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New York, New York
November 30, 1945

"I, ELIZABETH FERRILL BENTLEY, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents Thomas G. Spencer and Joseph M. Kelly whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I do not have to make any statement and that this statement may be used against me in court. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to give this statement.

"I was born in New Milford, Connecticut on January 1, 1908. My immediate family are native born and some of my family trace their ancestry in this country to 1620. Before going to college I resided at various periods in New Milford, Ithaca, and Rochester, New York. I was graduated from Vassar College in 1930 with an A.B. degree. Subsequent to being graduated I taught at the Foxcroft School, Middleburg, Virginia.

"In the Fall of 1932 I moved to New York City where I enrolled at Columbia University for my Master's Degree. In 1933 and 1934 I was in Italy on an exchange fellowship and while there studied at the University of Florence. I returned to the United States in July of 1934 and in the Fall of that year renewed my studies at Columbia University. It was in this year that I received my Master's Degree.

"During the Fall of 1934 while I was at Columbia I met one LEE FUHR, nee MEEKIRK, who was living in the same house that I was, and after I got to know her she took me to various affairs and eventually I determined she was engaged in the Communist movement. Shortly after meeting Miss FUHR she invited me to make a talk to the members of the American League Against War and Fascism at Teachers College in New York City. I made a speech before this group and at this time outlined to them some experiences that I had experienced while I was studying in Italy. It was at this time that I met Professor JAMES MENDENHALL, whom I believe was a member of the League Against War and Fascism. I subsequently determined that both LEE FUHR and Professor JAMES MENDENHALL were members of the Communist Party and were active in the Communist movement in the United States at this time.

"In about January of 1935 I went to the City Office of the AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM which was located as I recall on 4th Avenue some place between 17th and 18th Street, where I assisted this group in research matters particularly concerning Italian matters.

"I recall that sometime in March, 1935 I became a regular member of the Communist Party and I was sponsored by Professor JAMES HALL and Miss LEE FUHR. I registered with the Communist Party and

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"of ELIZABETH SHERMAN and that was my known Party name during the time that I was a member of this organization. I was a member of Unit I, Harlem Section.

"Sometime around the end of March, 1935 I obtained through Miss CALLAN of the COLOMBIA PLACEMENT BUREAU, a position with the HOME RELIEF BUREAU as an investigator. This Bureau was located at 150th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. I worked as an investigator for this organization until about the end of July, 1935. While I was doing research work for the City office of the AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM I met PAULINE ROGERS, who I later learned was the ex-wife of EDDIE ROYCE. Miss ROGERS was the Executive Secretary of the AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM and I later learned a member of the Communist Party.

"After I became a member of the Communist Party PAULINE ROGERS approached me and wanted to know if I was desirous of working in Italian anti-Fascist work. She indicated that my sojourn in studying in Italy would be very important in this work and I agreed to help her. At this time she introduced me to JULIET STUART POYNIZ GLAZER. After I met JULIET she indicated to me that she was interested in doing research work in Italian Fascist matters and asked me for assistance in this work in view of the fact that she did not know anything about the Italian language. I learned that JULIET had approached other individuals on the Columbia campus somewhat along the same line as her approach to me. In JULIET's conversations with me she was always rather vague as to what her real purpose was and I understand that this was the same condition that existed with other people she approached on the campus. I never actually determined what her real mission or purpose was. However, it is my opinion that she was attempting to recruit people for underground work in Italy.

"During the time I was associated with JULIET from March until June of 1935 she resided on West 74th Street, one house East of Riverside Drive. I recall that on one visit I made to JULIET's house I observed a gentleman in her apartment and after a short conversation I left. However, a short time thereafter I again met JULIET at which time she was again accompanied by this individual and all three of us had dinner together. I last saw JULIET in the latter part of June, 1935. Sometime about a year later I saw her on a street car after which I lost track of her. Sometime in 1937 the New York papers came out with a story concerning the disappearance of JULIET GLAZER and there was some indication that she had been kidnapped by NKVD agents. The newspapers carried the story that SCHACHNE EPSTEIN, a prominent European, had been involved in her disappearance. I do know, however, that she has never been heard of since. In this regard, I mentioned JULIET's disappearance to GOLOS who informed

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"me that she had been 'liquidated'.

"LOUIS SASS, which I do not think is his true name, was an organizer of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party in 1935. During the time that I knew JULIET GLAZER I explained some of her activities to SASS and he indicated to me that JULIET was probably a German Agent. In connection with LOUIS SASS' present whereabouts I recall that SASS was an associate of MARCANTONIO and in 1937 SASS moved to the State of Oregon. I do not recall his present whereabouts but I do recall that he either enlisted or was drafted into the Armed Forces during World War II.

"During 1935 while I was a member of the Communist Party, I also became acquainted with MARIAN HOUSE, who originally is from Vermont, and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM HINCKLEY, who I believe reside in Virginia at the present time. MARIAN HOUSE and Mr. and Mrs. HINCKLEY were members of the Communist Party in Unit I, Harlem Section. It is my recollection that JULIET GLAZER approached the HINCKLEY's and MARIAN HOUSE during the time that she was concerning herself with the Italian movement. I wish to state that Mrs. HOUSE and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM HINCKLEY have no connection as far as I know with JACOB GOLOS or any of the other individuals whom I suspect to have been involved in Russian espionage matters.

"Again referring to the disappearance of JULIET GLAZER, I recall that JACOB GOLOS informed me that she was dead and that she had been a German Agent. GOLOS told me that they have an unusual expression in his circles, that when they kill someone they refer to it as: 'that so and so is playing pinocchio'.

