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FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (88-1505)
SUBJECT: JACK SOULE, WAS., ET AL
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DATE 3-7-85 BY SP-7 MAC DB

Re New York airtel to Director dated 6/14/78.

On 7/1/78 Vernon E. O. KITTLE, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised that a conference with his medical staff it had been decided that SOULE can safely be interviewed by Bureau agents provided KITTLE stated that in order to insure this interview will not adversely affect SOULE's physical and mental condition, and it will not interfere with the normal administration of the Medical Center, he would request that interviews be limited to 30 minute sessions daily.

KITTLE suggested that SOULE be interviewed from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM and from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for as many days as desired. He pointed out that the Noon meal is served at 11:00 AM and that the afternoon "count down" is conducted at 3:30 PM.

The Bureau and New York Division will advise Kansas City when specific plans to interview SOULE have been made.

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SAC, New York (100-86896)

July 7, 1958

Director, FBI (100-352386)

JACK SOBIE, was., et al.
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Re New York airtel 6-25-58.

The Bureau hereby grants authority for one New York Agent thoroughly familiar with this case and who has interviewed Sobie in the past to travel to Springfield, Mo., and resume the interrogation of Sobie at such time as the prison authorities indicate that the interrogations can be resumed. It is desired that one Agent from the Kansas City Office sit in on the interviews in order that he can, if necessary in the future, contact Sobie and obtain answers to specific questions. It is not intended that the Kansas City Agent will conduct extended interviews with Sobie in the future.

The New York Agent should immediately prepare for the reinterrogation of Sobie in order that the interviews will be complete and will obtain from Sobie all information possible. Kansas City should, as suggested by New York, ascertain from prison officials what schedule can be followed in the interviews of Sobie and, if possible, arrange for Sobie to be interviewed on a schedule similar to that followed in the past at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn. After receipt of this information from Kansas City, New York should advise the Bureau as to when it is contemplated the Agent will proceed to Springfield to resume the interviews with Sobie.

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Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

July 10, 1958

Director, FBI

JACK SOBIE, with aliases, et al.
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On July 1, 1958, Warden R. O. Suttle, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised that after a conference with his medical staff he has decided that Jack Sobie can be safely interviewed by Bureau Agents commencing on July 21, 1958. He requested, however, that the interrogation be limited to two two-hour sessions daily from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in order that Sobie's physical and mental condition will not be adversely affected and in order not to interfere with the normal administration of the Medical Center. He indicated that the interrogation can be conducted under this schedule for as many days as is desirable.

The above is for information. We are arranging to have the interviews of Sobie resumed on or about July 21, 1958. A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

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③ - New York (100-86896)(1-U.S. Attorney's Office)

1 - Kansas City

NOTE FOR SAC, NEW YORK: Deliver one copy of this memorandum to the Office of the U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. In accordance with previous Bureau instructions you should begin preparation immediately for this interview and should advise the Bureau in advance of the Agent's departure from New York for Springfield.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

DATE 3/11/85 BY SP-7 Mac/DB

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE, was., ET AL
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Mr. JEAN VAN HEIJENOORT was interviewed at the NYO,
7/13/58.

VAN HEIJENOORT stated that he had located a folder on JACOB FRANK, former secretary of LEON TROTSKY, in the TROTSKY Archives at Harvard University. VAN HEIJENOORT stated that letters in this folder of JACOB FRANK show that FRANK was a Lithuanian Communist and on March 27, 1929, JACOB FRANK wrote a letter to TROTSKY from Vienna stating he was then in the Austrian Communist Party and offered his services to LEON TROTSKY "anywhere".

VAN HEIJENOORT relates that FRANK arrived at Prinkipo, Turkey in May, 1929 and remained there as TROTSKY's secretary until October, 1929. JACOB FRANK "capitulated" to the Soviets in early part of 1931.

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VAN HEIJENOORT states it is clear from the letters contained in this folder that JACOB FRANK fostered the rise of ROMAN VEL and SENINE to prominence in the Trotskyite Party. VAN HEIJENOORT related that with the knowledge that ROMAN VEL (ROBERT SOBLE) and SENINE (JACK SOBLE) worked for Soviets their association with FRANK was now of definite interest.

In reference to JACOB FRANK, was. YAKUS FRANKUS, YONKALS FRANK, on 10/30/57, JACK SOBLE was questioned about FRANK and he stated FRANK was a former secretary of LEON TROTSKY and a close friend of ROBERT SOBLE's from the Trotskyite Party. SOBLE stated that FRANK had worked for the G.P.U. and desired to accompany the SOBLES from Lithuania and Russia in 1940-41 but according to SOBLE was not allowed to depart. JACK SOBLE claimed that he thought that FRANK had been killed by the Germans (re report SA [REDACTED] 2/13/58, p.171, 172).

