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USA PAUL WILLIAMS advised NYO that LOTTO had shown him rough drafts of eight articles to be published by INS. WILLIAMS said the total number of articles would be 12. WILLIAMS said he advised LOTTO that he was unable to read the articles with any degree of care as he was engaged in the preparation of the trial of JAMES HOPPA. WILLIAMS stated that he had glanced through the articles and stated that they were "typical breezy newspaper" articles. WILLIAMS explained that he told LOTTO that he could not "censor" any material.

WILLIAMS pointed out that the articles were not written by JACK SOBLE and if they had been then the Government would have the right to censor such material since SOBLE, as a federal prisoner, was subject to Bureau of Prisons regulations prohibiting writings on the part of the prisoner.

According to WILLIAMS, LOTTO explained that the material in the article had been obtained by WOLF from SOBLE principally before SOBLE's sentence in October, 1957.

WILLIAMS stated that LOTTO had retained the rough draft articles and he, WILLIAMS, did not have a copy of them. WILLIAMS stated that LOTTO had assured him that nothing in the articles involved national security.

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WILLIAMS stated that he did not know the date of publication, but understood that on 11/1/57, the "NY Journal American" would start advertising the articles.

GILCHRIST subsequently contacted the NYO. He advised that he understood the articles were to be published "the first week of November," 1957. He believed that INS desired to publish the articles before or at the time of the appearance of MORROS' articles to appear in "Look" magazine about November 12, 1957.

GILCHRIST stated that in the articles the references to MORROS were "only factual" and there was no recrimination on the part of SOBIE against MORROS.

GILCHRIST said he did not know who was to be listed as author of the articles, but understood that the byline would include both LOTTO's and SOBIE's names.

GILCHRIST stated that he had made some brief notes as to matters he was not certain were accurate and listed these as:

1. The articles state the Soviets in Russia told SOBIE the name of the Soviet agent who brought out of the U. S. American atomic secrets. The article later names VASSILI ZUBILIN as this Soviet agent and indicates that "ALEXEI" told SOBIE this. (The "ALEXEI" refers to ALEKSEI PROKHOROV, who was a frequent companion of ZUBILIN in U. S. and who SOBIE has said he met in Moscow.)

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2. The article mentioned MARK ZBOROWSKI by name and stated that ZBOROWSKI had acted as WALTER KRIVITSKY's bodyguard in Paris. According to GILCHRIST, at his suggestion LOTTO deleted the name of MARK ZBOROWSKI.

3. SOBIE stated that he was ordered by the Soviets to dissolve the BORIS MORROS Music Company after the disagreement of MORROS and STERN.

4. The article indicated that at the time of the emigration of the SOBIE family from Lithuania, MATYSOW (NKVD agent handling SOBIE) was promised the SOBIE bristle business in Lithuania in exchange for getting the SOBIE family out of Lithuania.

5. The article states that the NKVD gave SOBIE a party in the "Araguev" restaurant in Moscow before SOBIE left Moscow. (SOBIE had given the name of this restaurant to Agents as the "Caucasian"). GILCHRIST said INS had checked and there is an "Araguev" restaurant in Moscow near the Kremlin.

In relation to the above five points, SOBIE has not furnished exactly the same info. to Agents.

GILCHRIST stated that possibly because money was involved in these articles, SOBIE's memory may be better on some points than he has stated.

GILCHRIST also mentioned that ROBERT SOBIE was not mentioned in the articles by name or as JACK SOBIE's brother.

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GILCHRIST stated that he had read only six rough draft articles, but that LOTTO also had summaries of several other articles. He could not remember what each article covered and to what point in SOBLE's activities they concluded.

GILCHRIST stated that if he again came into possession of the articles he would make them available to NYO.

NYO recommends that USA WILLIAMS should secure copies of these articles.

Bureau will be advised.

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SOBIE interviewed, 11/1/57, at United
States Marshal's Detention Quarters, United States
Court House, NYC.

At outset of interview, SOBIE related that he wanted to tell Agents information which he had given to his attorney GEORGE WOLF and to go over this material to make sure he had told this information to Agents. SOBIE related that in Moscow in 1947, while he was at the apartment of ZUBILIN, ZUBILIN's chauffeur ALEKI (PROKHOROV) pointed to ZUBILIN, who was at that time asleep on the sofa and stated, "This man who stole the Atom Bomb is going to be fired, it is unjust." SOBIE related that ALEKI PROKHOROV made this statement late one evening after the group had had many drinks. SOBIE claimed he did not question PROKHOROV on this and denied that they had any further conversations on this subject. SOBIE denied that he ever discussed this conversation with any other Soviets or knew from any source if PROKHOROV's statement was factual.

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SOBLE also related that in 1947, he was questioned by ZUBILIN and FEDOTOV about the effect the GOUZENKO Case in Canada had on the people SOBLE knew in Canada. SOBLE denied that he was asked what reaction the GOUZENKO Case had on his own contacts. SOBLE stated that he told FEDOTOV and ZUBILIN that everybody was afraid and mentioned that ALEXANDER ELIAS had a breakdown because of it and the others such as AJA ANSCHILEWITZ were afraid. SOBLE claimed after he told these things to Soviets, the Soviets did not discuss the details of GOUZENKO Case with him. SOBLE further denied that he knew any of the details of GOUZENKO Case.

