?

Mr. REMINGTON. Not that I recall.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did she make any statement to you about her former membership in the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I think if she had I would remember it.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you communicated with her or she with you, recently?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. How recently?

Mr. REMINGTON. I have not communicated with her [illegible]. She sent me a Christmas card last Christmas.

Mr. TAVENNER. This past Christmas?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Is that the last and only [illegible] you have had from her since the time you last saw her?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, unless she sent me a Christmas card the Christmas of 1948. I am not sure of that. She may have [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you an organizer for the Textile Work[illegible] in Knoxville, Tennessee?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, not formally as such on the payroll. My work with the Workers Education group of a few weeks which I have mentioned, brought me in close contact with the Textile Workers union and its organizing drive.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you engage in that [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long did you assist in that work?

Mr. REMINGTON. When I was a teacher of this Workers Education group for a few weeks I saw Todd probably every day that I was in Knoxville, which was half the time those weeks. I worked with him, talked to several union meetings of Textile Workers that he organized, and went on some organizing trips with him to distribute leaflets of the Textile Workers union.

Mr. TAVENNER. During that period of time, did you distribute any Communist Party literature on leaflets or pamphlets?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend any Communist Party meeting?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Now, I have asked you questions regarding Henry Hart, Pat Todd, Muriel Speare, Betty Malcolm, Ralph Abercrombie, Bernard Borah, and Howard Bridgman, all employees of TVA and persons as to whom you testified. Do you know whether or not there was a Communist Party cell among TVA workers at Knoxville while you were there?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have also asked you whether or not those persons whose names appear on the application for post office box, namely, Bernard Borah, Merwin Todd, Howard Bridgman, and Horace Bryan, were all persons well known to you, and whether or not you knew that they were members of the Communist Party.

and whether the address given was [illegible]

which you had.

Mr. REMINGTON. [illegible]

that application was made. I know some of [illegible]

others not so well. I did not know any of [illegible]

the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. I think it is just [illegible]

read to you certain excerpts from testimony [illegible]

committee over the past few weeks [illegible]

question definitely to give you an [illegible]

of your recollection being refreshed [illegible]

I know you must realize the seriousness [illegible]

matters of this character to which [illegible]

conflicting testimony. I think you understand [illegible]

the seriousness of an oath.

I would like to read the following [illegible]

mony of Kenneth McConnell, taken in [illegible]

April 20, 1950, with Mr. Wood, chairman [illegible]

constituting the subcommittee.

"Mr. Russell. Will you state [illegible]

"Mr. McConnell. Kenneth McConnell.

"Mr. Russell. Have you ever used any other name?

"Mr. McConnell. Yes.

"Mr. Russell. What was the other name?

"Mr. McConnell. Kenneth Malcomb.

[illegible]

"Mr. Russell. Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. McConnell. I have.

"Mr. Russell. For how many years?

"Mr. McConnell. I was a member of the Communist Party from the spring of 1936 until midsummer of 1939.

"Mr. Russell. You are not now a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. McConnell. I am not now a member of the Communist Party.

"Mr. Russell. Have you ever held any official positions in the Communist Party?

"Mr. McConnell. Clarify the request.

"Mr. Russell. Have you ever served as an organizer in the Communist Party?

"Mr. McConnell. I have.

"Mr. Russell. In what localities?

"Mr. McConnell. Knoxville, Chapel Hill, Chattanooga and Norfolk.

.....

"Mr. Appell. Do you know Merwin Todd or Pat Todd to be a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. McConnell. I do.

"Mr. Appell. Was Merwin Todd an organizer for the Communist Party in Knoxville, Tennessee?

"Mr. McConnell. He was.

"Mr. Appell. Another person who has been identified as connected with the organization known as Workers Education in Knoxville, Tennessee, is William Remington. I show you two photographs and ask if you can identify the individual shown in these photographs as a person you knew in Knoxville, Tennessee?

"Mr. McConnell. Just a moment, [illegible]

(Discussion off the record.)

"Mr. McConnell. I can.

"Mr. Appell. That individual you knew as William Remington?

"Mr. McConnell. That is right.

"Mr. Appell. I will ask you now if you as an organizer for the Communist Party in Knoxville, Tennessee, knew William Remington to be a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. McConnell. I did.

"Mr. Appell. Did you ever see William Remington's Communist Party card?

"Mr. McConnell. To my knowledge I cannot answer that other than by saying no.

"Mr. Appell. Did you ever discuss with William Remington the operations or actions which he should take

as a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. McConnell. That is a leading question, and I can answer it in this wise, if this will satisfy you. I found it necessary, in the course of my operations in Knoxville, to call Remington's attention to the fact that his demeanor and behavior was un-communistic, that is to say, that he did not conduct himself as befitted a member of the Party, mainly because, at that time, of the rough manner in which he dressed.

(Discussion off the record.)

"Mr. Wood. I understood from your statements while ago that you did discuss with Remington Communist Party discipline and Communist Party activities.

"Mr. McConnell. That is right. This is a psychic thing. Only a psychoanalyst can go into this for you. I will give you the facts.

"Mr. Russell. When you spoke to Mr. Remington about his manner of dressing, did you speak to him from your own personal observation or from complaints by other members of the Communist Party?

"Mr. McConnell. Nobody had to make any complaints to me. I found him unkempt. I am talking about the time when I was a convinced Communist, and if I was a convinced Communist then I am speaking out of my own mind.

"Mr. Appell. Mr. McConnell, [illegible]

versation with Remington, did you ever attend any meetings of the Communist Party, meetings restricted solely to members of the Communist Party, at which meetings William Remington was present?

"Mr. McConnell. I can only answer that question equivocally. I only remember one meeting of the Communist Party, at which I was the co-president, when Remington was present, and this may have been what is known in the parlance of the Party as a fraction meeting which would be a small number of Party members meeting from a trade union group, the purpose of the meeting being to discuss Communist Party tactics, discuss and decide on direct courses of action for the members of the Party in that particular trade union group. This was another after went to Knoxville from Chapel Hill.

. . . . .

"Mr. Appell. He returned to Dartmouth after being at Knoxville one year. Was his return to Dartmouth even a question discussed within the Party?

"Mr. McConnell. Yes, this question was discussed in the Party, and it was pointed out to him by Party members that the Communist Party needed educated people as well as workers. This was one of the arguments used to induce him to return to college.

"Mr. Appell. Do you know who instructed or [illegible]

Remington to take this course of action?

"Mr. McConnell. Nobody could so instruct him, because at that time he was under the minimum discipline of the Party, but he could be advised, and it would be a collective advice, mine, Todd's, Winston's, and whoever else might have been present at the meeting.

"Mr. Appell. You say Winston?

"Mr. McConnell. I mean Mrs. Todd.

"Mr. Russell. Do you recall the circumstances under which you first met William Remington?

"Mr. McConnell. I met him with Pat Todd at their joint rooming house."

Mr. Remington, having heard that testimony, was told again: Were you at any time a member of the Communist Party while you were working for the TVA or while you were in Knoxville, Tennessee, between September 1936 and July or August of 1937?

Mr. REMINGTON: No, sir. I was engaged, as I have told you, in an extensive range of activities of the union there. I have since been told, partly through the testimony of Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Williams, that there was a Communist group organized as such after I left Knoxville. It has been implied to me that there was a Communist group functioning when I was in Knoxville, by government investigators. Certainly

you have just read would point in that direction, taking it [illegible] face value.

It has been implied to me that some of the people with w[illegible] I worked most closely, people who were among my closest frien[illegible] were Communists. I was not. I can understand that if there [illegible] were secret Communists engaged in the activities in which I w[illegible] engaged as the kid member of the party, kid member of the gro[illegible] kid member of the parties working in the unions organization [illegible] there, that they might have considered me as one of their own [illegible] secret clique because I was associated with them or with other [illegible] whom they knew to be members of their secret clique.

Mr. WOOD. The question asked you was very simple, whether or not during that period of time you were a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. REMINGTON. I said no.

Mr. WOOD. Very well.

Mr. REMINGTON. There are a great many things which are obviously wrong about what you have just read. In the first place, when I left Dartmouth it was with a firm plan to return. During the early spring of 1937, or during the middle springs, that intention is proved by the fact that I went to talk with the dean of Dartmouth College, who was making a trip through the South, to complete my arrangements for returning to college. The notion that anyone discussed whether I should go back or not, and advised me to go back, is not borne out by the simple

facts.

Mr. TAVENNER. In other words, you state that you were not advised by any of the persons mentioned, that is, Mr. Kenneth Malcolm, Betty Todd, or Pat Todd, to go back to colle because the Communist Party needed educated personnel as well as workers.

Mr. REMINGTON. I was not so advised, because my own pla and intentions had been firm from the outset, which is borne out by my talk with the dean.

Mr. WOOD. Just answer the question. You say you were not so advised.

Mr. REMINGTON. I was not so advised.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend the Communist Party meeting or fraction meeting, which was referred to as [illegible] at which Kenneth Malcolm was the co-presider?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not recall attending any meeting which Mr. Malcolm was present, because I don't remember Malcolm at all. I attended a great many meetings [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. When I asked in regard to Kenneth Malcolm Kenneth Malcolm is the same person as Kenneth Malcolm [illegible] the same person as Kenneth McConnell?

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't know him under any of those names or any other name.

Mr. WALTER. What evidence is there to show that that was a Communist Party meeting?

Mr. TAVENNER. The statement by the witness said that it was a fraction meeting, which is the technical term used in describing a Communist Party meeting, and it was in response to a question in regard to Communist Party meetings restricted solely to members of the Communist Party.

Mr. RAUH. I would like to have the whole question and answer read, because I think Congressman Walter's question was well put. There was mention in there about trade unionism. I would like to have the whole thing read.

Mr. TAVENNER. I will be glad to read it.

"Mr. Appell. Mr. McConnell, in addition to this conversation with Remington, did you ever attend any meetings of the Communist Party, meetings restricted solely to members of the Communist Party, at which meeting William Remington was present?

"Mr. McConnell. I can only answer that question equivocally. I only remember one meeting of the Communist Party, at which I was the co-president when Remington was present, and this may have been what is known in the parlance of the Party as a fraction meeting, which would be a small number of Party members meeting from a trade union group, the purpose of the meeting being to discuss Communist Party tactics, discuss and decide upon direct courses of action for the members of the Party in that particular trade union group. This was short after I

went to Knoxville from Chapel Hill.

Mr. REMINGTON. That would mean that the discussion was about trade union problems exclusively.

Mr. WOOD. That, of course, is your conclusion. Do you know anything about that meeting, whether it was of that purpose or not?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. Absolutely not.

Mr. WOOD. Then you are merely presuming. Let us stick to the facts.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire also to read excerpts from the testimony of Howard Allen Bridgman, taken in executive session on April 29, 1950, before a subcommittee composed of representatives John S. Wood (chairman), Morgan M. Moulder, and Bernard Kearney:

"Mr. Tavenner. Mr. Bridgman, have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Bridgman. I have, yes, sir.