VAN HEIJENOORT stated he had no knowledge as to the present whereabouts of FRANK or if he was living or dead.

VAN HEIJENOORT also related he located a letter from A. SOBLEVICIUS (JACK SOBLE) to LEON TROTSKY, dated April 26, 1930 which reads in part, "You will perhaps be surprised that I write this letter to you from Berlin. It is because I am spending a two week vacation with my wife. She is a Soviet Russian, a member of the Communist Party and she works in the Commercial Representation here in Berlin. In the official circles here she is not known as my wife and that is why has not lost her position". VAN HEIJENOORT stated that he also located a letter from A. SENIN, (JACK SOBLE) to WALTER ULBRICHT (present Communist leader in East Germany) affirming SOBLE'S belief in the Communist Party as the only true

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revolutionary group. This letter was dated Berlin, November 11, 1931. VAN HEIJENOORT related that he could not understand why this letter would be included in the TROTSKY Archives or how it was obtained.

VAN HEIJENOORT further related that he had located material in the Archives pertaining to OBIN (MILL), who was a G.P.U. agent in Paris who worked among the Trotskyites and was discovered and returned to Russia. VAN HEIJENOORT stated that OBIN (MILL) was known to ROMAN (ROBERT SOBLE) and SENIN (JACK SOBLE) in Paris.

NY will attempt to locate material pinpointed by VAN HEIJENOORT on the microfilm at the NYO. In relation to material located, VAN HEIJENOORT stated he was surprised to locate this material as he did not know of its presence in Archives but he stated that Archives are so voluminous that it is possible that there is a great deal more material pertaining to this matter of which he was unaware.

In relation to MARK ZBOROWSKI, VAN HEIJENOORT was questioned as to whether he could supply names of individuals who would have known ZBOROWSKI in Paris and the USA. VAN HEIJENOORT stated that he thought the following individuals would have known or met ZBOROWSKI and are residents of the United States; HAROLD ISAACS, NATIE GOULD, Mrs. LYDIA DALLIN, JAMES P. CANNON and MAX SCHACHTMAN. VAN HEIJENOORT related that a JACQUES KATEL who resides 431 E. 20th St., NYC, also knew ZBOROWSKI both in France and US but KATEL was "non-political". VAN HEIJENOORT related that KATEL is presently in Europe.

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VAN HEIJENOORT further related there was a (FNU) GERSHONI who also knew ZBOROWSKI but VAN HEIJENOORT did not know his whereabouts.

VAN HEIJENOORT was also questioned about identities of people and clarification of situations shown in material from microfilm. Along these lines he was questioned as to the accusations of Trotskyites in Paris in the late thirties that LYDIA DALLIN was working for Soviets. VAN HEIJENOORT stated he did not know who originally made the allegations but that he understood some of the Trotskyites in Europe are not sure that LYDIA DALLIN was not a Soviet agent. VAN HEIJENOORT stated he had no knowledge of his own that LYDIA DALLIN was or wasn't an agent of the Soviets stating that he just could never understand her. VAN HEIJENOORT stated he would attempt to clarify this situation on LYDIA DALLIN on his trip to Paris and would bring all information concerning this allegation to the Bureau's attention.

VAN HEIJENOORT, after interview, returned to Boston to continue his work for Harvard on the TROTSKY Archives. He advised that he will probably return to NYC in approximately three weeks. VAN HEIJENOORT stated he would notify the NYC of any other material he noted of interest.

VAN HEIJENOORT stated he still plans to travel to Paris in the latter part of July, 1958 and will spend about a week consulting people in Europe in reference to his work on the Archives.

The Bureau will be advised when VAN HEIJENOORT is next contacted.

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7/25/58

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (65-1506)
SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE, was.;
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JACK SOBLE interviewed morning and afternoon,
7/23/58 at Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield,
Missouri, by SA's

RE: UNSUB. JACQUES (In Paris): SOBLE stated that
he associates the name of SERGEEV with this individual and
believes this name given to him by the unsub. Claims he
cannot recall any first name or patronymic for unsub. SOBLE
states that other assignments of unsub unknown to him.

