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144	11/30/53	Serial 144 which is a 12 page letter from Chicago to HQ is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(1) as it has been classified pursuant to Executive Order 11652. This serial bears the Classification Officers number 6080.
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82	8.4.53	ASAC to SAC Memo	2	2	
83	8.4.53	ASAC to SAC Memo	1	1	
84	8.4.53	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
85	8.5.53	NY Airtel to HQ	2	2	
86	8-5-53	Newspaper Clipping from NY Times	1	1	
87	8.5.53	Sup. to SAC Memo	1	1	
88	8 5 53	Sup. to SAC Memo	1	1	
89	8.5.53	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
90	8.6.53	Newspaper Clipping from NY Times	1	1	
91	8.7.53	Newspaper Clipping from Daily Worker	1	1	
92	8.7.53	Newspaper Clipping from Daily Worker	1	1	
93	8 10 53	NY teletype to HQ	1	1	

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94	7-13-53	NY teletype to NQ	2	0	SEI NY 100-107111
95	7-24-53	NY letter to NQ	1	1	
96	8-17-53	Newspaper Clipping from The National Guardian	4	4	
97	8-21-53	Newspaper Clipping from NY Herald	1	1	
98	8-31-53	Newspaper Clipping from National Guardian	4	4	Pulled F2281 10-3-79
99	9-2-53	SA to SAC Memo	2	1	
100	9-3-53	SA to SAC memo	1	1	
101	9-8-53	NY letter to NQ	2	0	10-2-79 F2281 SIE NY 100-107111-F133
102	9-14-53	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
103	9-15-53	NN teletype to NQ	1	1	
104	9-23-53	Newspaper Clipping from the Daily News	1	1	
105	9-22-53	WFO letter to NQ	1	1	

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106	10-7-53	SA to SAC memo	2	0	10-3-79 F2281 SEE NY 65-11318-2523
107	10-7-53	NY letter to NQ	3	0	10-3-79 F2281 SEE NY 65-15319-2520
108	10-7-53	SA to SAC memo	3	2	
108A	10-7-53	SA to SAC memo	2	2	
109	10-13-53	PN letter to NY	2	0	10-2-79 F2281 SEE NY 100-107111-1269
110	10-14-53	NQ letter to NY	1	1	
111	10-2-53	SL letter to NQ	1	0	SEE NY 100-107111
112	10-16-53	SA to SAC memo with attachment	1/1	2	
113	10-22-53	NY letter to NQ	1	1	
114	10-23-53	SA to SAC memo	2	2	
115	10-23-53	ASAC to SAC memo	1	1	
116	10-23-53	Sup. to ASAC memo	1	1	

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117	10-23-53	SAC to ASAC Memo	1	1	
118	10-28-53	NY teletype to NQ	1	1	
118	10-28-53	typeout copy of above teletype	1	1	1 dup
118 A	10-29-53	NK Airtel to NQ	1	0	SEE NY 100-107111
119	10-30-53	NY letter to NQ with enclosure	2/11	13	
120	10-30-53	DE teletype to NQ, NY	1	1	
121	10-30-53	ASAC to SAC Memo	1	0	SEE NY 100-107111
122	11-5-53	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
123	11-5-53	NY teletype to NQ SU	1	1	
124	11-5-53	NQ letter to NY	4	4	
125	11-11-53	SA to SAC Memo to file	1	1	Also processed as 65-15348-2534 BA
126	11-9-53	SA to SAC enclosed: third party	2	0	10-2-79 F2281 SEE NY 100-107111-F146

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127	10-30-53	LA SA to SAC Memo	4	0	SEE NY 100-107111
128	11-13-53	DE teletype to HQ, NY	1	1	
129	11-13-53	NY teletype to BA	1	1	
130	11-16-53	SU Airtel to NY	1	1	
131	11-24-52	Third party letter to HQ	1	0	10-2-79 P2381 SEE NY 100-107111-1306
131	11-16-53	BA letter to NY	1	1	
132	11-16-53	Newspaper Clipping from National Guardian	1	1	
133	11-16-53	SU Airtel to HQ (DUPLICATE OF 130)	1	1	
134	11-18-53	SA to SAC Memo to file	1	0	SEE NY 65-15318
135	11-18-53	SA to SAC Memo to file.	2	2	
136	11-23-53	LA SA to SAC Memo to file	4	1	
137	11-24-53	NY letter to HQ	1	1	

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138	11.27.53	Memo to file captioned: third party	3	2	
139	11.5.53	Newspaper clipping from The Daily Mirror	1	1	
140	11.25.53	PN letter to NQ captioned: third party	7	7	
141	11.16.53	DE memo to file	5	5	
142	11.30.53	Newspaper clipping from National Guardian	1	1	
143	12.1.53	Newspaper clipping from National Guardian	1	1	
144	11.30.53	CG letter to NQ	12	0	
145	12.1.53	SA to SAC memo to file	1	1	
146	11.24.53	Inspector General, USAF letter to District Commander, USAF	1	0	Personal
147	12.2.53	SA to SAC memo	2	2	"
148	12.3.53	NY Airtel to NQ	1	1	
149	12.4.53	NY letter to Acting Postmaster	1	1	