....

"Mr. Tavenner. Did you resign or sever your connections with the Communist Party in 1939?

"Mr. Bridgman. I did, sir. I severed my connection at the outbreak of the Second World War.

....

"Mr. Tavenner. Will you state to the committee circumstances under which you joined the Communist

"Mr. Bridgman [illegible] was [illegible]

the Communist Party [illegible]

in the late fall of 1938 [illegible]

join that Party in December of that [illegible]

joining [illegible] informal [illegible]

then I started to attend [illegible]

"Mr. Tavenner: Who [illegible]

solicited your membership?

"Mr. Bridgman: [illegible]

"Mr. Tavenner: Going [illegible]

became a member of the Communist [illegible]

were recruited by [illegible]

"Mr. Bridgman: How [illegible]

"Mr. Tavenner: Yes [illegible]

time you were recruited [illegible]

"Mr. Bridgman: [illegible]

the Communist Party [illegible]

Valley Authority [illegible]

clerk within that organization [illegible]

messenger. I remained as [illegible]

of my employment with the Author[illegible]

"Mr. Tavenner: Were you [illegible]

of the Party when you [illegible]

"Mr. Bridgman: Yes, [illegible]

understood was the local branch, Knoxville branch, of the Communist Party.

"Mr. Tavenner. Did you then attend Communist Party meetings as a member of that branch?

"Mr. Bridgman. I did, sir.

"Mr. Tavenner. Who were the other members of that branch?

"Mr. Bridgman. The other members of that branch, whose names I recall were: William Walter Remington, Pat Todd--

"Mr. Wood. When you speak of Pat Todd, do you refer to Merwin Todd?

"Mr. Bridgman. I do. A girl known to me as Hetty Malcolm, Mabel Abercrombie, Muriel Spears, later Muriel Borah, later Muriel Williams.

"Mr. Tavenner. You have named five individuals. Can you recall others?

"Mr. Bridgman. There were two brothers, named Francis and David Martin, one of whom, I believe, was a member of this branch, although I am not positive.

"Mr. Moulder. As to which one, you mean?

"Mr. Bridgman. As to which one or as to whether he was a member.

"Mr. Moulder. Both?

"Mr. Bridgman. Both.

"Mr. Tavenner. Can you recall the names of any other persons?

"Mr. Bridgman. I recall the name of Laurent Frantz. That is all I can immediately recall.

...

"Mr. Tavenner. Do you know how these various persons were employed at that time? Were they all employed by the same employer? If they were not, I will ask you about each one individually.

"Mr. Bridgman. It is my recollection, with the exception of Laurent Frantz and one of the Warlandsboys, the persons whom I have just mentioned were all employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

"Mr. Tavenner. Do you recall the name of Henry Hart?

"Mr. Bridgman. Yes, sir. I do. Henry Hart was a member of this branch and was an employee of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

"Mr. Tavenner. That is a list of seven persons, four of whom are men and three of whom, I believe, are women. The first person you mentioned was William Remington. When did you first meet William Remington?

"Mr. Bridgman. I met William Remington first in the fall of 1937, when he had come to be an employee of the

Tennessee Valley Authority.

Mr. Bridgman later corrected that date. Mr. Chairman, to the fall of 1936, in these words: "I believe I said he came to Knoxville in 1937. I should like to state that William Remington came to Knoxville to work for the Tennessee Valley Authority in the fall of 1936."

Further questions and answers:

"Mr. Tavenner: What was his employment with the Tennessee Valley Authority, do you recall?

"Mr. Bridgman: He was employed as a messenger.

"Mr. Tavenner: Did you learn to know him before you became a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Bridgman: Yes, sir.

"Mr. Tavenner: Did he ever speak to you on Communist Party matters before you became a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Bridgman: I do not recall that he did, sir.

"Mr. Tavenner: Can you state to this committee whether Remington, to your knowledge, was a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Bridgman: Yes, sir. William Remington was a member of the Communist Party and attended branch meetings.

"Mr. Tavenner: How many meetings did you attend at which he was present?

"Mr. Bridgman: I do not recall the exact number.

should estimate five or six.

"Mr. Tavenner. Did he hold any position of any character within the Communist Party?

"Mr. Bridgman. Not to my recollection.

"Mr. Tavenner. Can you tell the Committee any Communist activity on the part of Remington which would further identify his membership in the Party?

"Mr. Bridgman. I do not recall any specific Party activity that he did outside of the branch meetings that is, specific activity for the Party.

"Mr. Tavenner. What part did he play in the holding of branch Communist Party meetings?

"Mr. Bridgman. He took an active part in the holding of the branch meetings. I do not recall anything that he said, but I remember his manner of speaking, which was forceful, and with head bowed and with hands this way (indicating), out front.

"Mr. Tavenner. These five or six meetings which you stated you attended at which Remington was present, will you state where those meetings were held and identify the time as nearly as you can?

"Mr. Bridgman. These meetings to which I refer were held at the home of Betty Malcolm in the evening.

"Mr. Tavenner. Where was her home located?

"Mr. Bridgman. Her home was located in the area of the city just north of the campus of the University of Tennessee. I believe it was on either Highland Avenue or Laurel Avenue.

"Mr. Tavenner. Did you know Betty Walcott's husband?

"Mr. Bridgman. I knew him slightly. As I recall his name, it was Kenneth Malcombre.

"Mr. Tavenner. Did you know him as a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Bridgman. I knew him as a member of the Communist Party, although he was not a member of this [illegible]

"Mr. Tavenner. Is there anything else you can recall relating to William Remington's activity as a member of the Communist Party, or any incident which would be further proof of his Communist Party membership?

"Mr. Bridgman. Yes, sir. I recall one incident in which he was explaining some point and the organizer for the Communist Party for the state, Joe Wellman, said to him words to this effect: "Bill, you are being too intellectual about this."

Further questions and answers:

"Mr. Kearney. Over how long a period did you know William Remington?

Mr. Bridgman. [illegible]

fall of 1936 until [illegible]

him twice subsequently, the [illegible]

and also I ran into him in New York [illegible]

York in 1938.

"Mr. Kearney. Do you know [illegible]

whether Remington was a member of [illegible]

1942?

"Mr. Bridgman. At that time [illegible]

him that he had changed my [illegible]

pression that he recommended [illegible]

"Mr. Kearney. But [illegible]

doubt in your mind [illegible]

this is the same Remington [illegible]

few minutes ago is being an employee [illegible]

Commerce of the United States Government [illegible]

member of the Communist Party [illegible]

when you were a member there. And you [illegible]

Party meetings with him and know him to be [illegible]

the Communist Party?

"Mr. Bridgman. There is no doubt in my mind that [illegible]

was a member of the Communist Party [illegible]

[illegible]

"Mr. Tavenner. When was the last time that you [illegible]

William Walter Remington? [illegible]

"Mr. Bridgman. I last saw William Walter Remington during the late fall and winter of 1942-43 in Washington, D. C.

"Mr. Tavenner. Did you at that time have any discussion with him on the subject of Communism or make any reference to Communist Party membership?

"Mr. Bridgman. I do not recall the language used, but in walking down a corridor I indicated to him that I had changed my views, and my impression is that he reciprocated the same feeling.

(Representative Velde leaves hearing room.)

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Remington, you have heard this testimony.

Mr. REMINGTON. I have.

Mr. TAVENNER. I want to ask you again in the light of this testimony: Were you a member of the Communist Party or in any way affiliated with it while you were in Knoxville, Tennessee from September 1936 to July or August 1937?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was not. My views at that time would have made that utterly impossible, just as my views before that time and since that time make it utterly impossible. I have never had any attitude but abhorrence and even hatred towards the idea of dictatorship. I have never believed in the use of any kind of force and violence to accomplish any kind of political revolution. I have never knowingly subjected

myself to any kind of Communist Party discipline. It is impossible for me ever to have been a Communist. I was a very active labor unionist. I met Bridgman in connection with these labor union activities. If he was a secret Communist, if there were other secret Communists in that group of active labor unionists, he might have assumed from my association with the gang that I, too, was one of his lik. I was not.

Mr. TAVENNER. In the light of this testimony I will again ask you the question: Did you attend any Communist Party meetings at the home of Betty Malcolm or any other person while you were in Knoxville, Tennessee?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, and I want to point out something which I am sure is readily verifiable, that Betty Malcolm was not in the group of friends that I had in Tennessee. I know that she arrived there. I know from talking with her afterwards that she arrived there in the summer of 193[illegible]. I know from hearings before Congressional committees or from an article from the Knoxville Journal which I read two days ago that Betty Malcolm arrived in Knoxville in the summer of 193[illegible] not at the time that Bridgman describes. I have not said categorically that I did not meet her in Knoxville, because there is that possibility. I can say categorically that I did not attend meetings in her place, over a period of time, especially because she wasn't there.

Mr. TAVENNER. The Chairman probably recalls that both Pa

Todd and Betty Todd refused to testify when brought before the committee.

Mr. WOOD. On the ground that there testimony might incriminate them.

Mr. REMINGTON. On the other hand, there has been testimony about when the Malcolms arrived in Knoxville. I [illegible] exclude the possibility that they arrived before [illegible]. Apparently, though, it is impossible for us to have overlapped in Knoxville very much, if, indeed, we overlapped at [illegible].

Mr. WOOD. Any further questions, Mr. Tavenner?

Mr. TAVENNER. We do have other questions.

Mr. REMINGTON. Before we close, may I [illegible] statement?

Mr. WOOD. We will meet again tomorrow.

Mr. REMINGTON. You stated I could read it at the end of the session today.

Mr. WOOD. At the close of your testimony.

Mr. REMINGTON. I am very sorry you are denying me that privilege.

Mr. WOOD. The custom of the committee is for statements of this kind to be read at the conclusion of the witness's testimony. How long will it take?

Mr. REMINGTON. About three minutes.

Mr. WOOD. All right, go ahead.

Mr. REMINGTON. First I would like to read the affidavit

of President Ernest Martin Hopkins of Dartmouth College, who knew me before I went to Tennessee and after I came back, and knew me very well:

"I believe him (myself) to be a man of high integrity, as I know him to be highly capable intellectually. I believe him to be deeply devoted to democratic principles and practices."

Mr. WOOD: Just a moment, Mr. Remington. You are now on trial here. I thought you wanted to make a statement of your own, not what somebody else said.

Mr. REMINGTON: I thought you might be interested in what is known about me by people who knew me far better than some of those who were quoted here today.

Mr. WOOD: There is no suggestion here that the President of Dartmouth College was connected with communism in any sense, so he could not know if you were or not.

Mr. REMINGTON: He knew me quite well.

Mr. WOOD: His statement would be hearsay. I will be glad to give you an opportunity to read your own statement.

