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FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN, called as a witness, having first been duly sworn, testified:

BY MR. QUINN:

Q Mr. O'Brien, you are a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation? A Yes, sir, I am.

Q Did you on May 29, 1947 interview one Harry Gold? A Yes, sir, I did.

Q Where did that interview take place? A At the laboratories of Abraham Brothman, Elmhurst, Long Island.

Q Was there a written statement taken from Mr. Gold? A Yes, sir, there was.

Q Was it signed by him in your presence? A Yes, sir.

Q (Reads statement as follows:) "Queens, N.Y. City,
May 29, 1947.

"I, Harry Gold, residing at 68-23 Kindred St., Phila., Pa., make the following voluntary statement to Francis D. O'Brien and Donald E. Shannon whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises of any nature were made to me to make this statement. I know that anything I state may be used against me at any time in a court of law.

"In Oct. 1940 I was introduced to a man by the name of John Golush or Golish by Carter Hoodless, who was a good friend of mine. The introduction took place at a meeting of the American Chemical Society at the Franklin Institute

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In Phila., Pa. After the meeting Golish or Golush and myself went to a restaurant on Broad Street where we remained until 2:30 A.M. On this occasion Golish or Golush made the following proposition to me; that I was to telephone Abe Brothman, a Chemical Engineer in N. Y. City and to make an appointment to see him; that I was to discuss two chemical processes with him and to obtain blue prints from him which I was to evaluate against the chemical soundness of the process. The two chemical processes were Phenol Formaldehyde resins and Urea Formaldehyde resins. About one week after this meeting with Golush or Golish I telephoned Brothman in N. Y. City and made an appointment to see him in about two weeks. I saw Brothman the first time in November 1940 and obtained the blue prints; this meeting was in the evening and took place in N. Y. City in a restaurant in the downtown section. Brothman had the blue prints with him; we had dinner together and turned over the blue prints to me. For the next six months I made trips to N. Y. City on the average of every three weeks and on each occasion Brothman met me and we would have dinner together and Brothman would turn over more blue prints to me. I kept these blue prints in my home in Phila. and I never did turn them over to Golish or Golush. I received four or five telephone calls from Golish or Golush in regard to seeing him but he kept telling me we would get together but no definite meeting was ever made. The last time I heard from Golush or Golish

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was by telephone in May or June of 1941. I never heard from him again. The plans and blue prints were useless to me and I have discarded most of them. Carter Hoodless who introduced me to Golish or Golush died in July 1942 in Phila., Pa.

"I have read the above three page statement and it is true. I have read and signed page 1 and it is true. I have read and signed p. 2 and it is true. I now sign p. 3 having read it and it is true. (Signed) Harry Gold. Witnessed Donald E. Shannon, Special Agent, F.B.I. NY City, Francis D. O'Brien, Special Agent, F. B. I. NY City."

Q In addition to that did he tell you anything else of value? A No, sir; he didn't. The only thing was that Brothman told us that Gold was the next man to follow Helen as the contact of Golos, and that was our reason for contacting with Gold.

Q Did Gold say whether or not he ever knew Helen or had ever met her? A He never identified her.

JUROR: Did he get paid for this? A No, he did not. The only thing he did get was his expenses and Brothman paid those.

JUROR: Did you ask him whether he was a Communist or not? A Yes, sir, I did.

JUROR: What did he say? A He said he wasn't.

JUROR: Was he ever an instructor at any of our colleges or schools? A No, he was never an instructor, but he has

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a degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, in chemistry.

JUROR: You say Brothman paid his expenses? A Yes, sir.

MR. QUINN: He graduated summa cum laude, didn't he,
from Xavier University? A Yes, sir.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)