A greater part of interview devoted to review with SOBLE numerous photographs recovered in SOBLE's possession at the time of arrest.

SOBLE again read signed statement on ROBERT SOBLE and after reading it related that he did not desire to sign statement because he wanted to make sure that the facts in relation to ROBERT SOBLE were complete and would review these facts over weekend and if any additional facts come to mind he would supply these on 11/4/57.

During interview it was again emphatically pointed out to SOBLE that he had not made a full disclosure to the Government on his Espionage activities in behalf of the Soviets.

SOBLE to be interviewed 11/4/57 and Bureau will be advised.

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JACK and MYRA SOBLE interviewed A.M., 11/5/57, at US Marshal's Detention Quarters. Re ALICE MARTIN and ESTHER RAND, MYRA SOBLE claims she first met ESTHER RAND some time in Spring, 1945, at a Swedish Restaurant in NYC. Mrs. SOBLE relates she first met JAMES and ALICE MARTIN either in late 1946 or early 1947 in front of a movie theater in Times Square, NYC. JACK SOBLE claims he cannot recall exactly when he first met ALICE MARTIN but maintains this meeting took place in restaurant in NYC. JACK SOBLE maintains that when he first met ALICE, ESTHER RAND and JACK RAND were present and also another man. SOBLE claims he thought other man was probably ROBERT, but he is not sure of these facts. SOBLE stated at this meeting he recalls that ALICE MARTIN told him her husband was in service and he would soon be returning home, but cannot place this meeting in his mind with any specific date.

Both SOBLES were displayed a photograph of BILL LAWRENCE without effecting any identification. JACK SOBLE claimed the photograph had no connection in his mind with ALICE MARTIN.

JACK SOBLE related he cannot recall ALICE MARTIN ever furnishing him information on American Jewish Congress or ROY BLUMENTHAL. SOBLE claimed he could not

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recall exactly where ALICE MARTIN furnished him with the information on RICHARD LAUTERBACK. SOBLE states that MARTIN gave him this information a few months after he first met her.

SOBLE signed statement concerning ROBERT SOBLE and a copy of this statement is enclosed, with the inked corrections SOBLE has made on the original statement. Original statement retained NY case file on ROBERT SOBLE (100-88714).

SOBLE conferred with his attorney GEORGE WOLF and wife MYRA in PM.

SOBLE to be interviewed 11/6/57, and Bureau will be advised.

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Former AUSA THOMAS B. GILCHRIST advised NYO that he had not received any other installments of the SOBLE articles. Mr. GILCHRIST advised he had conferred with International News Service, 11/7/57, in reference to these articles and INS told GILCHRIST they had some sort of delay in reference to the articles but he would receive them a.m., 11/8/57. GILCHRIST advised he would promptly notify NYO of receipt of instant articles so that he could make these available to NYO.

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Mr. FRANCISCUS, Parole and Classification Officer,
Federal House of Detention, West St, NYC, advised JACK SOBLE
transferred to Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary as of
12:30 P.M., 11/8/57.

Dep. U.S. Marshal THOMAS FARLEY advised that
MYRA SOBLE will be transferred to Alderson Prison for Women,
Alderson, West Virginia, 11/12/57.

In view of JACK SOBLE's transfer, the Philadelphia
Office is requested to ascertain from officials at Lewisburg
when SOBLE will be available for interview. Philadelphia Office
is also requested to ascertain what contact SOBLE might have
with JACOB ALBAM during course of prison routine. For the
information of Philadelphia Office, any contact between SOBLE
and ALBAM would not be to the best interests of this investigation
at this time, as there are contradictions and discrepancies in
information supplied by them in various phases of this investigation.

The NYO recommends that agents of the NYO who have
interrogated JACK SOBLE since April, 1957, continue to interview
him. The NYO feels that SOBLE's disclosures as to his espionage
activities for Soviets are in no way complete or exhausted. The
NYO does not feel that SOBLE's negative answers on certain
specific points can be logically accepted.

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From experience with SOBLE, NYO does not think that introduction of new agents to SOBLE would be advisable at this time in view of difficulties in eliciting previous information from SOBLE, the complexities of SOBLE's personality and his proclivity to minimization and retraction, the complicated nature of SOBLE's relationship and activities with various subjects of the Moscow and the possibility of imminent prosecution of other Moscow subjects.

On receipt of requested information from Philadelphia, and Bureau authorization, NYO will arrange to have SOBLE interviews resumed by NYO agents at Lewisburg.

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SOBIE interviewed 11/19 at USP, Lewisburg. At outset of interview, SOBIE stated he wanted to state that he had a blood pressure reading taken by HARRY GOLD, self-admitted Soviet agent, and he, SOBIE, can state definitely he never before met or had seen HARRY GOLD.

INS articles "How I Spied on the U. S." number one through eight read verbatim to SOBIE for his comment and explanation. SOBIE alleges that he did not write one word in the articles; that he never spoke of the contents to JACK LOTTO, INS reporter; and that he spoke only to GEORGE WOLF, his attorney, about the contents.