RE: ROBERT SOBLE: JACK SOBLE exhaustively
questioned for all information re ROBERT SOBLE. Claims he
does not know identities of Soviet sources of ROBERT SOBLE
in the U. S. other than JOHANNA KOENEN (BEKER) and those
turned over by him to ROBERT, however, there were other
sources and these were women. JACK SOBLE advised that he
did not recognize the photos of VIVIEN LEIGHTON, MASHA
SKLANSKY, or CAROL JANEWAY. He insists he has no recollection
turning over SYLVIA DIXSEE to ROBERT SOBLE, but admits turning
over FLOYD MILLER and ESTHER RAND to ROBERT, and "believes"
he introduced LUCY BOOKER to ROBERT. He "believes that
MARK ZBOROWSKI did not know ROBERT personally, but only knew
of ROBERT "well".

JACK SOBLE advised that he as well as ILYA WOLSTON
told ROBERT SOBLE that ILYA was supplying information to

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the Soviets through JACK SOBLL. He claimed inability to recall details of when ROBERT became aware of this, but stated that ROBERT was cognizant of this in 1943 when WOLSTON was at Camp Ritchie, Maryland.

RE: ESTHER RAND: SOBLL insists that [redacted] introduced ALICE MARTIN to him in the presence of another man whose identity he does not recall. Photo of WILLIAM LAWRENCE (LAZAR) admitted by SOBLL to be familiar to him, but he professes inability to recall details of why LAWRENCE is familiar to him. SOBLL stated he was unable to be specific as to material given him by RAND other than such information concerned exchanges of letters between State Department and Jewish organizations; Arab-Jewish relations; oil concessions in the Mid-East; Zionist funds and plans for a post-war Jewish state.

RE: JOSEPH KATZ: SOBLL states that the few contacts he had with REBECCA GETZOFF about 1944 ceased when so instructed by the Soviets who indicated that she was being given other assignments the nature of which he does not know. SOBLL again exhibited photos of JOSEPH KATZ. SOBLL denies recognition and also denies that he ever heard of KATZ by name of "GORDON", "JOE", "JACK", or any other name or by description. SOBLL denies that KATZ was the man in GETZOFF's when he (SOBLL) visited there, but admits this man was cognizant of GETZOFF's activities for the Soviets and the reason for SOBLL's visits. SOBLL insists that the material received from GETZOFF consisted of Trotskyite material only.

RE: FARMHOUSE IN NEW JERSEY: (Used by ZUBILIN): SOBLL questioned for additional material in effort to identify the farmhouse and stated he knew of no further details concerning this.

Interviews continuing and Bureau will be advised.

DIRECTOR FBI (100-352386)

10-23-58

SAC KANSAS CITY (65-1306)

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OO: New York

ReBulet dated 9-10-58.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a blind memorandum prepared with respect to interview of JACK SOBIE by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri. Two copies of the blind memorandum are enclosed for the information of the New York Office.

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On October 15, 1958, JACK SOBIE, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised that he probably lived at 25 Rue Civry, Paris, France in 1952 for a period of several months. He stated that he is not certain that the number 25 is correct but recalled that he, his wife, MYRA, and son, [REDACTED], lived on Rue Civry in about 1952. He stated he does not recall the exact period that he lived at this address. He stated that they sublet an apartment from an unrecalled French lady and this lady was not a friend of the family. He stated he believes this lady ran an ad in a newspaper and in this manner he rented the furnished apartment. He stated that there were numerous apartments in this house but that he did not know any of the occupants in the building. He stated that during the time he lived in this furnished apartment the family still had the bristle factory at Verberic near Paris.

Sobie stated that he could recall nothing further regarding his residence at 25 Rue Civry.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE, was., ET AL
ESP - R

JACK SOBLE interviewed 12/19/58, FCI Danbury, Conn.
SOBLE stated he was visited by [redacted] on 12/18/58.
SOBLE stated [redacted] is being processed for enlistment in
US Air Force at NYC. SOBLE related [redacted] told him that ILYA
WOLSTON had recently written to [redacted] requesting \$300. SOBLE related that [redacted] ment ILYA
WOLSTON \$50. b7c

SOBLE claimed visit with [redacted] upset him and SOBLE is
concerned over USAF acceptance of [redacted] because of his parents
involvement with Soviets.

SOBLE was shown photographs of JACOB ITCHENKO, suspect,
"UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was., Jacques" (Bufile 65-64984) and SOBLE
stated ITCHENKO was not JACQUES.

- 3 - Bureau (100-352386) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (65-5706) (ILYA WOLSTON) (RM) (INFO)
- 1 - New Haven (INFO) (RM)
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Other phases of investigation reviewed with SOBLY with negative results. SOBLY stated he had little sleep previous night because of sick callmate and could not concentrate on details.

SOBLY requested time to make additional efforts to recall further information his own activities and activities of others in the US, including ROBERT SOBLY and ILYA WOLSTON.

No specific date was set for next interview with SOBLY.

Bureau will be advised.

FOSTER