Mr. REMINGTON: When the Loyalty Review Board cleared me some 15 months ago, I had hoped that my beliefs in the democratic way of life would never again be challenged. I had particularly dared to entertain this hope because the Loyalty Review Board, which confirmed my loyalty after a most thorough investigation and hearing consisted of three [illegible]

all completely devoted to the democratic principles upon which our nation was founded. That Board, as the committee may know, consisted of Seth W. Richardson, Assistant Attorney General under former President Hoover; Harry Colmery, Past Commander of the American Legion; and George Alger, distinguished Republican lawyer of New York City.

I was further encouraged in the hope that my loyalty had been established beyond further question by the settlement--for a substantial sum--of a libel suit which I had brought when my loyalty was impugned in public.

I find now that the question of my loyalty is to be reopened once again. I cannot but feel that this is unjust. The right to be free from continued harassment is fundamental under our laws. In my case it is not merely double jeopardy; it is triple jeopardy.

Yet I have no hesitancy in reaffirming before this committee, as I have done today, the statement that I have made over and over again--I am not now, nor have I ever been, a member of the Communist Party. And when I say "Never," I mean never, whether at the age of 5 or 18 or 32, which I am today.

It is my understanding that this committee is chiefly interested in the nine-month period when I served as a messenger with the Tennessee Valley Authority at the age of 18 or 19, and that is borne out by the questioning [illegible]

repeat again I was not then or at any other time a member of the Communist Party.

I didn't know the sources of the information which prompted your committee to ask for the reopening of my loyalty case before the questioning this afternoon. But I am willing to state unequivocally and for the third time that any person who charges that I was a Communist during the period of my employment with TVA or at any other time is either quite ignorant of the facts of thirteen years ago or is, I regret to say, engaged in deliberate falsehood.

The winter and spring of 1936-1937 was after the period of widespread depression. I was certainly not unique in my concern about this problem and in sensing that the [illegible] of depression and unemployment would weaken the moral and economic fabric of this great country.

I saw in TVA a great hope for rehabilitating idle [illegible] sources and idle human beings. I saw labor unions as [illegible] means by which the underprivileged and unemployed could help to work out their salvation. I regarded [illegible] as a major factor in this effort to make this nation whole and healthy again.

I do not think my reactions were peculiar. They [illegible] shared by thousands if not millions of young people my age. I was eager and enthusiastic about the work that was going on in the Tennessee Valley and incidentally I saved [illegible]

there to help me with my next year at college.

During my nine months at TVA I joined the Government Employees Union of the American Federation of Labor, called the AFGE. It was the center of extra-curricular and social activities. I understand now, from questioning by government agencies and questioning by this committee that some with whom I worked there were not as idealistic as I was, and that some of them may have actually been Communists and fellow-travelers. Perhaps I can assume that. I certainly didn't know it then.

I do not regret that I went down to TVA. I learned a lot of things in that period. It deepened the intensity of my belief in freedom, the Bill of Rights and in democratic government.

I have answered unreservedly every question put to me by the FBI, by the Loyalty Boards, by the newspapers and by everyone else, including this committee. I am prepared to keep on answering them. I ask only that some day soon, when at long last I have answered all the questions that could possibly be put to me, that my loyalty may again be treated like that of other Americans and that I may be left in peace and dignity to work for the welfare of this great country.

I would like to have the opportunity to present to you the evidence concerning my beliefs and activities by men who knew me better than any other people knew me, probably, the President at Dartmouth College, the Dean at Dartmouth College

and others. With your permission, sir, I would like to proceed with that.

Mr. WOOD. I don't want to take the committee's time now, but we will be glad to have you submit your information from other sources.

Mr. RAUH. I would like to file a copy of the entire brief filed before the Loyalty Board which cleared Mr. Remington, which contains the testimony of prominent people who knew Mr. Remington throughout his life, including the TVA period, and shows he was not a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you also have a copy of the findings of the agency which was overruled by the Loyalty Review Board?

Mr. RAUH. You will have to get that from the Loyalty Review Board.

Mr. TAVENNER. I think if part of the record is going to be produced here, it should all be produced.

Mr. WOOD. Is there any objection to receiving this document for reference?

There being no objection, it will be received.

The committee will stand at recess until 10:30 tomorrow morning.

(Thereupon, at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 1950, a recess was taken until Friday, May 5, 1950, at 10:30 a.m.)

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William W. Remington (resumed) [illegible]

Exhibit

"Remington Exhibit No. 5" - Application of Paul Crouch for post office box dated December [illegible] 1939, Knoxville, Tennessee [illegible]

Friday, May 5, 1950

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
Washington, D. C.

PUBLIC HEARING

The subcommittee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10:30 a.m. in room 226, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., Hon. John S. Wood (chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives John S. Wood (chairman), Francis E. Walter, Burr P. Harrison, Harold H. Velde (arriving as indicated), and Bernard W. Kearney (arriving as indicated).

Staff members present: Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel; Louis J. Russell, senior investigator; Donald T. Appell, William A. Wheeler, Courtney Owens, and William Jackson Jones, investigators; Benjamin Mandel, director of research; John W. Carrington, clerk; and A. S. Foore, editor.

Mr. WOOD. The committee will be in order.

For the purposes of the hearing this morning the Chairman has designated a subcommittee composed of Messrs. Walter, Harrison and Wood. All are present. You may proceed.

Mr. RAUH (Joseph L., Jr.). Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WOOD. Yes?

Mr. RAUH. At this time I would like to ask the committee

that we be allowed to examine at this time a copy of the complete transcript of the testimony of McConnell or Malcolm or Malcombre and of Bridgman, from which Mr. Tavenner read yesterday.

The committee must realize how difficult it is for anyone to meet an oral charge that one was a Communist at the age of eighteen or nineteen some thirteen years ago. We should certainly have an opportunity to see exactly what the witnesses said so that we can answer and endeavor to point out aspects of their testimony which would show, as we are sure, that they are either mistaken or that their recollection is faulty or that for some other reason they are not telling the truth.

It is bad enough to read into the record the testimony of two men who were not subject to cross examination. It is bad enough to read only a part of what they said. But it would compound the unfairness to refuse us the right now to examine the entire testimony.

We respectfully urge, in the interest of elemental fairness and justice, that we be allowed to examine the two transcripts at this time.

Mr. WOOD. As the chairman understands, the pertinent portions of the testimony given by the witnesses whose names have been indicated by counsel have been read to the witness. The entire testimony has not been made public. It was taken in executive session. The Chairman cannot appreciate how what

somebody else may have said about this witness can possibly have any effect on the truthfulness of what he may testify, and for that reason the request will be denied at this time.

Mr. RAUH. I am not asking for what other people said about this witness. I am asking for the complete transcript of the testimony that was read, in order to answer it. Only a part was read. It is unfair.

Mr. WOOD. You mean if he reads that testimony he may want to change his own?

Mr. RAUH. On the contrary, if we could read it we could show that it is faulty or false. Only a part was read. We want to see all of it.

(Representative Kearney enters hearing room.)

Mr. WOOD. May I remind you this investigation is not for argumentative purposes, but is an effort to elicit the truth, and that is all we want this witness to testify to.

Mr. RAUH. That is all he has testified to.

Mr. WOOD. Proceed, Mr. Counsel.

I will also include Mr. Kearney in the subcommittee and in order that the record may be kept straight, will you stand and be sworn again, please. You solemnly swear the evidence you give this subcommittee shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God.

Mr. REMINGTON. I do.

Mr. WOOD. Have a seat.

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM W. REMINGTON (Resumed)

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Remington, do you know Paul Crouch?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. I hand you a photograph, purportedly the photograph of Paul Crouch, and ask you if you can identify th person as a person heretofore known by you?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, yesterday we presented an application for post office box made by Horace Bryan, in whic the residence address was given as 933 North Broadway, Knoxville, Tennessee, and as a result of which there was assigned to that individual box No. 1692.

I desire to introduce into the record at this time an application for post office box bearing date December 5, 1938 by Paul Crouch, giving as references Francis Martin and William Haney, and the address of Francis Martin, and possibl of William Haney, is shown as post office box 1692. In other words, the address given by Mr. Francis Martin, a reference cited in the application, was post office box 1692.

Mr. WOOD. The same as the box assigned to Mr. Bryan?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes. I desire to introduce this application in the record, and ask that it be marked "Remington Exhibit No. 5."

Mr. WOOD. Without objection, let it be admitted.

(The document above referred to, marked "Remington

Exhibit No. 5 is cited herein.)

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Remington, according to the committee's information, the date of your severance from TVA was April 30, 1937. Is that correct?

Mr. REMINGTON. The date which was [illegible] on my personnel record which I requested in connection with my Federal Government retirement [illegible] May 17, 1937.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you return [illegible] tions?

Mr. REMINGTON. I indicated that I probably had some annual leave, and consequently I [illegible] day prior to May 17, which I understand [illegible] of my resignation from the TVA.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you enter the [illegible] at Dartmouth, what time?

Mr. REMINGTON. In September 1937.

Mr. TAVENNER. What time in September?

Mr. REMINGTON. Approximately the middle of September.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee what your activities were and where you were between the 17th day of May 1937 and the middle of September 1937.

Mr. REMINGTON. When I left the TVA I became affiliated with the Workers Education Committee, which had been [illegible] by the A.F. of L. union at the TVA [illegible]

My employment with that committee was sporadic. I got paid expenses and an hourly rate for the time which I worked. During that period of a few weeks between my resignation from the TVA and my return to New Jersey to spend the summer with my parents about the last week of June, I spent a great deal of time learning about the TVA. One of my purposes in resigning from the TVA at that time was to learn more about the Authority than I had been able to learn in Knoxville. I traveled extensively through the valley on recreation, learning about the TVA. I visited Norris Dam, I visited Blawassee Dam, I visited Chickamauga Dam, and I visited some of the agricultural industries which were being established by [illegible].

Mr. TAVENNER. When was it you traveled through the Tennessee Valley for those purposes?

Mr. REMINGTON. During those few weeks which elapsed following my resignation from TVA in the middle of May and the last week of June, when I returned North. Also during that time, in addition to this traveling around, and in addition to my sporadic teaching for this committee, I spent time working with the Textile Workers union. I received expense money for gasoline and for meals through that organization. I distributed leaflets--Textile Workers union leaflets--at a few factories in the vicinity where the Textile Workers organizers were working.

That completes the list of my activities during that

period--the labor unions, the Workers Education Committee, and recreation combined with learning about the Authority by visiting those various installations.

Mr. TAVENNER: You stated you returned to your home. You wife's home, did you say?

Mr. REMINGTON: No, my parents' home. I was nineteen years old at the time and returning to my junior year at college.

Mr. TAVENNER: Did you return to Knoxville, Tennessee again before entering college again in the fall of 1937?

Mr. REMINGTON: I did not. Not after I left about the last week of June 1937.

