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TRANSCRIPT OF EXCERPT

Senator McCarthy speaking:

I have, I have in my hand the evidence which we gave the senate committee on the president's ambassador-at-large, Philip C. Jessup. A year and a half ago I named him -- at that time -- I said this man is unfit to serve because he has too great an affinity for communist causes. I'm sure when you read this you'll agree that was the greatest understatement that McCarthy has ever made. And I don't have enough copies of this for you tonight; however, we have a vast number of them in Washington. If any of you care for a copy -- I think that I've got about 20 or 30 here -- care for a copy, just drop my office a line addressed to Senator Joe McCarthy, Washington D.C. -- they tell me they've had no trouble finding me at that place. [Audience laughter] I'd be glad to send this to you.

I'm not going to take your time, just run over quickly, you'll find in this, you'll find the -- everything photostated -- pictures of all the documents, pictures of the documents showing that the ambassador-at-large had editorial control of the publication of a communist front, that this followed the communist party line in Asia right down to the last period. That he was affiliated with not one, not two, three or four, but six organizations that were officially named, not named by McCarthy, but named either by the attorney general or by legislative committees as secret fronts for, and doing the work of, the communist party. Do you get that? The ambassador-at-large affiliated with six of them.

Well what does that mean? One of our top intelligence officers was asked about that, asked whether it is significant, significant that a man might belong to one communist front. He said no, not necessarily. He said they've duped some good people into belonging to one or two of those communist fronts. But he said, when you find a man belonging to four, five or six, then you can assume either he is so stupid,

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so stupid that he is dangerous to this nation, or he's loyal to the communist cause. Someone else said, one of the other witnesses said, he said, well let's put it this way: he said that if you find that a young man belongs to the Lutheran Young Mens' Club you can assume most likely he's a good loyal member of the Lutheran congregation. He said that if you find he belongs to the KC's or the Holy Name Society you can assume that maybe he is a good loyal Catholic. And he said, likewise, if you find that he belongs to half a dozen or a dozen communist front organizations, you can assume that he is loyal to the communist cause.

Now then we have the photostats of checks, we don't have too many -- all I could dig up was checks totaling six thousand dollars. Since then the sworn testimony, the reluctant testimony has been, listen to this -- some of the checks here for you to see -- the reluctant testimony of the man, that the Jessup organization received over sixty thousand dollars of communist money, practically all of which was used to support the communist front publication which preached the communist party line to the American people. Well, when that was first exposed, the State Department said, "Oh but Mr. Jessup is a busy man. He's naïve. He doesn't know why the communists are supporting his organization." Ladies and gentlemen, you can be sure that he didn't know that the communists knew that they were getting a dollars worth for each and every one of the 60,000 dollars they spent, most of it contributed by the self-proclaimed communist Frederick Field, the millionaire communist. Someone asked why a man who has inherited millions of dollars should be a communist? I thought the answer which one of the members of the committee gave was excellent. He said, "Well we saw him testify. We decided that Frederick Field perhaps wanted to be an idiot, but his mother wouldn't let him, so now he's a communist." [Audience laughter and applause]

Then you'll find the names, the names, and the dates that they were named as communists, the names of the employees of Jessup, the writers whom he hired. The names, the dates they were named under oath as members of the communist party, and some of them as espionage agents. You'll find the testimony which Jessup gave coming to the defense of Alger Hiss. You'll find the testimony which he gave in 1950 after Hiss had long since been convicted. Let me read this question and answer if I may.

Senator Hickenlooper: "Mr. Ambassador, are you of the same opinion about Mr. Hiss that you were when you testified as a witness on his behalf?"

Answer: Mr. Jessup answers, "Mr. Senator, I see no reason to alter the statements which I made under oath in favor of Mr. Hiss."

That wouldn't be so bad if it were merely the number two man of the State Department coming to the defense of Alger Hiss -- after, of course, Acheson had said I'll never turn my back on Alger -- if this were

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merely a profession of personal friendship. But it's much more than that, my good friends, it's much more sinister.

In effect what you have here is this: the secretary of state and then Jessup notifies, notifies every Hiss, every Marzani, every Wadleigh, every Remington, every potential traitor, that if they are caught, they can expect the ambassador-at-large to testify on their behalf and they can be sure the secretary of state won't go back on them. There are many more documents – there is one I'd especially like to call your attention to, on page 25, when you get this document. This is one of the documents picked up in the Lee, Massachusetts barn – a letter written and signed by Philip Jessup in his own handwriting -- written to the head of the infamous IPR. He's talking about communist Field. This was written shortly after Field took over the management, not of a communist front, but of a communist organization. Listen to this: He says, "I don't really think we can use Freddie's statement as it is, much as I want to help him in his new cause." The new cause was the communist cause which Frederick Field was heading up. Then the ambassador-at-large says here is a good press release which we should send out to help Freddie out. And the press release describes the communist organization in the same language, to the last comma practically, that it is described in the Communist Daily Worker. And many more.