Re Article #1 - SOBIE admits he was in the United States during November 1947, and not in Moscow, as stated. SOBIE repeated that he had a two-room suite at the Metropole Hotel in Moscow, and one night, date not recalled, brought SUBILIN and "ALEXEI" to his hotel rooms; all had been drinking, ZUBILIN passed out, and was put to bed by SOBIE and ALEXEI. ALEXEI during the conversation pointed at ZUBILIN and remarked to the effect that SUBILIN was due to be demoted even though he had "stolen the atomic bomb from the United States." SOBIE denied ever hearing from any other Soviet he met or saw in Moscow any reference to the atomic bomb. SOBIE states he knew ALEXEI as ZUBILIN's chauffeur in the United States, but knew nothing else about him. Stated conversation he had with ALEXEI was general, both stating they liked the United States. Stated did not trade any "spy stories."

Re Article #2 - SOBIE stated BERIA did not address him by any name, nor mentioned name of STALIN. Denied that BERIA directed SOBIE and group to go to USA but to go wherever they could enter, i.e., Canada, South America or UK. Stated if he refused offer, Soviets could exile family to Siberia. Denied deal with HARMON to give him Bristol factory in exchange for additional passports. Stated cannot recall now, other than PEDOTOV, MATSOV at farewell party at Aragui Restaurant, Moscow.

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Re Article #3 - Repeated claim went to Amtorg 1942 only to seek Soviet bristles. Denied SUBILIN met in lobby of Paris Hotel with such parole as alleged in article. Stated SUBILIN came to hotel room and announced himself. Admitted meeting SUBILIN at Beacon Theatre for conference. States ZUBILIN introduced him to CHALIAPIN and did not see ZUBILIN again until 1944, when he called SOBIE re the KRAVCHENKO defection story received from ZBOROWSKY. Repeated denial that he had a man and woman at UJA; claimed he had ESTHER RAND only.

The three Trotskyite agents SOBIE claims are ZBOROWSKI, "SOPHIE" (BOISLEE) and "HAL" (WILLER). Denied having Soviet superior known as "SEROE." Denied receiving \$1000 monthly from ZUBILIN.

Re Article #4 - SOBIE denied knowing if any "salesmen" were employed at BMMCo., or if agents were to be sent to Canada. Stated ZUBILIN did tell him he, SOBIE, was to supervise the BMMCo., when told to do so; that ZUBILIN did not give STERN's name at meeting at the Far East Restaurant, nor details of the financing of the BMMCo. Such details he learned from STERN at a much later date. Stated ZUBILIN claimed success of BMMCo. was to be the "Crown of his (ZUBILIN'S) work." Claimed CHOUDENKO ordered him to attempt to pacify STERN and MORROS and sent him to Hollywood with STERN. Denied STERN was hostile to MORROS; was only worried about his investment. Denied he, SOBIE, ordered BMMCo. to be dissolved. Stated CHOUDENKO approved such, but never mentioned receiving telegram from Moscow "Dissolve." Denied knowing STERN's sent report to Soviet contact at Washington warning about MORROS. Stated MORROS used as courier only between SOBIE and Soviets.

Re Article #5 - Denied JANE FOSTER furnished him with photographs and reports for ten years. Claimed she gave few reports on such as STEPZCK, etc, but no photographs. SOBIE claimed WOLF probably used JANE's report given to MORROS by SOBIE June 1949 as basis for article. Denied knowing JANE was with OSS before he met her. Denied knowing JANE had job at Hot-Weiss-Hot radio when met her in NY 1946, but knew of such radio position after Paris meeting 1947. Claimed he told WOLF only that GEORGE ELATOVSKI had job interrogating refugees. Denied that GEORGE had been assigned to have affairs with secretaries to obtain files on refugees. Denied GEORGE ever told him of such, or that he, SOBIE, ever knew of it. Denied knowing JANE working for OSS, and that she was married to a Netherlands envoy. Stated knew she was married to a "Dutchman" before 1940.

Re Article #6 - Denied he was told to give JANE a bonus of \$1100. Denied receiving JANE's report on Indonesia at STERN home Christmas 1945.

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Stated he received it at C & L Restaurant. Stated story of drinking bouts held by JANE and GEORGE to obtain information to be "imagination." Stated had nothing to add regarding "detailed biographies of certain persons." SOBIE stated again this must be WOLF and LOTTO's reporting of JANE's 1949 report given to MORROS by SOBIE.

Re Article #7 - SOBIE stated that all he knew was that GEORGE gave him one or two reports containing names of refugees, no one important, and that he cannot recall any of the names or professions, such as scientists, etc. SOBIE denied knowing that GEORGE had affairs with secretaries handling refugee files. States Article #7 must be the imagination of LOTTO and WOLF. Stated MORROS did not borrow money from JANE, but received \$4000 from her to invest in a film deal to provide GEORGE with an income.

Re Article #8 - Stated WOLF made up line, "when the door opened the beautiful stranger, etc., and gave me a long passionate kiss. Denied telling WOLF or LOTTO that STERN financed "like the Institute of Pacific Relations." Claimed never heard of such an organization. Stated STERNs gave him only one report, 1948. Denied receiving other reports from MARTHA. SOBIE alleged met GROMOV in NYC 1945; did not know identity until he ascertained it in Moscow 1947. Stated GROMOV did not relate details of Washington, D. C., dress shop until meet in Washington two weeks later. Denied GROMOV mentioned STERN as "front man." Stated returned to NYC to think over deal and then returned to DC to decline proposition. Denied he told GROMOV that he "told STERN" of deal. Cannot recall further details.