Mr. TAVENNER: You spoke of traveling to Norris Dam and various other places. What was your means of transportation?

Mr. REMINGTON: I had a motorcycle on which I rode.

Mr. TAVENNER: What disposition did you make of the motorcycle?

Mr. REMINGTON: When I left the TVA I sold the motorcycle which I owned--it was an Indian-75--to Mr. Todd who had a Harley-Davidson-45, in return for his Harley-Davidson. It was an exchange. Then I sold that Harley-Davidson to Mr. Horace Bryan, with the understanding that I was to receive money for that. In other words, I sold my motorcycle. Mr. Bryan was to pay me for the motorcycle, and in effect Mr. Todd and Mr. Bryan exchanged, so that Mr. Bryan was driving the Harley-Davidson and Mr. Todd took the Indian.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did that transaction take place?

Mr. REMINGTON. That took place as I was leaving Knoxville within a day or two prior to my departure. I would like to amend that. It might have been several days prior to my departure, but I think it was just as I was leaving.

Mr. TAVENNER. At any rate, it was during the week of your departure?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. This is well documented by my letters and discussions with the Internal Revenue Bureau in later years because Mr. Bryan never paid me for that motorcycle in any way, and so I had to take it as a bad debt deduction finally.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you first become employed by the War Production Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. In February of 1942.

Mr. TAVENNER. And you remained in the employment of the War Production Board until what date?

Mr. REMINGTON. My last day of duty was, I believe, March of 1944, when I left to enter a Navy school.

(Representative Velde enters hearing room.)

Mr. REMINGTON (continuing). My annual leave carried me, I believe, up until June of 1944.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the character of your employment with the War Production Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was, during 1942 and during the first part of 1943, a member of the staff of the [illegible] planning

Committee of the War Production Board [illegible]

Orders and Regulations Bureau, where [illegible] of the

director of that Bureau.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the [illegible] of

branch?

Mr. REMINGTON. The Orders and Regulations [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the general [illegible]

Committee of Consultation of the War Production Board [illegible]

you were a staff member?

Mr. REMINGTON. The general [illegible]

to propose ways and means of stepping [illegible]

program to reach a reasonable [illegible]

duction field?

Mr. TAVENNER. And who was [illegible]

you served on the Planning Committee [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. My immediate [illegible]

Dickinson, the director of the [illegible]

director of the Planning Committee [illegible]

purposes to a unit headed by Mr. [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I worked [illegible]

production scheduling during [illegible]

Planning Committee, and Mr. [illegible]

type of work in the Planning Committee [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. What was Mr. [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I am sorry, I [illegible] the name of the section or unit or division which he headed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall his first name or his [illegible] name?

Mr. REMINGTON. Tom Wilson.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you engaged in conferences with him [illegible] ment during the entire time you were with the [illegible] Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I was assigned [illegible] to the Orders and Regulations Bureau.

Mr. TAVENNER. But from [illegible] 1943, when you were transferred to [illegible] Bureau, you worked under Mr. Tom Wilson?

Mr. REMINGTON. For the most part, [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Tell us what was the character of your duties while engaged in that particular work under Mr. Wilson.

Mr. REMINGTON. I prepared a plan [illegible] in the preparation of a plan for [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you explain to us [illegible] mean by raw materials control?

Mr. REMINGTON. During the war [illegible] There were requirements for most raw materials which in the aggregate, exceeded supply. It was the responsibility of the War Production Board to find ways and means [illegible] to the factories for the purposes [illegible]

consider important, and which the Civilian Requirements Division considered important to maintain essential civilian services. I worked on ways and means of getting the materials to the place they were needed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did that Committee likewise make recommendations or enter into the planning of what materials should be controlled?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. There was another committee to do that. I imagine the Planning Committee, being in very close touch with the other parts of the War Production Board, were not uninformed about the problem that you raised. However, I never attended a meeting of the Planning Committee. I do know there was another committee with the responsibility which you have just described.

Mr. TAVENNER. It was necessary, however, to carry out the functions of the Committee with regard to raw materials acting under Mr. Tom Wilson, for it to have knowledge and be informed of what raw materials were under control.

Mr. REMINGTON. I certainly knew what raw materials were under control.

Mr. TAVENNER. You had to deal with those subjects daily, I assume?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. So did every business man who wanted to produce anything, anything at all.

Mr. TAVENNER. That control was extended, was it not, to

all sor[illegible] of raw materials which we[illegible] used in the manufacture and production of such weapons as airplanes?

Mr. REMINGTON. The controls which I worked on and helped to plan were limited to a few materials.

Mr. TAVENNER. Materials that were used in what fields, for instance?

Mr. REMINGTON. Materials that were used in everything from dishpans to razor blades to the eyelets in your shoes, and including military products, of course.

Mr. TAVENNER. And also including airplane production?

Mr. REMINGTON. Of course.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was that group ever consulted or have anything to do with the licensing of any materials which were under control for export to foreign countries?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I know of no such consultation or activity.

Mr. TAVENNER. A person in the position which you occupied with that particular group, working on raw materials, was in position to have special knowledge regarding control of materials. That is true, isn't it?

Mr. REMINGTON. I had knowledge of the control techniques I helped to write them.

Mr. TAVENNER. As well as the particular identity of the items under control?

Mr. REMINGTON. If I knew which materials were under

control, I knew their particular identity. They were steel, copper, and aluminum. I certainly knew their identity. I know that steel is used in a variety of products. I did not know, I had no connection with, the problem of deciding how much steel to put into individual end products. That was handled by the so-called Requirements Committee and Program Adjustment Committee, for which I did not work.

Mr. TAVENNER. If I understand your testimony correctly, your job was to see that those materials got to the defense plants where the controlled materials were used.

Mr. REMINGTON. The Materials Branches had the responsibility for getting the materials, getting them produced, getting them flowing. I worked as a technician on control techniques, scheduling techniques.

Mr. TAVENNER. What information did you have in 1943 regarding the existence of the Manhattan project?

Mr. REMINGTON. In 1943 I believe I knew nothing about the Manhattan Project. Early in 1944 I knew that a Manhattan Project existed. I knew that the priorities issued for the Manhattan Project were overriding priorities. They gave us certain problems with respect to our priorities regulations which the Orders and Regulations Bureau enforced, or rather wrote and reviewed. I also knew that these overriding priorities were giving particular problems in the field of certain components which were used in the high octane gasoline program.

I drew the inference from that--an inference which I never mentioned to anyone, not even my associates--that I recall--I drew the inference that the Manhattan Project was a project dealing with high octane gasoline.

Mr. TAVENNER. These overriding priorities to which you refer as related to the Manhattan Project did they designate the Manhattan Project in any manner? How did you know they related to the Manhattan Project?

Mr. REMINGTON. As I recall it, we had an inquiry on two or three about overriding priorities for some components which took those components away from some use which would have been appropriate under the priorities regulations, particularly what was known as Priorities Regulation 1, and awarded them to a destination known as the Manhattan Project. I assumed it was an installation in New York.

Mr. TAVENNER. Can you recall some of the materials which were given an overriding priority for the use of Manhattan Project, for instance?

Mr. REMINGTON. I recall that these priorities affected certain components, certain fabricated items, which are used in refineries.

Mr. TAVENNER. A person occupying the position you occupied at that time would have the same general information and knowledge regarding airplane production and military and naval weapons generally, would he not?

Mr. REMINGTON: I am not sure what you mean by the same knowledge. If you mean that I knew airplanes required certain components like landing gear and engines, yes, I knew that.

Mr. TAVENNER: Of course that is quite obvious, but I mean a person working with the group to which you were assigned, in dealing with raw materials, would necessarily have knowledge of overriding priorities of raw materials destined to go into the production of airplanes and weapons, on the same principle that you have given us as to your knowledge of such materials destined to go to the Manhattan Engineering Project.

Mr. REMINGTON: May I answer your question, sir, by telling you briefly how the priority system worked and what I did about it?

Mr. TAVENNER: I would be very glad for you to do that, but would you answer the question, please?

Mr. REMINGTON: I would appreciate your restating the question, please, because as it was asked there is no answer that I know of.

Mr. TAVENNER: I will try to reframe it. You have told us that a person working in the capacity in which you were working would have occasion to know of the overriding priorities which came down to that Committee directing the use of certain raw materials by the Manhattan Engineering Project. Now I am asking you if a person working in that capacity wouldn't have the same knowledge, or the same means of knowing about overridi

priorities regarding materials which are expected to go into the manufacture of arms, ammunition, and airplanes.

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, I am going to speak in precise technical terms as used by the War Production Board. I had no knowledge of overriding priorities coming down to the Committee from the Manhattan Project. As far as I know, there were no overriding priorities that came down to any committee I had anything to do with. Does that answer the question directly, sir, or would you like me to describe what happened.

Mr. WOOD. The committee will have to suspend for twenty minutes so that the members may have an opportunity to answer the roll call. We will then resume the hearing at a quarter to twelve.

In the meantime, sir (addressing Mr. Rauh), in view of your request, and in order that we may not break into the time of the testimony, while the committee is in recess I will direct the counsel to make available to you the testimony you requested so that you may have an opportunity to look at it in the hearing room.

Mr. WALTER. That is the testimony of Bridgman and McConne

Mr. WOOD. Yes.

Mr. RAUH. Thank you.

(Short recess.)

(The hearing is resumed at 11:45 a.m., Messrs. Wood, Walter, and Harrison being present.)

Mr. [illegible] The subcommittee will [illegible] in order.

Mr. RAUH. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make one [illegible]

Even a cursory glance at these two transcripts in the [illegible] minutes I have had shows gross [illegible] through. I would like to read that [illegible] day, working in your office and under your [illegible] vinced that these documents [illegible] destruction.

Mr. WOOD. The committee [illegible]

Mr. RAUH. May I keep them [illegible]

Mr. WOOD. You may continue to retain them [illegible] through with this hearing [illegible] committee room.

Mr. RAUH. Thank you.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will the reporter read the [illegible] last question, please.

(The answer referred to was read as follows: "Sir, I am going to speak [illegible] as used by the War Production Board [illegible] overriding priorities coming down to the committee [illegible] Manhattan Project. As far as I know, there were no overriding priorities that came down to any committee I had anything to do with. Does that answer the question [illegible] you like me to describe what happened [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Remington, [illegible]

to the first question asked you along this line, which I think makes plain what I was attempting to inquire about.

Question. "What information did you have in 1943 regarding the existence of the Manhattan Project?

"Mr. Remington. In 1943 I believe I knew nothing about the Manhattan Project. Early in 1944 I knew that a Manhattan Project existed. I knew that the priorities issued for the Manhattan Project were overriding priorities. They gave us certain problems with respect to our priorities regulations which the Orders and Regulations Bureau enforced, or rather wrote and reviewed. I also knew that these overriding priorities were giving particular problems in the field of certain components which were used in the high octane gasoline program. I drew the inference from that—an inference which I never mentioned to anyone, not even my associates, that I recall—I drew the inference that the Manhattan Project was a project dealing with high octane gasoline."

