

Ernst passed on information that he thought the first break on the part of the Rosenbergs, would be their admitting CP membership; that the Rosenbergs had denied membership in the CP to all family members.

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In September, 1953 G-2 advised that the ACLU (subject of 100-7057) did most of its fighting in the courts, its legal staff working under the general supervision of the ACLU's two general counsels-Arthur Garfield Hayes and Morris Ernst - both of whom had served for years without pay.

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Evan Thomas of Harper & Bros. Inc., NYC, advised in an interview on 2-11-55, that during the latter part of November, 1953 he was asked by his associate, Simon Michael Bessie, to go to the office of Bessie's father-in-law, Morris Ernst, who represented Harper & Bros. on certain legal matters, to meet Harvey Matusow (subject of 100-375988). Thomas stated he talked to Matusow alone for about a half hour since Ernst left shortly after introducing Matusow. Matusow discussed a book which he was writing.

Bessie in an interview advised that in late November, 1953 Ernst contacted him and told him Matusow had a book for possible publication. Bessie asked his associate, Evans, to interview Matusow as he, Bessie, was tied up on other business.

Bessie further advised that he read Matusow's outline and sample chapter and voted to reject the book. Shortly after that, Bessie saw Matusow at the Ernst home, and was not impressed by him. Bessie also stated he did not know Matusow had become acquainted with Ernst.

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