"In the Fall of 1935 I decided to return to Columbia to study Sociology and in order to do this it was necessary for me to make an application for a loan. I studied for two months before I was informed by the Columbia officials that my loan had not been approved. It was therefore necessary for me to discontinue my studies. At the time of my discontinuance I learned through the officials of Columbia that the Italian Department had vetoed my loan. I approached BIGONIGLIARI, who was the head of the Italian Department, and he indicated that he had nothing to do with disapproving my loan and indicated he would have approved this loan had he been approached. He indicated that some other professor had apparently disapproved this loan during his absence. As a result I wrote an article for the Columbia 'Spectator' which appeared in the October, 1935 issue. As a result of the appearance of this article in the 'Spectator' I was approached by CLIFFORD McALVOY, who suggested that I write an article for 'The Nation'. I did not accept his offer.

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"From November, 1935 until June, 1936 I studied several courses at Columbia and also had odd jobs of translating and other miscellaneous positions during this period. During this period I held several positions with the Communist Party such as Financial Secretary, Educational Director, Organizer, and other miscellaneous jobs. I was still at that time a member of the Harlem Section.

"In June of 1936 I received a call from Miss GALLAN at the Columbia Placement Bureau, who offered me a job at the AMFORG CAMP. I obtained this job which was that of a counsellor. This camp was at Napanoch, New York, and the camp itself was a summer camp for the children of Soviet nationals ranging in years from about two to fifteen. The majority of the children at the camp spoke Russian and as far as I could see it was just a summer camp for children. However, I do recall that those children were given daily speeches which could or could not have been of a political nature. Again I state that all of those speeches were made in Russian, which I do not understand.

"In August of 1936 I returned to New York and most of this month was spent at the British Consulate office. I wish to state that in September, 1930 I was in an accident in London which resulted in a law suit in which I was a party in interest. My reason for spending this month at the British Consulate was in an effort to culminate this action.

"Sometime in the Spring of 1936 I was approached by BEATRICE CARLIN, who was at that time employed in the City office of the AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM. BEATRICE told me she was desirous of securing my services to assist a foreigner who was coming to the United States in the near future, in speaking English and taking care of some of his business affairs. She approached me several times thereafter concerning this matter and eventually in November of 1936 I was introduced to JOSEPH ECKHART by BEATRICE CARLIN. It appears that ECKHART is the individual she had in mind. ECKHART is a Lithuanian, about 55 years of age, 5'11", broad shoulders, bald head, wears glasses, and is a very natty dresser. I wish to state that this individual has a striking resemblance to LOUIS BUCHALTER, alias LEPKE. During the time that I knew him he resided at the Hotel Marcy on 96th Street in New York. I recall that I only saw ECKHART on two occasions and my belief is that in December of 1936 he returned to Russia. However, he again appeared in New York in March or April of 1937 at which time he took up his residence first at the Barbizon Plaza and subsequently at the Windermere Hotel. The last time I saw ECKHART was in January of 1938 at which time he indicated he was again leaving the United States. He did not mention to me what country he was destined to.

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"During the time that I knew ECKHART he appeared to be a legitimate individual registered in hotels under his proper name and engaged in some purchasing mission. However, I learned from JACOB GOLOS that ECKHART was in fact an NKVD Agent and that one of his purposes for coming to this country was to purchase airplanes that were to be shipped to Spain via Mexico.

"During the year of 1937 I was employed at Macy's Department Store as well as their summer camp at Bloomingburg, New York. I also had other temporary jobs in publicity work. I was also employed at CONSUMERS UNION. During this period I also worked for DEWEY's Publicity Campaign.

"During the year of 1937 I was still a member of the Communist Party and was fairly active in promoting the Communist cause. I recall that at about the time ECKHART left the United States in January of 1938 he introduced me to one 'MARCEL'. I later learned however, from observing 'MARCEL's' driver's license that his name was MICHAEL ENDELMAN. This individual is a Polish Jew who was born in Germany and is described as about 40 years of age, 5'1", 180 lbs., prominent stomach, and Mexican in appearance. I recall that on one occasion he informed me that he had spent about ten years in Paris and spoke fluent French and German and had a knowledge of English, Russian, Polish, and Yiddish. During one of my conversations with him he implied that he was a member of an organization and that this organization was similar to the Catholic Church except that if you left the Catholic Church you only lost your soul. He also made reference in one of his conversations to the RUBIN ROBINSON affair which was publicized in the New York papers in around November or December of 1937. I gained the impression from ECKHART that ENDELMAN was in some way operating for ECKHART in this country. It was also my impression that ENDELMAN was in some way connected with the Russian Espionage System but was probably a 'small fry'.

"I wish to state that in November of 1944 I was requested by 'JACK' one of my contacts, whom I will deal with at length later on in this statement, to furnish a complete biography of my personal history and business and Communist and other associations. In this biography I did not refer to ECKHART and ENDELMAN by name but called them 'JOE' and 'MARCEL'. Apparently this biography was given by JACK to 'AL' who is my present contact and who will be discussed later on. In December of 1944 'AL' then questioned me concerning 'JOE' and 'MARCEL' whom I had mentioned and he requested their identities. I indicated to him their true names, that is ENDELMAN and ECKHART. 'AL' informed me that he knew those people and indicated that they were presently in the United States. He then told me 'If you ever run into them run like hell'. He did not elaborate further with regard to these individuals' present location or their present activities.