And the further question:

"These overriding priorities to which you refer was related to the Manhattan Project, did they designate the Manhattan Project in any manner? How did you know they related to the Manhattan Project?

"Mr. Remington. As I recall it, we had an inquiry or two or three about overriding priorities for some

components which took those components away from some use which would have been appropriate under the priorities regulations, particularly what was known as Priorities Regulation I, and awarded them to a destination known as the Manhattan Project. I assumed it was an installation in New York."

Does that not mean that you did have knowledge, and there did come to your attention overriding priorities relating to raw materials with which you were dealing?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. If you had that knowledge and acquired such information in regard to a matter as secret as the Manhattan Engineering Project, you had it also in the field of defense weapons generally and airplanes, did you not?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir. I knew that priorities were [illegible] for many military uses; that these priorities were served on manufacturers, who made the shipments in accordance with priorities.

Mr. TAVENNER. And having that information, you were acquainted with the general volume of raw materials which were being diverted to these particular enterprises, were you not?

Mr. REMINGTON. I did not know the volume of raw materials which were given to, allocated to, the specific end products in any fashion except what I read generally about the war pro-

duction program. I was not in the part of the War production program which divided up the materials as between one use and another.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then you only knew about the general uses to which those raw materials were being diverted.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, and I also would add that I was a specialist on the control techniques, the priorities regulations, and other public orders of the War Production Board.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you continue to function with that Committee, acting under Mr. Tom Wilson, until 1944, when you withdrew from the War Production Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I believe Mr. Wilson left the War Production Board when the Planning Committee was in process of termination in 1943.

Mr. TAVENNER. I can understand your answer in view of the language of my question, but I meant, did you continue to engage in that same work during your entire employment with the War Production Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. I moved from the Planning Committee to the Orders and Regulations Bureau in 1943, but in both jobs I was specializing in these control techniques and procedures.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the general nature of your duties after you were transferred to the Orders and Regulations Bureau?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was a general assistant to the director of the Bureau. In that capacity I was partly responsible

largely responsible, I should say, [illegible] the supervision of the staff economists. The nature of our work was to circulate proposed orders and regulations to the interested agencies, to review their comments, to decide what changes would be necessary before approval of a proposed order or regulation or change in order or regulation, and to decide whether or not the order or regulation should be issued as proposed, with changes, or not at all.

Mr. TAVENNER. Therefore the opportunities for knowledge of the workings of the War Production Board by a person serving in that capacity were very large, were they not, with reference to how raw materials were being used in the war effort?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was well acquainted with the War Production Board, sir, yes. I knew, I believe, a great deal about the material control procedures, the priorities regulations, and the other public orders and regulations of the War Production Board.

Mr. TAVENNER. And the problems that arose in the furnishing of particular raw materials for particular purposes, is that not true?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe so.

Mr. TAVENNER. You told us in your earlier testimony that at the home of your mother-in-law in New York you met a person by the name of Joseph North?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you first meet him?

Mr. REMINGTON. I met him at the home of my ex-mother-in-law--I want to make it clear that there is no longer any legal relationship or personal relationship on any other relationship sometime in the winter of 1939-1940, when I was living in New York City.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you meet him frequently at the home of your mother-in-law?

Mr. REMINGTON. I went to the home of my mother-in-law almost every weekend from New York. I believe he was in her house for anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours half of those weekends, or certainly a great many of those weekends; I couldn't say how many. He was a frequent visitor. In other words.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did he live?

Mr. REMINGTON. He lived in what had been the garage of the house of my former mother-in-law, which was perhaps fifty feet from my ex-mother-in-law's house.

Mr. TAVENNER. And on the same property?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you become very well acquainted with Mr. North during the period you knew him there?

Mr. REMINGTON. I became acquainted with him as a frequent visitor, as a person with whom I had many social conversations.

Mr. TAVENNER. I am not certain whether you have told us

over how long a period of time you associated with Mr. North there at the property of your mother-in-law?

Mr. REMINGTON: During the academic year 1939-1940, when I was at Columbia, I believe I saw him many of the weekends that I was in Croton. I was there, as I have indicated, almost every weekend. In May of 1940 I accepted employment in Washington. I was in Croton perhaps once during the summer, when I have seen him.

During the winter of 1940-1941 I was in Croton on a few occasions, although I was residing in Washington. During the summer of 1941 I was in Croton at least once. During the winter of 1941-1942 I believe I was in Croton once or twice.

On most of these occasions I believe that I would have seen Mr. North, because, as I indicated, he was a frequent visitor at my ex-mother-in-law's house. [illegible] were in the same yard, and there was constant running back and forth.

Mr. TAVENNER: I believe you testified earlier that you knew Joseph North to be a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON: I knew him to be editor of the New Masses and I certainly assumed that he was a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER: In your conversations with him over the course of approximately two or two and a half years, did he argue with you or state in your presence many times views indicating to you that he was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. I go into [illegible] what he told [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. There is no question about it, that you recognized him as a Communist?

Mr. REMINGTON. No question in my mind.

Mr. TAVENNER. After you became employed by the War Production Board, did he show any interest in your work with the War Production Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the nature of that interest?

Mr. REMINGTON. He was interested in the [illegible] the Administration in Washington was making [illegible] efforts to produce war materials.

Mr. TAVENNER. Is that all?

Mr. REMINGTON. That was the nature of the interest. The only nature of his interest which seemed [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. And did not he [illegible] desire to know anything about the character of [illegible] the nature of the organization of the War Production Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. He was as [illegible] in the nature of the organization of the War Production Board. I am sure I described to him the nature of [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. You mean by that, how it was organized and how it functioned?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, it.

Mr. TAVENNER. And was he also interested in the personnel [illegible]

of the Board, if so, who they were?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was an interest in [illegible] to the personalities of different members of the Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. What other [illegible] an interest in, in regard to the [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I doubt if anything [illegible] knowing whether any high-ranking [illegible] write an article for the magazine [illegible] article.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you [illegible] an article?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you [illegible] arrangement was made by Mr. Joseph [illegible] dinner to meet a friend of his?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did that occur?

Mr. REMINGTON. That occurred in the [illegible] I believe it was during the period of [illegible] Croton around Christmas. I could not [illegible] than that. I know that I was in Croton [illegible] in that winter.

Mr. TAVENNER. What year was that?

Mr. REMINGTON. The winter of 1941-1942.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then where did you go for dinner, do you recall?

Mr. REMINGTON. I recall having lunch with Mr. North and a friend of his, to whom he introduced me at a restaurant in midtown Manhattan. That restaurant has been identified in previous hearings, as you know.

Mr. TAVENNER. And what is the name of it?

Mr. REMINGTON. It is a restaurant, Childs or Schrafft's. It slips my mind at the moment, in the vicinity of Lexington Avenue and 32nd Street, thereabouts, within a block or two.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was the person whom you met at that dinner Jacob Golos?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did Mr. North state to you why he wanted you to meet Mr. Golos?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, he did.

Mr. TAVENNER. What statement did he make?

Mr. REMINGTON. He said that what I had been telling him about the sincerity of the Administration in pushing for a high level of war production was very interesting. He thought a friend of his, a writer, would like to learn or should learn about it, perhaps.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether Mr. Golos was a member of the Communist Party or affiliated with it or with [illegible]

Communist-front organization at that time?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, the records of the committee show that Mr. Golos is now deceased; that he was identified by Manning Johnson, in his testimony before this committee, as the head of World Tourists, which has been cited as a Communist-front organization; and that he was named in a letter by the office of the Attorney General to the District of Columbia Federal Court, asking that a special grand jury investigate his alleged misrepresentations and omissions in connection with filing registration statements with the State Department as agent of a foreign government. I have no information as to the result of that investigation, if one was conducted.

Mr. Remington, did you at any time prior to the end of 1944 learn that Mr. Golos was in any way affiliated with the Communist Party or any Communist-front organization?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, as I have testified before the Senate investigating subcommittee, as is shown by the record, and as I have testified before the Loyalty Board.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did Mr. Golos state to you on that occasion when you met him--and was that the first time you had met him?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. That he was looking for information on various things for books and articles which he proposed to

write, and included among those things facts about the organization of the war production program, facts about the progress of the war production program, production data, and matters of that kind?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he also state to you and emphasize to you that he was most strongly interested in knowing about the personalities in the war production program, their backgrounds, opinions, and attitudes?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he at that time make an appointment to meet you again?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. And you took the initiative that you met him?

Mr. REMINGTON. Very soon thereafter, as I recall.

Mr. TAVENNER. On that occasion did he bring another person with him to meet you?

Mr. REMINGTON. He did.

Mr. TAVENNER. And who was that person?

Mr. REMINGTON. Miss Helen Johnson, subsequently known to me as Elizabeth T. Bentley.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he indicate to you at the time that she was working for him?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, and for other

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the character of the work that he told you she was doing?

Mr. REMINGTON. He said that she did miscellaneous research for writers such as himself.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he reiterate the character of the information that he was interested in obtaining from you similar to what you have testified before?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he make arrangement with you at that time that the person known to you at that time as Helen Johnson would call upon you in Washington and obtain that information from you?

Mr. REMINGTON. He made no formal arrangement. He did say that he would appreciate it if I chatted with her about this kind of problem if she called me in Washington. I had the clear impression she probably would call, but there was no formal arrangement.

Mr. TAVENNER. How soon after that was it that you saw her again?

Mr. REMINGTON. A few weeks, several weeks, after our discussion in New York.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did you meet her?

Mr. REMINGTON. In Washington.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where in Washington?

Mr. REMINGTON. She called me on the telephone, I believe

she called me at the number in the phone book, but reached me at my office. We met the first time, I believe, on the corner of Pennsylvania and 14th Street for a luncheon appointment.

Mr. TAVENNER. For a luncheon appointment? Who made the appointment for lunch, you or she?

Mr. REMINGTON. She called me.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did she suggest lunch?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you meet for another purpose on that occasion?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. In other words, this was purely a social meeting between the two of you?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then when did you meet the next time? Before I ask you that question, did you furnish her with any information of any character on that occasion relating to the functioning of the War Production Board?

Mr. REMINGTON. I did, in the sense that we discussed the War Production Board in general terms.

Mr. TAVENNER. And did you also discuss the nature of your duties and your position?

Mr. REMINGTON. I would assume so. I have no clear recollection of describing my duties.

Mr. TAVENNER. In fact, didn't you advise [illegible]

of work [illegible] you were in [illegible] or matters of which you would have knowledge.

Mr. REMINGTON. I would assume [illegible] that I did in the War Production Board, of course.

Mr. TAVENNER. When was the next occasion on which you met her?

Mr. REMINGTON. Several weeks later, [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Mind you, I'm [illegible] about dates. When did you meet?