Interview continuing 11/20 next. Warden TAYLOR, USP, Lewisburg, recommended re SOBIE interviews that they may be held from one or two days' duration until SOBIE is released to population, and thereafter to be held once a month, even though SOBIE's story is well known to other inmates. TAYLOR recommends such procedure for security of both SOBIE and other inmates. TAYLOR also informed that SOBIE has just begun interviews with prison officials on aptitude, etc., and may not be readily available at present. He suggests resident agent request in advance dates for interviews, depending upon availability of SOBIE. Resident agent will request interview dates for week of 12/1 next, as Warden TAYLOR stated he may then be available.

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RE: JACK SOBLE, was., et al
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JACK SOBLE interviewed U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg,
12/3/57 and 12/4/57.

During interviews SOBLE became emotional and cried frequently. He also complained of pains in his chest and head and claimed that these physical ailments and preoccupation with his adjustment to prison life hindered concentration on matters taken up in interviews.

Re NY airtel 11/25/57 forwarding material received from JACK LOTTO, International News Service, who authored SOBLE newspaper articles, and NY airtel 11/26/57 commenting on this material. SOBLE questioned on each print mentioned airtel 11/26.

Page 3, paragraph 1 - SOBLE said that one of the members of faculty at Mariampol School who had Marxist sympathies was one LEDERER and the name of the other faculty member he could not remember.

Page 3, paragraph 2 - JOSEPH GREIFENBERGER, a Lithuanian of German extraction was executed in Lithuania about 1920 for Communist activities.

Page 4, paragraphs 1 and 2 - SOBLE stated that these incidents, such as the policeman stopping SOBLE and a companion, were true.

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Page 5, Paragraph 1 - SOBIE stated that he did not have intimate association with WALTER ULBRICHT, now General Secretary of East German CP, PAUL BOETTCHER and FRITZ HECKERT who died in Moscow, but had known them in Germany.

Page 5, paragraph 3 - SOBIE stated he was not one of the principal speakers in Moscow in 1927 celebration and in fact did not speak at all at any meetings of delegates.

Page 5, paragraph 4 - SOBIE stated that he was hired as correspondent in Leipzig before going to Moscow.

Page 6, paragraph 2 - SOBIE said never received a Doctorate degree but only obtained a Bachelor's degree in Leipzig.

Page 7, paragraph 4 - SOBIE said information re ACKERKNECT'S employment at a Midwestern university was told to him by ROBERT SOBIE.

Page 6, paragraph 1 - The statement that SOBIE told PANKRATOFF, wa. BELOV, in Berlin in 1931 that he would like to rejoin CP is, according to SOBIE, not true.

Page 9, paragraphs 1 and 2 - SOBIE stated he did receive from SEDOV, TROTSKY'S son, then in Berlin, an invitation to visit Trotsky in Turkey. The rest of this paragraph containing TROTSKY'S alleged statements is, according to SOBIE, not true. The invitation to visit TROTSKY in Copenhagen in 1932 also came from SEDOV. TROTSKY'S reported statements in paragraph 2 are also not true, according to SOBIE, though TROTSKY knew his movement at that time was losing force and did not have to be so told by SOBIE.

Page 9, paragraph 3 - SOBIE stated after going to Moscow in 1933 he was not immediately restored to CP membership but that this took time.

Page 10, paragraph 1 - SOBIE stated this paragraph was not true. He said he knew YUDIN and ULBRICHT in connection with his work on the German Communist Party in Moscow. He met FEDOTOV, MATUSOV and SWERDLOW in 1940 in connection with his departure from Russia.

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Page 12, paragraph 2 - The MARTYRKOW mentioned is MARTINOW, who has been mentioned by SOBIE previously. SOBIE said that the statement of being given blank authenticated passports was true except for those of the SOBIE party who already had valid passports, e.g., [REDACTED] b7C

Page 13, paragraph 1 - BRAUER was not arrested by the Japanese police. He was helped to go to Shanghai by the Jewish refugees in Japan, who feared his denunciations would hurt the chances of all the refugees in emigrating from Japan. SOBIE emphasized that ROSOVSKY would know of this incident.

Page 13, paragraph 3 - SOBIE claims that he did desire to cut himself off from the past and start a new life in America.

Page 15, paragraph 1 - SOBIE stated ZUBILIN never discussed TROTSKY or the Soviet sources in the Trotskyite movement with him except as to ZBOROWSKI after ZBOROWSKI report of the Soviet defector later known to be KRAVCHENKO. SOBIE did not know CHALIAPIN as SERGE and claimed he had never known any Soviet or Soviet contact by true or code name of SERGE."

Page 16, paragraph 1 - SOBIE stated his meetings with ZUBILIN were not frequent and estimated the number of meetings as "6 or 7."

Page 17, last sentence - SOBIE stated he never gave any reports from ESTHER RAND to ZUBILIN.

Page 21, paragraph 1 - SOBIE stated STERN'S name was mentioned by him to GROMOV in the discussion of the dress shop in Washington.

Page 22, first sentence - GROMOV did not compliment SOBIE on his caution.

Page 24, paragraph 5 - SOBIE stated he met ALBAN in Russia between 1933 to 1940 about 5 or 6 times.

