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Met agent in front of Masonic Temple at 1545 on 16th Street and proceeded to his apartment because of poor weather. Meeting lasted until 1700 and next contact was set for Friday at 1545.

Agent was paid \$275.00 advance on his pay for March and receipt obtained.

He was asked how much he had spent on fare for the N.Y. trip and expressed surprise at C.O. reminding him we were going to pay for this expense and indicated it wasn't necessary. He finally produced bus stubs and C.O. stated reimbursement would be made at next meeting.

Agent produced his composition which C.O. corrected on the spot. He had prepared a factual description of his trip which did not express his ideas or impressions but was quite readable and understandable. In general the errors were minor ones consisting of improper word order, a few misused prepositions and mistakes in the use of articles.

Discussion took place on his schooling. He had completed his test and felt he had done fairly well but did not believe that the right time had come to request his being moved into group #6 as he had only been in school for about three weeks. Agent thought he should only make the request after 5 or 6 weeks of schooling and C.O. agreed. The teacher in the night class had offered to have him move to the sixth group for night classes only and agent thought he would take this offer up.

Agent advised that he had used the following cover story in New York. They had asked why Washington and why aeroplanes. He had answered the latter by the explanation of his wife's antipathy to sea travel and the former by saying that his passage over had to be worked out in the form of language lessons in a school here for six months. Agent claimed the story went over very well. His Uncle offered to pay off his passage for him immediately but agent declined saying he thought it better to carry out his contract as agreed. (Note) The cover story was not exactly along the lines worked out ahead of time and is another instance of agent going against instructions. This can be interpreted in several different ways but it again shows his inability or unwillingness to proceed according to an agreed plan.

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