Mr. REMINGTON. We met [illegible] in the course of half a dozen meetings [illegible] obviously where we met the second time as opposed to the third or fourth, so I could not give an accurate [illegible] question of where we met the second time. I do not recall on more than one occasion she called up and [illegible] be free for lunch.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did she ever come to your office? Did she ever come to your office?

Mr. REMINGTON. Not to my recollection. I do recall she did. I asked her to come over to the office on one occasion when I could not make a luncheon appointment. I believe she refused on grounds that it was too [illegible] some other reason.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then did you meet her on that occasion you say she refused to come to your office?

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't know if that was an occasion on which we did make an appointment or not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were there any occasions that you are now certain of on which she called you in order to talk to you when you didn't meet her?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. How many?

Mr. REMINGTON. I have no recollection of that [illegible].

Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give the committee your best judgment on it?

Mr. REMINGTON. I know that during the latter part of our brief acquaintance--or our casual acquaintance, I should say, because it stretched out over a period of somewhat less than two years--during the latter part of that period I was increasingly skeptical of the point of trying to get across to her the things that we wanted to get into the newspapers. When one wants to get something into the newspapers one prefer to talk to reporters and analysts who obviously know what they are doing. I was becoming increasingly skeptical of Miss Bentley's professional ability, and so I was increasingly reluctant to spend the time for a purpose which it seemed would not bear fruit for the organization.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then it seems it was you who were anxious to get in touch with her in order to get over some point for the War Production Board? Is that what you mean to tell us?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir. I mean when she called me I was ready and willing to talk to her, as I would be ready and willing to discuss public information with any citizen, particularly a person who said he was working for the press.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then it is not correct that the War Production Board had a point that it was trying to get over with the person you knew as Helen Johnson?

Mr. REMINGTON. The War Production Board had a great deal that it was trying to make clear to the public, to the press.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you representing the War Production Board in trying to make anything clear to Helen Johnson for publication? Was that your purpose?

Mr. REMINGTON. I talked to Helen Johnson believing that it was helpful from the point of view of my office in the War Production Board to put her straight on the facts about the public activities of the War Production Board, as is made clear, I believe, by the record of the Senate investigating subcommittee and this is also made clear, of course, in the discussions before the Loyalty Boards.

Mr. WALTER. Did the War Production Board have a public relations section?

Mr. REMINGTON. It did, sir.

Mr. WALTER. Why didn't you refer this lady to that section whose job it was to explain the operations of the WPB and to furnish information?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe that is best answered, sir, if I may read to you an excerpt from the affidavit of the chairman of the Planning Committee at that time. It is one short paragraph. The chairman of the Planning Committee was Mr. Robert R. Nathan. He said as follows, under oath, of course:

"At WPB and other places I have always been willing to talk with reporters and columnists. Others associated with me tended to do likewise. I tried to use discretion in handling material so as to benefit the agency and the government and the country. I never objected to my associates or subordinates talking with reporters, and we often discussed the value of getting accurate unclassified material into the hands of the press, always stressing the use of intelligent discretion. Many people on the Planning Commission staff had excellent press contacts and used them to the benefit of the WPB and the national interest. I saw the press representatives in and out of the office. Many were and are social acquaintances and friends."

Does that answer your question, sir?

Mr. WALTER. No, it doesn't answer my question. The thing that concerned me was this, why you would be willing to give so much of your time to a casual acquaintance rather than have her go to the office where, if you were unable to give the information sought, somebody else could.

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, you said so much of my time. I spent in my life, I suppose, somewhat slightly over six hours with Miss Bentley, meeting her half a dozen times. We might have gone over an hour occasionally. On the other hand, we ate quickly and saw each other less than an hour on other occasions.

Mr. WALTER. Didn't you feel that meeting somebody who was introduced to you by a Communist, there might have been something unusual about he.

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, I didn't know at the time that Mr. Golos was a Communist.

Mr. WOOD. But you knew the man who introduced you to Mr. Golos was a Communist.

Mr. REMINGTON. I knew Mr. North was a Communist, but I knew an assistant vice chairman of the War Production Board had written for Mr. North's magazine during that period.

Mr. WOOD. Mr. North introduced you to Mr. Golos and as I understand, he told you the information Mr. Golos wanted was information he himself wanted for his writings.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, and I understood from him Miss Bentley was being used by PM.

Mr. WOOD. Mr. Golos was introduced to you by Mr. North who was known to you to be a Communist, and Mr. Golos in turn introduced you to Miss Bentley. All those facts didn't register in your mind as making Miss Bentley a bad risk to give con-

fidential information to?

Mr. REMINGTON. They did not.

(Representative Walter leaves hearing room.)

Mr. REMINGTON (continuing). I would like to emphasize that I of course never discussed with Miss Bentley or anyone else any information that was not available to the public.

Mr. WOOD. Mr. Walter has had to leave the room, and that reduces our membership to less than a quorum. How long will this interrogation continue?

Mr. TAVENNER. Probably an hour.

Mr. WOOD. Let the record disclose that from here on, since Mr. Walter has absented himself, that a subcommittee is being set up composed of Mr. Harrison and Mr. Wood for the purpose of further conducting this hearing, and in order to conform to legal procedure I shall have to ask you to be sworn again. You solemnly swear the evidence you give to this subcommittee shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do.

Mr. HARRISON. I think the record should show Mr. Walter left the room during the course of his last answer.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Remington, you read an affidavit from which I understood the affiant made the statement that some of the members of the staff had good press contacts or relationships. Did he know of your press relationship with the person

known as Helen Johnson?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not know. I certainly made no secret of it.

Mr. TAVENNER. What did you tell him?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not recall specifically discussing it with Mr. Nathan. I do recall mentioning it to one other associate, at least.

Mr. TAVENNER. To whom?

Mr. REMINGTON. I recall mentioning it one day, in passing to Mr. Wilson, as I have previously testified.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did either you or Mr. Wilson undertake to investigate the press representation of Helen Johnson?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I have never made such a check on any person who has said he was a reporter. I have talked to literally hundreds, I believe.

Mr. TAVENNER. You said you were interested in giving information that might be of some advantage to the War Production Board. What articles, over this two-year period, did the news reporter, Helen Johnson, show you that she had written?

Mr. REMINGTON. She showed me several articles in PM which I understood were based in part upon information which she had collected.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did she also show you articles from the Daily Worker?

Mr. REMINGTON. She also showed me a few articles in the

Daily Worker, but I did not draw the inference that they were based upon information that she had collected.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then what was her purpose in exhibiting these articles from the Daily Worker to you?

Mr. REMINGTON. She wanted to ask whether viewpoints expressed there, and things described there as facts were in fact true. Generally they were not.

Mr. TAVENNER. And that is the kind of your knowledge of the result of those two years of reporting?

Mr. REMINGTON. That is the kind of knowledge considering those half dozen brief conversations with Miss Smith during which I discussed with her one point or two points.

Mr. TAVENNER. How many times did you talk with her?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe it was six. She indicated a range of ten or fifteen meetings or so.

Mr. TAVENNER. Ten to twenty, was it?

Mr. REMINGTON. Ten, fifteen or twenty. I think it was six. It could be ten, I said, but I believe it was six.

Mr. TAVENNER. And all of these conferences you had with a so-called representative of the press were out in your office and were on street corners and other places?

Mr. REMINGTON. They were out of my office in restaurants and other places, including a street corner.

Mr. TAVENNER. What were the other places?

Mr. REMINGTON. I met her once at the [illegible]

where I had made it a practice of eating lunch occasionally. I met her once near my building when she had said that she was on her way to a train. I met her there and we eat and talked briefly while she was on her way to the train, presumably.

Mr. TAVENNER. When you met -- Did you say at an art gallery?

Mr. REMINGTON. National Art Museum or National Art Gallery. I am not sure which title is correct.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you meet on the outside and then go in and sit down and confer there regarding information that she desired to obtain from you?

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. You did not go inside.

Mr. REMINGTON. We met inside and we on that occasion I believe, discussed very little about the War Production Board, because it was, as I recall it, the last time I talked with her.

Mr. TAVENNER. When Miss Bentley first talked to you about information, did you tell her there was information that the War Production Board desired to give her for publication, or did she tell you that she was interested in obtaining information from you?

Mr. REMINGTON. She said that she was interested in learning from me about the War Production Board and its problems, its activities.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did she also tell you she wanted airplane production data?

Mr. REMINGTON. I recall her inquiring of me about airpla production. I don't think that she--I know that she never mad any such statement as, "I want airplane production data." Tha would have been an improper question, in my judgment, and I would have reacted negatively to any such conversation.

Mr. TAVENNER. Wasn't this question asked you and answer made by you in your testimony before the Senate Committee, I believe on or about August 5, 1948?

Question. "What information did you give her?"

Answer. "The problems that Miss Bentley said she was interested in are as follows: I believe she said, and I am just recalling. I have no notes on this with me. She said she wanted airplane production data. War Production Board internal policies."

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER (continuing reading). --she said formulas.

Mr. REMINGTON. She did not ask me any such question, sir, as you suggested earlier.

Mr. WOOD. Just a moment. The question now is, is that in substance what you answered?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. That was your answer?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, and my previous answer to your previ question, sir, was that she did not say, "Give me airplane pro duction data." She indicated that she was interested in knowi

about airplane production information so far as that information was public, and that is what I discussed with her. She asked me no improper question which would have put me on my guard. It is the point I am making.

Mr. TAVENNER. So then, after it was made clear to you that she was interested in airplane production [illegible] duction Board internal policies and formulation [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. (Nods head in affirmative.)

Mr. TAVENNER. You are nodding your head in approval, but that cannot be recorded.

Mr. REMINGTON. I am sorry, [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall discussing [illegible] is with Helen Johnson, internal policies of the [illegible] tion Board regarding materials which could be [illegible] to Russia?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, I discussed with her the policies of the War Production Board regarding the control of materials, and I assume that many of these materials were subsequently to Russia; about that I have no knowledge.

I want to emphasize that I discussed this matter [illegible] problem with her because I was one of the two men in the [illegible] Production Board who first originated the proposal for [illegible] "vertical" control of materials. We developed the controlled materials plan in the War Production Board on the basis of the recommendations and the work of another man and myself. [illegible]

controlled materials plan was bitterly attacked by the Communist

I claim considerable credit for having originated and developed

the materials control plan which was entrusted to the Communist

Party. This is borne out by affidavits from Mr. Charles J.

Hitch, with whom I worked, and by numerous other evidences.

Mr. TAVENNER. When was that?

Mr. REMINGTON. That was during 1942.

Mr. TAVENNER. During that period when the work was being

done by you, were you asked by Helen Johnson about some

internal policies of the War Production Board with regard to

allocating materials to Russia?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, not about allocating materials to

Russia. I knew nothing about that.

