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### Language Arts

"Alger Hiss and the Pumpkin Patch Mystery"

Whitaker Chambers, a Times magazine editor and former Soviet Union spy accused former Senior State Department official of being a spy.

Alger Hiss, denied the charges of Chambers accusation

The House of Un American Activities Committee began to investigate Alger Hiss and Congressman Richard Nixon joined in.

Chambers took investigators to his farm in Maryland and found a hollowed out pumpkin with microfilm copies of documents from the 1930's

He was accused of perjury and was sentenced to five years in prison because of the "pumpkin papers"

He was no longer able to take on any important government jobs.

He wrote two books about his life and always said he was innocent.



The Verona telegrams became available and it was used to prove that Hiss was a spy.