Page 25, paragraph 3 and 4 - SOBIE stated he does not remember the parole used in Prague but part of it was the use of a magazine the name of which he claimed not to recall. He denied that an umbrella played a part in the parole. SOBIE stated that

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the man who met him in Prague used name of IVANOV (first name and patronymic unknown) and told him he was attached to Soviet Consulate in Prague. SOBIE described this individual.

Page 26, first sentence - SOBIE claimed he did not recall the name used on papers of travel to Moscow and does not believe it was DOROW but the papers were made out in the name of a Soviet Lieutenant Colonel.

Page 27, paragraph 4 - SOBIE stated he never received money from FEDOTOV and the \$5,000.00 was given to him by KOUSNETZOV in Paris but not immediately after his return there.

Page 28, paragraph 2 - SOBIE now states it was KOUSNETZOV who gave him the instructions to go to Moscow in 1948.

Page 30, paragraph 2 - SOBIE stated that KOROTKOV did not distrust MORROS after the 1948 meeting in Switzerland, but KOROTKOV said he was not impressed by MORROS.

Page 32, paragraph 1 - SOBIE stated that he originally received the telephone number of TCHERNIAWSKI in Vienna from TCHERNIAWSKI himself when he met TCHERNIAWSKI in Vienna in 1947 on return to Prague from Moscow in that year.

Page 35, paragraph 4 - SOBIE stated that JANE ZLATOVSKI did not work for the ECA in Paris.

SOBIE also denied that he met GROMOV in Washington near the Washington Monument. He claimed he could not recall the exact meeting place, but it was not near the Washington Monument. He also denied that GEORGE ZLATOVSKI furnished him with names, family details and where refugees were to be located in the U.S.

SOBIE again emphasized that he had not written the newspaper articles and complained that many of the statements in the articles were not factual to his knowledge.

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Re JACOB ALBAN - SOBIE stated that he had met ALBAN briefly at Jewish services in the prison at Lewisburg and that ALBAN was cold and hostile to him. SOBIE stated that he could not understand why ALBAN had withheld any information. SOBIE said that, for example, ALBAN told him he could not remember that he attended ILYA VOLSTON'S wedding dinner in Paris in 1948 and denied that SOBIE told him then that ILYA had and was supplying him information for the Soviets. SOBIE said ALBAN undoubtedly did recall these matters. SOBIE stated that he asked ALBAN if he wanted to return to Russia and ALBAN agreed he did not want to do so. ALBAN agreed that Russia under KHRUSHCHEV was no different than under STALIN. SOBIE also advised that ALBAN stated that he could not understand how MYRA SOBIE could disclose information about her Soviet activities as she had relatives in Russia. SOBIE emphasized that ALBAN knew that ESTHER RAND and ALICE MARTIN were Soviet contacts of SOBIE when SOBIE sent ALBAN to them in order to obtain a wife in 1947-1948. SOBIE requested that the fact that she had disclosed information re conversations with ALBAN not be indicated to ALBAN as this would affect SOBIE'S relations in the prison.

Re ALICE MARTIN - SOBIE again questioned as to his original meeting with ALICE MARTIN and how this was arranged. SOBIE claims he first met ALICE in company of ESTHER RAND in a restaurant-cafe on Manhattan West Side. Claims cannot recall exact time or place. Says has recollection of another man being present at meeting who he vaguely recalls may have been there as ALICE'S companion. However, claims other man may have been JACK RAND or ROBERT SOBIE or somebody else. States photo of WILLIAM LAWRENCE is familiar but claims inability to recall why and how it is familiar. Denies any recollection of any connection between LAWRENCE and ESTHER RAND and ALICE MARTIN. Admits possibility LAWRENCE could have been the other man present at first meeting with MARTIN.

Re ROBERT SOBIE - After persistent questioning, JACK SOBIE is "pretty sure" he once met LUCY BOOKER at "Silver Palms" restaurant, Broadway near 168th Street, New York City (BOOKER stated she met SOBIE and the man whom SOBIE introduced as his successor at the restaurant. BOOKER has denied that this

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was ROBERT SOBIE.) JACK SOBIE claimed he could not recall details of meeting. Admits there was another man present at the meeting and admits that the man he introduced to BOOKER must have been ROBERT SOBIE, although refusing to state categorically that it was ROBERT. JACK SOBIE stated that he vaguely remembered that ROBERT jokingly remarked, probably immediately after the meeting, that BOOKER was a beautiful woman. Despite this admission SOBIE would not state without qualification that he introduced BOOKER to ROBERT SOBIE but continued to state that it must have been ROBERT. JACK denied that ROBERT ever told him he visited BOOKER home. SOBIE did unqualifiedly state that there was no other contact of his to whom he introduced BOOKER.

SOBIE stated he did not introduce ROBERT to SOPHIE (SYLVIA CALLEN DOXSEE). (Noted that BOOKER states JACK SOBIE'S successor was also in contact with DOXSEE.)

Re SYLVIA CALLEN DOXSEE - SOBIE claims he first met SOPHIE (DOXSEE) at BOOKER'S apartment. He had impression that BOOKER and DOXSEE had not known each other long before this. Neither CHALIAPIN, BOOKER nor DOXSEE had ever indicated to him who had been DOXSEE'S previous Soviet contact or what method of contact had been used before BOOKER'S apartment. SOBIE still claims contact with DOXSEE was finished in 1943 and she was going to Chicago immediately.