Mr. TAVENNER. You did not discuss that matter?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, unless we did discuss some article that

had appeared in the newspapers about lend-lease to Russia or

something of that sort. I had no information from my work

on that subject. But I went to emphasize the fact that these lunches

with Miss Bentley, which were social in their character, we

discussed the range of current events which are in the news

papers and which everyone discusses at lunch.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did she discuss with you and did you go to

information on the ranking people in the War Production Board

who were in a position to help Russia go more than she was

getting?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Tell us about that.

Mr. REMINGTON. She asked me about several individuals in the War Production Board who were in the news, men responsi for policy. She asked particularly if these men were sincerel interested in fighting an all-out war, or if they were what she described as "business-as-usual" in their attitudes.

Mr. TAVENNER. My question was this, and your answer was in the affirmative. Whether she asked you for information on ranking people in the War Production Board who were in a posit to help Russia get more than she was getting. What informatio did you give her regarding persons on the Board who were in a position to help Russia get more than she was getting.

Mr. REMINGTON. I don't know who specifically was in such a position. I assume Mr. Nelson and Mr. Batt, the chairman and Mr. Batt at one time was vice chairman of the War Production Board, were in a position such as you describe. I don't know that from personal knowledge, but I assume it. She asked me what kind of reputation Mr. Nelson had, and what kind of reputation Mr. Batt had. I indicated to her the very high opinion in which their subordinates held those two gentlemen and also others.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you report to your superior that Helen Johnson, who had been introduced to you as a result of the action of Joseph North, had been inquiring about the personal

integrity of officers and employees in the War Production Boa

Mr. REMINGTON. No; I don't believe she ever inquired about the personal integrity of anyone; certainly not to my recollection. She inquired as to their effectiveness as leade of the War Production Board.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did not the nature of the inquiries she made of you create suspicion in your mind as to the objects and purposes and aims of Helen Johnson?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. Perhaps half a dozen reporters every day were asking similar questions of the Planning Committee staff members, and probably dozens of reporters a day were asking similar questions of War Production Board personnel outside of the information division.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you take documentary evidence of any character, or notes, for delivery to Helen Johnson on any of these six to ten occasions that you met her at various places?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. I took her copies of War Production Board forms and news releases which described the materials control techniques that I discussed with her. I also recall distinctly on one occasion when she had telephoned me and said that she was interested in chatting with me about some problem which I do not now recall, that I picked up a copy of the Kiplinger Newsletter which had happened to include an item on that subject, made some notes, and rushed off to keep an appoi ment with her.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was your purpose in getting her excerpts from the newsletter?

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, when I am going to chat with someone I try to give the illusion of being as well informed as I can.

Mr. TAVENNER. So your furnishing of information was just an effort on your part to impress Helen Johnson. Is that what you would have the committee understand?

Mr. REMINGTON. I doubt if I had any incentive to impress Helen Johnson, as I remember her.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then why did you take the course you have just described you took?

Mr. REMINGTON. I have a certain, perhaps misplaced desire to learn. I saw nothing unusual in picking up a Kiplinger Newsletter to read. A lot of people do.

Mr. TAVENNER. But this was information you were giving to her?

Mr. REMINGTON. Information I was going to discuss with her. If the Kiplinger Newsletter said that there were [illegible] billion dollars appropriations pending before Congress, I didn't want to talk to a reporter and research worker and give a figure that was ten billion off or one billion off or even thirty cents off.

Mr. TAVENNER. This statement which I am now going to read you is a statement in the possession of the committee of testimony of Miss Bentley before the Senate committee on

August 3, 1948:

Question. "The information, how did he give it to you?"

Answer. "Well, in common with all the aircraft figures that he brought, he informed me that he could not bring out original things because he might be detected and that he had carefully taken down these little formulas and figures on scraps of paper because they were easier to put in his pocket, you see, and no one would suspect it and he was very nervous, very jittery and obviously scared to death that anybody would find out what he was doing."

Now, you have spoken of taking notes. Did you take notes to her on any other occasion than the one you mentioned, which you took from the newsletter?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe I did. I don't recall specifically.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you write formulas and figures on scraps of paper and give them to her?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I wrote nothing for her except that on the copies of material control forms I made explanatory notes for her. I was trying to teach her--apparently unsuccessfully--something about facts of public materials control procedures. I never made notes on any figures for her. I did, when she told me over the phone what she wanted to talk about at lunch, what subject she hoped to gather information on for her news-

paper support, I made some rough notes of my own information so that I would not misinform them. Reporters do not like to be misinformed, and government men and private citizens think I have a public duty not to misinform reporters.

Mr. TAVENNER. And you had those memoranda with you at the time you talked to her, is that correct?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. I had notes on some of those occasions. As I have said many times in public, this was the subject of an investigation before a Senate committee, and I have gone over it in great detail, and I have received a substantial settlement in a civil suit on the part of this same incident.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who paid that substantial amount of damages to you?

Mr. RAUH. That is not a matter that Mr. Remington could properly answer. There was an agreement between counsel that would not be made public.

Mr. WOOD. The question was asked of the witness, not counsel.

Mr. RAUH. You said at the beginning of the hearing the witness could consult with counsel.

Mr. WOOD. The witness can confer with counsel, and he will answer the questions.

(Witness confers with counsel.)

Mr. REMINGTON. At the time of the settlement, counsel for

the parties agreed that the details of the settlement would be kept confidential.

Mr. TAVENNER. You have seen fit to mention it two or three times during the course of this hearing.

Mr. REMINGTON. I mentioned it once, sir, and I did not give any details. The agreement was to keep it confidential. If you desire me to break that agreement, I, of course, have no alternative, but I want to make it clear that I consider myself bound by it unless you require me to break it.

Mr. WOOD. This committee is not requiring you to do anything except answer questions if you desire to answer them. If you desire to answer it, all right; if not, say so, and we will get along a lot faster.

(Witness confers with counsel.)

Mr. REMINGTON. I would prefer, sir, to keep the agreement. The other side could give you full information.

Mr. WOOD. I just asked if you want to answer it or not.

Mr. REMINGTON. I would prefer to keep the agreement, sir, unless--

Mr. WOOD. That is not responsive yet. Do you prefer not to answer the question?

(Witness confers with counsel.)

Mr. REMINGTON. I prefer to keep the agreement.

Mr. WOOD. I didn't ask you that. I asked if you prefer not to answer the question?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. WOOD. Very well.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you at any time furnish Helen Johnson with a formula or data relating to a formula pertaining to some quack analysis or any other kind of analysis for the production of synthetic rubber or gasoline?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir. I discussed that with her.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you present her with such a formula?

Mr. REMINGTON. I discussed with her a chemical process which had wasted a lot of our time. I could not present her a formula, because that is a matter of chemistry which I know nothing about. I could describe a formula to her. That I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. And that was one of the things which the War Production Board was anxious to have published.

Mr. REMINGTON. Not as far as I know.

Mr. TAVENNER. You have apparently tried to leave with the committee the impression that you were giving her information relating to operations of the War Production Board.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. And that you didn't want to cooperate.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Yet you furnished to the member of the press that information?

Mr. REMINGTON. There was nothing secret, confidential, or

restricted about the facts of this formula at the time when I mentioned it to her. I didn't mean to mislead her, goodness knows. I meant her to understand that we--not I but some friends of mine--had wasted a lot of time following up some quack proposals, and I mentioned it to her in passing as an illustration of why we couldn't do everything at once, because we had to spend time on that kind of nonsense.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you furnish her information on any other process or formula?

Mr. REMINGTON. I described to her the two which you mention. One had to do with high octane gasoline, and the other was a proposal for making some kind of synthetic rubber out of garbage, and that is just what it was, too.

Mr. TAVENNER. You mentioned the fact that she presented articles from the Daily Worker to you on occasions. Did you purchase the Daily Worker from her?

Mr. REMINGTON. She passed me her personal copy of the Daily Worker at least once, because she wanted me to think about some things that had been written there. I asked her if she was going to get another one, and she said she supposed so, and I gave her a nickel.

Mr. TAVENNER. How frequently did it occur that you purchased a Daily Worker from her, or acquired it in the manner that you described?

Mr. REMINGTON. I understand one Daily Worker and two or three PWs.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you pay Communist Party dues or dues of any other character, to the person known to you as Helen Johns

Mr. REMINGTON. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. You paid no sums of money to her other than for the Daily Worker under the circumstances you have described

Mr. REMINGTON. I did give her other money than that.

Mr. TAVENNER. For what purposes?

Mr. REMINGTON. I gave her money as a donation for refugees from Hitler, as I understood it.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did that occur?

Mr. REMINGTON. That occurred during the time that I knew Miss Bentley. That would be 1942 and 1943.

Mr. TAVENNER. Over the period of two years?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. I gave her such a donation on a couple of occasions when she said these refugees needed help. This is on my income tax returns.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you refreshing your recollection from a testimony given in a previous hearing? You have a right to do that. Are you?

Mr. REMINGTON. I think you will find I answered your question first, and then looked down to see what Mr. Rauh had underlined, and he had underlined "income tax returns" and I added that to my answer.

Mr. TAVENNER. So over the period 1942 and 1943 you made donations to Helen Johnson?

Mr. REMINGTON. To these refugees, as I understood it, through Helen Johnson.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you make your last contribution to her for that purpose?

Mr. REMINGTON. Sometime in 1943.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you state that [illegible] deducted in your income tax return?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. For what year?

Mr. REMINGTON. For 1942 and 1943, [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the amount of the contributions?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe that [illegible] in the vicinity of $30.

Mr. TAVENNER. You mean $30,000? [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe it was in the vicinity of about $30 total, but that is a recollection. [illegible] income tax returns since I turned them over to previous investigation of this same subject.

Mr. TAVENNER. What were the circumstances under which you made these donations?

Mr. REMINGTON. Mr. Golos in his [illegible] there on the occasions we have discussed, told me that he

had friends who had escaped from Hitler in Germany. He said that they were much in need of help, and that there was an organization named the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee with which he had some connection, that w[illegible] ing these men. I was touched by the plight that he described them to be in. He asked if I would be willing to make some kind of contribution for their relief. At that time I had no money, [illegible] and I was a little embarrassed. I wished to give him something for these men, but this was after he had [illegible] would be probably coming to Washington.

Mr. TAVENNER. And that occurred along about [illegible] time in the year 1940, is that correct?

Mr. REMINGTON. Or shortly thereafter, perhaps [illegible] or shortly thereafter. This was [illegible] around about Christmas of 1941 or some [illegible] I made to New York after that time but [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. So as late as 1943 you were making contributions as a result of a conversation you had with Mr. Golos along about the first of 1941?

