

merely an inquiry to ascertain information and needless to say, there has been given and will be given no publicity to the fact that you and I are having this discussion. It is regarded as a matter of strict confidence between yourself and Dr. Jansen, acting through me. Before I put any questions to you so that you may guide yourself accordingly, I want to refresh your recollection as to what the policy of the Board of Education is and has been with respect to this subject matter. The Board in December of 1951 adopted a Declaration of Policy which reiterated a then existing policy which in substance was that present membership in the Communist Party is a sufficient basis for disqualification from continued employment in the school system. The Board said that past membership in the Communist Party standing alone, did not necessarily require disqualification but that each case of past membership would be considered in the light of the particular facts and circumstances involved, including the nature of the membership, its extent, its duration and most important of all as to the severance, as to whether or not there was a final, complete and honest severance from the Party. The Board said that there was an obligation on the part of teachers to make full, free and frank disclosures of the facts. Now there is probably little need for me to say this to you but merely by way of caution; it is expected that the answers that you will make to the questions to be put will be truthful, and I say this merely by way of caution, and if it be found, of course I don't anticipate that this at all will be the case, but if it should be found that you have made statements wilfully