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150	12-4-53	SU Airtel to NQ	2	2	
151	12-4-53	Indices Search Slip	1	1	
152	12-7-53	Acting Postmaster letter to NY	1	0	Referred
153	10-11-53	re: Newspaper Article from NY Sunday News	1	1	
154	12-14-53	Indices Search Slip	1	1	
155	12-14-53	NY letter to NQ	2	2	
156	11-12-53	Newspaper Clipping from Daily Worker	1	1	
157	12-11-53	SA to SAC Memo	2	0	SEE NY 100-37158
158	12-14-53	SA to SAC Memo to file	1	1	
159	1-4-54	NQ letter to third party	1	1	
160	7-22-50	Newspaper Clipping from Daily Worker	2	2	
161	12-3-53	Verification of Information Form	1	1	

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162	1-6-54	SA to SAC Memo to file	1	1	
163	10-11-53	SA to SAC memo to file	1	1	NY 65-15348-2537 SLC NY 40-[illegible]
164	12-7-53	SA to SAC Memo to file	1	1	
165	11-20-53	Foreign Service letter to State Dept. with enclosure	2/4	0	Referral
166	12-10-53	RCMP Liason letter to NQ	2	0	
167	12-22-53	NY Airtel to PD	1	1	
168	1-7-54	SA to SAC Memo to file	2	2	
169	1-7-54	Newspaper Clipping from New York Times	1	1	
170	1-8-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Times	1	1	
171	1-8-54	NY teletype to HQ	2	2	
172	1-8-54	SA to SAC letter	1	1	
173	1-11-54	NY teletype to HQ	1	1	

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174	1-11-54	SA to SAC Memo	1	0	SEE NY 65-15348
175	1-12-54	NY teletype to HQ	1	1	
176	1-12-54	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
177	1-18-54	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
178	1-19-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Journal American	1	1	
179	1-20-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY News	1	1	
180	1-20-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Mirror	1	1	
181	1-20-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Herald Tribune	1	1	
182	12-23-53	LA, SA to SAC Memo	1	0	SEE NY 100-10[illegible]
183	12-23-53	SF letter to HQ	1	0	SEE NY 100-10[illegible]
184	1-12-54	LA letter to NY	1	1	
185	1-12-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	1	1	

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186	1-15-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
187	1-18-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
188	1-18-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
189	1-19-54	LG letter to NY	2	0	See NY 100-107111
190	1-19-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Journal American	1	1	
191	1-20-54	RCMP Liason letter to HQ with enclosure	2/11	0	
192	1-25-54	Newspaper Clipping from National Guardian	1	1	
193	1-31-54	SUP memo to SAC	1	1	
194	1-31-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Daily News	1	1	
195	1-30-54	FD 71 Complaint form	1	1	
196	1-30-54	SA Essay memo to file	11	11	
197	1-30-54	NY teletype to HQ TRANSMITTAL COPY	2	2	

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197	1-30-54	NY teletype to HQ - TYPED COPY	1	1	1 dup.
198	1-31-54	NY teletype to HQ	1	0	10-9-79 F2381 SEE NY 100-107111-1389
199	2-1-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Herald Tribune	1	1	
200	1-30-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Journal American	1	1	
201	1-30-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Mirror	1	1	
202	1-30-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Brooklyn Eagle	2	2	
203	1-7-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
204	1-7-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
205	1-12-54	LA letter to NY	1	1	1 dup. (DUPLICATE OF SERIAL 184)
206	1-22-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
207	1-29-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	3	3	
208	1-5-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	2	0	SEE NY 100-107111-[illegible]

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209	1-28-54	LA, SA to SAC (Memo)	1	1	
210	1-22-54	SA to SAC Memo	1	0	SEE NY 100-107111
211	2-2-54	NQ letter to NY	1	1	
212	2-5-54	PD letter to NQ	1	1	
213	1-22-54	LA, SA to SAC (Memo)	3	0	10-2-79 F2281 SEE NY 100-107111-1383A
214	1-12-54	LA, SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
215	1-11-54	SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
216	2-1-54	SA to SAC Memo	1	0	10-1-79 F2281 SEE NY 100-96057-22
217	2-7-54	Newspaper Clipping from NY Journal American	1	1	
218	2-2-54	NY letter to NQ	1	0	SEE NY 100-107111