Re REBECCA GETZOFF - SOBIE believes that BOOKER took him to GETZOFF apartment for first contact. Unable to recall how BOOKER knew GETZOFF or what she told him re GETZOFF. He was instructed to make contact with GETZOFF by CHALIAPIN. SOBIE claimed he could not supply details of reason for contact of GETZOFF, what information she gave him and why contact was broken off. Photo of JOSEPH KATZ again shown SOBIE and he claims non recognition.

Re JOHANNA KOENEN BEKER - Unlabeled photo of BEKER shown SOBIE. He thought photo familiar but failed to remember

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why familiar. SOBLE then asked again if he had ever seen KOENEN'S daughter and denied it. SOBLE then stated if photo shown was that of KOENEN'S daughter he possibly had met her in ROBERT SOBLE'S office or with ROBERT. Denied that she was ever introduced to him (JACK SOBLE) UNDER NAME OF KOENEN

SOBLE again denied that there was any other person involved in Soviet activities either in U.S. or abroad about whom he disclosed information.

SOBLE not yet released to general prison population and not yet classified for type of work, etc., in prison.

Philadelphia requested to maintain contact with officials, U.S. Penitentiary Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and advise NY when next interview of SOBLE may be scheduled.

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Chief Assistant USA, SDNY, ARTHUR CHRISTY advised December 30 instant, upon conferring with NY Agents, regarding future prosecutive action this matter, that he would arrange to convene a Grand Jury for hearings of additional witnesses, on or about 1/27/58. CHRISTY stated he is in process of reviewing summary reports and other material pertaining to DR. ROBERT SOBLE, MARK ZBOROWSKY, ESTHER RAND, ALICE and JAMES MARTIN, ILYA WOLSTON, SYLVIA DOXSEE, PAUL and EMILY LEMPORT, and other subjects and will request additional conference with NY Agents upon completion of his review.

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MYRA SOBIE interviewed 2/20/58.

RE MASCHA SKLANSKY: MYRA SOBIE related that one week and she spent at the home of ROBERT SOBIE on Fire Island she met SKLANSKY. Mrs. SOBIE related that SKLANSKY was married at this time and quite happy as she was going to have a baby. SKLANSKY according to MYRA SOBIE, had been known to ROBERT SOBIE prior to her marriage. MYRA SOBIE related that she assumed that MASCHA SKLANSKY had been a former girl friend of ROBERT's, but did not know if ROBERT had used her in relation to his espionage activities for the Soviets.

RE AMBELLAN'S: MYRA SOBIE stated she recalls meeting HAROLD AND ELIZABETH AMBELLAN at the home of ROBERT SOBIE. Mrs. SOBIE stated she knew that ELIZABETH was a girl friend of ROBERT's. Mrs. SOBIE stated that she did not know if AMBELLAN had been used by ROBERT SOBIE in his espionage activities. Mrs. SOBIE related that she understood that both HAROLD and ELIZABETH were communists from the conversations she had with them. Mrs. SOBIE related that JACK SOBIE was not present when she met HAROLD and ELIZABETH.

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RE JACOB ALMAN: Mrs. SOBIE stated she thinks ALMAN's trip to US in 1953 was in connection with espionage activities, but stated she could not have this impression on any facts or conversations she had with ALMAN or anyone else. Mrs. SOBIE stated she does recall that ALMAN told her that he knew MARILLI and LINA MARILLI, but she cannot recall what ALMAN said about the MARILLIS or where he met them.

RE ROBERT SOBIE'S CONTACTS: Mrs. SOBIE claimed she never knew any of ROBERT's activities and did not definitely know ROBERT was engaged in espionage for the Soviet.

Mrs. SOBIE advised she had consulted with GEORGE SOBIE, the SOBIE's attorney and refused to let her counsel to him for the production of a fair v. program record on [REDACTED] article. Mrs. SOBIE stated she is tired of publicity and would not let her counsel.

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JACK SOBIE interviewed briefly at Federal Detention
Headquarters, NYC afternoon 3/3/58.

Interview conducted in Office of Warden, FDN.
Lack of adequate security and privacy at FDN prevented more
complete interrogation.

SOBIE appeared to be well physically but he
immediately complained of alleged "pains" and a burning
sensation in various parts of his body.

Re Unknown Subject; Owner of Farmhouse. SOBIE
stated that the hiding place that ZUBILIN pointed out to
him at the farm in the presence of ALEXANDER ELIAS in 1942
was located in the room adjacent to the main room. SOBIE
stated that the hiding place was not a vault or a wall safe
but a recessed cabinet approximately 15" by 9". SOBIE
related that the cabinet was hidden from view by some covering
which SOBIE recalled as a calendar or some similar type
object. SOBIE claimed that the cabinet had a lock and ZUBILIN
inferred that he had the keys but according to SOBIE, ZUBILIN
did not open the cabinet.

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SOBLE stated that he thinks that his trip to New Jersey to the farmhouse occurred after his trip to Canada probably January 1943 to obtain funds from his Canadian bank account. SOBLE again related that this money was brought to the United States with the aid of TURILIN and CHALIAPIN.

Re LUCY BOOMER.--SOBLE related that he is still not sure if it was ROBERT SOBLE who met LUCY BOOMER with him.