Mr. REMINGTON. As late as 1943 I proceeded to request from Helen Johnson for some money for her friend [illegible]

Mr. TAVENNER. Then it was at the request of Helen Johnson and not at the request of Golos? Is that what I understand?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir, not exactly. Mr. Golos made the

request in somewhat these terms: If I didn't have money with me, which was understandable, maybe his assistant would ask me, if she saw me in Washington. I said yes. I would be glad to make a contribution, and in Washington she [illegible] to me something to this effect--I think this is exact--she said: Mr. Golos told me that you had indicated you would be willing to help out with a donation. And I did. I remember having [illegible] that in 1942. In 1943, at least on this one occasion, she asked again: "Can you spare something again for the [illegible]?" She didn't ask it often, but I do recall giving at least two such donations which, as I have said, appear on my income tax returns.

Mr. TAVENNER. It is my recollection that the provisions of the income tax law required you to designate an organization legally established.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, which had been, as far as I know, established as you described. If I am wrong, the Internal Revenue Service can disallow those deductions and I will be glad to pay up but they never did. I felt it was a legitimate organization at that time.

Mr. WOOD. Did you know that organization had been cited by the Attorney General as subversive?

Mr. REMINGTON. I know that now and I wish to make it clear that I have made no donations to it since [illegible]

I have no sympathy for any organization which is on that list, and have never associated with one after learning about its status.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was this contribution to [illegible] you state was made, made by you or in your own name or in the name of your wife, or how was it made?

Mr. REMINGTON. I took full responsibility for it myself. At the time my wife handled the family finances, and so I secured the money from her, of course with her consent, but I assume full responsibility for it, and I did it.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you not previously testified that the contribution was your wife's contribution?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe I started to say my wife made it because my wife handled the finances, as some wives do, and I discussed it with her, got the money from her, and contributed it.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was your former wife a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. Not to my knowledge. I thank you for referring to her as my former wife. I was erroneously referring to her as my wife. She is my ex-wife.

Mr. TAVENNER. Haven't you previously testified that she was a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. And, sir, there are some things that

I hope you, as a gentleman, will recognize I don't want to be in a position of talking about my former wife [illegible] right with you.

Mr. TAVENNER. I am sorry, I didn't [illegible] what you said.

Mr. REMINGTON. I did answer your question that I have never testified that she was a member at any time of the Communist Party. To my knowledge she is not and has not been. And I know you, as a gentleman, will appreciate my reluctance to discuss a woman with whom I spent many [illegible] as my wife.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you ever paid Communist Party dues?

Mr. REMINGTON. Not sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Or made contributions other than the contributions which you say you made to the organization of which you testified?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Through Miss Bentley or Helen Tomlinson?

Mr. REMINGTON. Not through Miss Bentley, Helen Tomlinson or anyone else.

Mr. TAVENNER. How many times did you pay money for which constituted the contribution which you state was made?

Mr. REMINGTON. I remember two at this moment. I [illegible] tax returns would be the authoritative information regarding that.

Mr. TAVENNER. Not necessarily so. If you [illegible] the gro

amount. It wouldn't necessarily show each separate contributio

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe on my income tax returns I used to report the date on which I made various contributions.

Mr. WOOD. Are two all you remember [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, I remember two now.

Mr. WOOD. And that is all you do remember?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. WOOD. Mr. Harrison, any questions?

Mr. HARRISON. When the Bentley woman showed you these quotations from the Daily Worker about which you testified, did you understand she had written those or implied those?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. I understood only that she had supplied material for the PM stories.

Mr. HARRISON. You did not understand she had supplied information to the Daily Worker?

Mr. REMINGTON. I do not recall any article she showed me in the Daily Worker about which she implied she had furnished research material.

Mr. HARRISON. You had no reason to believe she was an employee of or supplied material to the Daily Worker?

Mr. REMINGTON. No. Just PM.

Mr. HARRISON. In the course of your life you have been acquainted on more or less terms of friendship with six people--Elizabeth Bentley, Bridgman, McConnell, Pat Todd, Mrs. Todd, and North--all of whom turned out to be Communists.

Mr. REMINGTON. I am not sure I could accept that from my personal knowledge, sir. I know that Mr. Todd refused to testify before this committee as you told me yesterday, but when I saw him he did not do anything or say anything that gave me that impression.

Mr. HARRISON. But in each instance your acquaintance with them and their membership in the Communist Party was entirely coincidental. In other words, in no case did your acquaintanceship result from Communist Party activity on your part or on their part?

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir, because I have always held the position really of hating the concept of a dictatorship of force and violence, which underlies communist doctrine.

Mr. HARRISON. In each of these instances of those two people, at some time you were on more or less friendly terms with them?

Mr. REMINGTON. I was not on friendly terms with Mr. McConnell. I don't recall knowing him at all. The other I was.

Mr. HARRISON. Is there anything that has happened in your personal relationship with any of those persons that you know of, that would cause them to bear ill will against you under oath?

(Witness confers with counsel.)

Mr. REMINGTON. No, sir.

Mr. HARRISON. You know of no reason that would induce any of those persons to take the witness stand and falsely testify to your membership in the Communist Party?

Mr. REMINGTON. May I confer with my counsel?

Mr. HARRISON. Yes.

(Witness confers with counsel.)

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, I am sorry for the data I have from this committee that Mr. Bridgman and Mr. McConnell made said things against me. I do not know of any reason why they have to feel a personal animosity. As far as Miss Bentley is concerned, I think that she was a hostile witness. There are others of that category.

Mr. HARRISON. Can you suggest any reason why any of these persons should single you out to bear false witness against you?

(Witness confers with counsel.)

Mr. REMINGTON. You asked if I knew of any reason why they would select me. Miss Bentley did not refer to me particularly. She testified about, as I recall, a large number of people. As far as Mr. Bridgman and Mr. McConnell are concerned, I do not know whether they selected me or not. In the transcripts, of course, they were mentioning other people too. They weren't singling me out.

Mr. HARRISON. But they included you.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. HARRISON. Why would they want to bear false witness against you?

Mr. REMINGTON. I believe, sir, that [illegible] included me, perhaps, on these grounds. I can't speak about McConnell in this connection, of course.

Mr. WOOD. Have you any facts upon which you are going to base this conclusion?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir. I was active, very active, in the A.F. of L. union in Knoxville on the things they would let the kid in that group of people do. I apparently was associated in those activities with a secret Communist, Howard Bridgman. If there were other secret Communists in my group of close friends, I do not know. From Mr. Bridgman's testimony there perhaps were. I was working with them, talking about the same problems, using the same language. I think it possible that Mr. Bridgman, knowing that this, that and the other friend of mine were secret Communists, if they were, I think he might assume that I was too. Certainly I was active in those labor union activities, which I thought were aboveboard. I can understand, from my work, my associates, my language, that he thought that I was one of this group. I have changed, as I think my entire record shows. I no longer believe in the type of government initiative on the scale that I believed in in that period of time. I have not been active in labor unions since then, although of course we all believe in the principles

of collective bargaining and labor organization, but I have no felt any personal inclination to engage in these activities since.

I have done, in the last ten years of [illegible], eleven years of my life, I think as much as any economist of my age in Federal Government to combat the things which are dear to the Communists. My record in that respect is, I think, a striking one. Before I became an economist here in the Federal Government I had no opportunity to engage in such dramatic anti-Communist activities as I have had here in Washington, but my convictions and views were incompatible with the idea of my having been a Communist, subject to Communist Party discipline and believing in force and violence and dictatorship at that time.

Mr. WOOD. I have permitted, Mr. Remington, your dissertation on this subject, although it is not responsive to the question asked you. I desire to ask you a question or two myself, and in doing so I shall not infringe on your relationship with your former wife more than necessary, and certainly not more than was done when you were before the Senate committee in July of 1948. You were before the Senate committee in July 1948, were you not?

Mr. REMINGTON. I may have appeared July 31.

Mr. WOOD. Friday, July 30, 1948.

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes. Miss Bentley testified [illegible]

testified during the immediately following days.

Mr. WOOD. Very well. And in the course of your testimony you were asked certain questions by Senator [illegible]

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. WOOD. And I repeat the question [illegible] and the answer that was given, as appears in the transcript.

"Senator Thye. And then the mother's influence on the daughter--

having reference to your mother-in-law and [illegible]

"brought about her convictions of the Communist philosophy?

"Mr. Remington. Yes.

What did you mean by that, if you don't know [illegible] Communist, as you have testified here today?

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, I may have misunderstood the question somewhat. I don't recall it specifically.

Mr. WOOD. Very well. I will read another one. You have two children, have you not?

Mr. REMINGTON. I have two children. This is a compelling cause why I am reluctant--

Mr. WOOD. You have two children?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes.

Mr. WOOD. You were asked the question:

"Senator Thye. Are there any children?

"Mr. Remington. Two children.

"Senator MYERS. Who has the children?

"Mr. REMINGTON. My wife has them. I have no arrangements to take care of them. She had [redacted] and she feeds them and clothes them, and I have to [illegible] and see those children brought up in a creed that I hate more than I hate anything in the world."

What did you mean by that "creed"?

Mr. REMINGTON. By that "creed" I mean a kind of materialistic philosophy based on the principle of so-called progressive education that a child's inclinations and desires are more important things to express than some of the values and principles in which I was raised. I do not mean Communist Party philosophy, because I have said my wife is not a Communist Party member to the best of my knowledge and has not been one.

Mr. WOOD. Then you were in error when you testified to the Senate committee in July or August 1948—and I quote again:

"The mother's influence on the daughter brought about her convictions of the Communistic philosophy."

Mr. REMINGTON. I remember certain specific instances which I had in mind there, where a husband and wife disagreed on matters of political philosophy.

Mr. WOOD. What did you mean by "Communistic philosophy"? That was the question asked you, and the answer was "Yes," and you went on to say, in answering the third question after

that, that the children were being brought up in a creed that was anathema to you.

Mr. REMINGTON. Sir, I have two children [redacted] whom I am devoted, and I think these questions are [redacted] make it more difficult for me to influence the way my children grew up.

Mr. WOOD. Is that all the explanation you want to give to those two questions I asked you?

Mr. REMINGTON. Yes, sir, because [redacted] relation with my children.

Mr. WOOD. I won't press it any further.

Any further questions?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, sir. Mr. Remington, when did you last see or communicate with Mr. Todd and Betty Todd?

Mr. REMINGTON. I recall seeing them here in Washington in the late fall of 1938, as I recalled previously. I recall going through Knoxville in the late summer.

Mr. TAVENNER. My question was, when did you last see or communicate with them? It is not necessary to go too much into detail.

Mr. REMINGTON. I know I communicated with them and saw them in the fall of 1938. I don't think I have seen or communicated with them since. However, I know that I tried to see or communicate with them coming through Knoxville in September 1939. I do not specifically recall succeeding. I do

any event, I have not seen or communicated with them since that time.

Mr. TAVENNER. That is all.

Mr. WOOD. Very well.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. WOOD. The committee stands adjourned until 10:30 tomorrow morning.

(Thereupon, at 1:55 p.m., on Friday, May 5, 1950, the recess was taken until Saturday, May 6, 1950, at 10:30 a.m.)