SOBLE was questioned as to whether he had thought of any information or details in relation to his espionage activities since last interrogation. SOBLE claimed that he had not. SOBLE stated that he had told 95 percent of his story and if he could get himself feeling physically fit he would attempt to recall all of the details. SOBLE related that he was willing to be interviewed by agents at any time.

AUSA CHRISTY advised that he was arranging for SOBLE to visit with his wife MYRA on morning of 3/5/58 at the request of SOBLE's attorney GEORGE WOLF. Mr. CHRISTY advised this meeting would take place in US Marshal Detention Quarters US Court House Foley Square. Mr. CHRISTY further advised that on 3/5/58 he would talk to SOBLE and evaluate at that time as to when he would have SOBLE appear before the Federal Grand Jury. Mr. CHRISTY advised SOBLE would be available for interview for NYO on 3/5/58.

Bureau will be advised.

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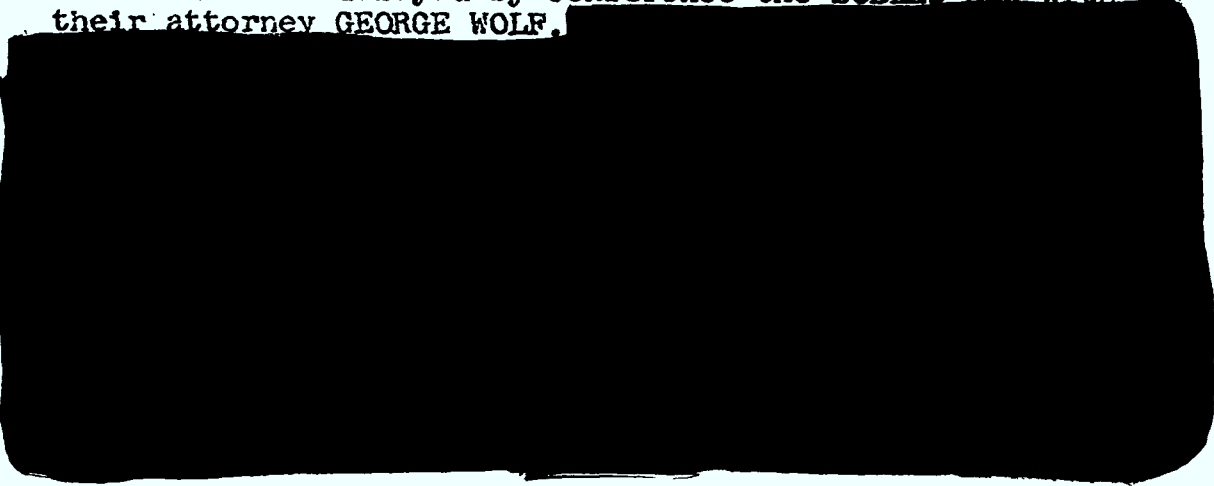
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On 3/5/58, JACK and MYRA SOBLE were interviewed
at the US Court House, Foley Square, NYC. Interview with
the SOBLES was delayed by conference the SOBLES had with
their attorney GEORGE WOLF.



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Later in interview with AUSA CHRISTY and AUSA HERBERT C. KANTOR, while NYO agents were present, SOBIE related the same story and advised that in 1949-1950, when SOBIE was contacted in Paris by the Soviet superior he refers to as JACQUES or the Professor, this Soviet told him that after World War II the Soviets had taken some of the German scientists to Russia to work on Soviet projects. SOBIE related that he recalls this Soviet mentioned the name of DR. PAUL LESTER, a German scientist as one of the group that the Soviets had taken to Russia. SOBIE stated that JACQUES told him that he was personally in touch with LESTER and that LESTER was working at that time on Russian missile projects. SOBIE was questioned in relation to further information he might recall in relation to statements made to him by JACQUES about these scientists or about LESTER and related he could not recall any further details at this time. SOBIE stated that he did not know if JACQUES was personally in charge of the group of scientists and did not know if he was in touch with other scientists other than LESTER. SOBIE was again questioned as to JACQUES' true name and claimed he could not recall ever having heard it. SOBIE stated he had written the letter to the warden at Lewisburg while he was in an emotionally disturbed state and that LESTER's name came back to him after having read in the "New York Times" that LESTER and other German scientists were released to the West Zone of Germany. SOBIE claimed he could not recall further details in relation to the contents of the letter he wrote to the warden at Lewisburg.

The "New York Times" Index for January, 1958, reflects on 1/21/58, the "New York Times" printed a dispatch stating that the Soviet Union had ~~acceptedly~~ agreed to repatriate 21 German scientists and technicians working at the Sukhumi Laboratories in the Soviet Union. An effort

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will be made to locate a later report in the "New York Times" concerning the actual repatriation of these scientists which is undoubtedly that referred to by SOBIE.

Re MARK ZBOROWSKI

SOBIE and his wife were questioned again in relation to ZBOROWSKI. MYRA SOBIE related that she definitely recalled that JACK had mentioned to her some time after he was meeting ZBOROWSKI that he was obtaining information from a Soviet agent named MARK. MYRA SOBIE related that she recalled that JACK told her at that time that MARK furnished information on the Trotskyites and Mensheviks. MYRA SOBIE related that she recalled JACK mentioning the incident about KRAVCHENKO's defection to her, but stated that she did not know KRAVCHENKO's name at that time. Mrs. SOBIE related that after ZBOROWSKI had testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, March of 1956, she recalled having a discussion with JACK about ZBOROWSKI and became very much afraid that ZBOROWSKI had disclosed his relationship with JACK SOBIE.

AUSA KANTOR then questioned JACK SOBIE in an attempt to clarify his mind on certain points that SOBIE had previously told agents and to become familiar with SOBIE to facilitate his handling of SOBIE before the Federal Grand Jury in relation to the ZBOROWSKI matter and any subsequent testifying that SOBIE might be required to perform. AUSA CHRISTY joined agents of the NYO and KANTOR and advised SOBIE of the necessity of SOBIE testifying before the Federal Grand Jury.

On 3/5/58, Warden A. KRIMSKY of the US Detention Headquarters, furnished a copy of a psychiatrist report dated 2/24/58, which was prepared by DR. M. B. ROOT.

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psychiatrist at Lewisburg, regarding JACK SOBIE. A copy of this report is attached. The cover letter transmitting the above report was sent to Warden KRIMSKY by Assistant Director FRANK LOVELAND of the Bureau of Prisons with a cover letter, which stated "I wish you would show this report to USA Christy. This report has been read by DR. Janney our medical director, who believes SOBIE is in need of further observation and postsupervision, in view of DR. Root's report and the incident requiring Sobie's commitment to Bellevue Hospital." KRIMSKY stated in his opinion this means that when SOBIE is no longer needed by the USA, he probably will be transferred to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners at Springfield, Missouri. KRIMSKY also advised that he furnished AUSA CHRISTY with a copy of DR. ROOT's report of 2/24/58, and the cover letter attached to it.

Subsequent to the interview of SOBIE, AUSA CHRISTY advised that he was summoning the Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, for Tuesday, 3/11/58, to hear testimony of JACK SOBIE concerning MARK ZBOROWSKI. CHRISTY indicated that due to his arguing of the appeal of FRANK COSTELLO in the US Circuit Court, he would not be able to devote much attention to the Grand Jury. CHRISTY indicated that AUSA KANTOR would handle the ZBOROWSKI matter before the Grand Jury.

AUSA KANTOR stated he felt JACK SOBIE might be a good witness, as he apparently answered questions directly when not concerned with his own alleged pains and problems.

With regard to ZBOROWSKI, KANTOR expressed concern as to the truth or falsity of ZBOROWSKI's statements

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concerning his activities in France in the 1930's. KANTOR pointed out that he intended to include in the indictment a count for perjury in the execution by ZBOROWSKI of his Foreign Agents Registration Act statement. KANTOR stated that any information bearing on ZBOROWSKI's activities in France in the 1930's as a Soviet agent might be of great importance in this case.

KANTOR stated that any documentary material such as the Trotsky Archives at Harvard University or living persons bearing on this period of ZBOROWSKI's life would be important. With reference to the Trotsky Archives at Harvard, KANTOR desired to know what material was in the archives bearing on ZBOROWSKI. He also desired to know whether the Trotsky Archives at Harvard were catalogued or in the process of being catalogued. KANTOR stated that if these archives were not otherwise available to determine what they contained concerning ZBOROWSKI, he would issue a subpoena for such archives. KANTOR stated that he desired to know the name, position and location of the person on whom the subpoena should be served, if necessary. KANTOR also expressed interest in knowing whether there was a person presently working on these archives at Harvard and who could be helpful in isolating and translating such material.

KANTOR was particularly interested in ZBOROWSKI's implication in the theft of a portion of Trotsky's papers from the International Institute of Social History in Paris, in 1936, in which ZBOROWSKI was allegedly involved, and the trip of LEON SEDOV to Mulhous, France, which was allegedly reported to the Soviets.

The Boston Office is requested, in light of AUSA KANTOR's request, to ascertain, at Harvard University, the name, position and location of the person on whom a subpoena should be served to produce the material in the Trotsky Archives concerning ZBOROWSKI.

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AUSA ~~KANTOR~~ on 3/5/58, indicated that he
would continue the interview of JACK SOBIE on 3/6/58.

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JACK SOBIE interviewed 3/12/58. SOBIE stated [redacted] and [redacted] visited him and MYRA SOBIE, 3/10/58. [redacted] had advised him on this visit that she is staying with Dr. ROBERT and DINA SOBIE; that while talking to ROBERT and DINA about JACK and MYRA, ROBERT stated [redacted] he was not involved in this case, and that if he knew previously that JACK was so involved in espionage, he would have killed JACK. JACK, while relating this story, [redacted] and cursed ROBERT for his lying [redacted] JACK advised that [redacted] had told [redacted] ROBERT SOBIE and ILYA WOLSTON were involved but [redacted] would not believe it until JACK admitted to her on the [redacted] 3/10/58, that they were involved. JACK reported that [redacted] advised she met in Montreal, Canada, a couple of weeks ago, with PANIA PUSTOPEDSKY, former wife of BORIS SOBIE, and sister of ALEXANDER ELIAS, and was told by PANIA that ELIAS was recently questioned by RCMP for a couple of hours, about the SOBIE case and he, ELIAS, collapsed. PANIA also

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