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC DATE: 8/4/53

FROM : ASAC A. J. MARCHESSAULT

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCK
SM-C BLOCH

I called Mr. BILL CLEVELAND of the Bureau at 11:35 AM, this morning, relative to the letter we received dated 7/29/53, from the Director, in connection with captioned case, wherein the Director instructed that we personally deliver to Mr. FRANK GORDON, Chief Attorney for the Grievance Committee of the New York City Bar Association, the Director's letter, at which time we should tell Mr. GORDON that the Director has no objection to the contents of the letter being made a matter of record in the minutes of the Grievance Committee. I told Mr. CLEVELAND that we made a telephone call to Mr. GORDON'S office this morning to ascertain whether or not he was in, and we were referred to JAMES T. GALLAGHER, who is Assistant Attorney for the Grievance Committee of the Association of the Bar of New York City. Mr. GALLAGHER advised us that Mr. GORDON was away on leave in the state of New Hampshire, at his summer place, and would not return until September 7 or 8, sometime after Labor Day. Mr. GALLAGHER advised us that prior to Mr. GORDON leaving on vacation, he had been briefed by Mr. GORDON relative to the BLOCK matter and that he knew of the past activities and action taken by Mr. GORDON in connection therewith. That Mr. GORDON advised him that he had written to the Director and that he would be receiving a letter from the Director. Further, that Mr. GALLAGHER was authorized to discuss the matter with the agents of this office.

I told Mr. CLEVELAND that the Director's letter had gone directly to Mr. GORDON'S office, since Mr. GALLAGHER advised us hehad the letter from the Director, and thattherefore, we would be unable to deliver it, since, no doubt, there was a slip in the mail room. I told Mr. CLEVELAND that we had the attached memorandum noted in the Director's letter of 7/29/53, to this office, the content of which we were to discuss with Mr. GORDON.

I told Mr. CLEVELAND I was calling him for the following reasons:

1. That we did not receive the Director's letter; that it went directly to Mr. GORDON'S office.

2. Whether or not we should discuss the content of the attached memorandum setting forth the background of BLOCK with Mr. GALLAGHER.

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RE: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCK 8/4/53
SM-C

Mr. CLEVELAND asked for my recommendations, and I recommendedthat we discuss the matter with Mr. GALLAGHER if it was the Bureau's desire to acquaint Mr. GORDON'S office with the information contained in the attached memorandum prior to Mr. GORDON'S return to his office, which, as noted above, will be sometime after Labor Day. Mr. CLEVELAND advised that we should immediately check our references concerning Mr. GALLAGHER, the Bureau would do likewise, and he would telephonically advise later on during the day as to what action would be taken.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 8/4/53

FROM : ASAC A. J. MARCHESSAULT

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCK
SM-C

At 4:55 PM, on 8/4/53, Mr. WILLIAM CLEVELAND, Bureau, called me back in connection with my telephonic conversation with him at 11:35 AM, this date, at which time I called the Bureau's attention to the fact that Mr. GORDON'S office had already received the Director's letter and whether or not the Bureau desired this office to discuss the content of the memorandum furnished this office with Mr. GALLAGHER since Mr. GORDON was away on vacation.

Mr. CLEVELAND advised me that the Bureau authorizes this office to discuss the content orally with Mr. GALLAGHER if the NYO files contain no derogatory information on GALLAGHER. Mr. CLEVELAND further advised that a check of the Bureau indices failed to reveal any derogatory information on GALLAGHER.

At 5:05 PM, T. SCOTT MILLER, Supervisor #12, was advised of the Bureau's decision in the matter.

Miller

AJM:MXM

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: August 4,1953

FROM : SA T. Scott Miller

SUBJECT: EMANUEL H. BLOCH
Security Matter - C

I called Inspector Hendrichs at the Bureau at 5:15 PM this date and advised him that the newspapers in New York were being checked and that more than half had already been checked with negative results. I also told him that he would be advised of the results when they were all in.

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EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, SM - C. RE NY TELEPHONE CALLS TO MR. BELMONT AND MR. HENNRICH ON 8/5/53. SEARCH FOR ARTICLE IN NY PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS WHICH TOLD OF ALLEGED WAGER BETWEEN MR. HOOVER AND MR BROWNELL, COMPLETED TODAY WITHOUT FINDING ANY SUCH ARTICLE. SURVEY WAS MADE OF 19 PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS IN NY AREA FROM PERIOD OF 6/12/53 TO 6/22/53 INCLUSIVE. THIS SURVEY INCLUDED ALL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, NYC, AS WELL AS PARADE MAGAZINE SECTION OF L.I. PRESS, INC. RE BULET 7/29/53 REQUESTING NYO TO FURNISH VERBALLY INFORMATION SET OUT IN BLIND MEMO, ATTACHED TO REBULET, TO MR. JAMES T. GALLAGHER, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY, GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NY. INFO GIVEN TO MR. GALLAGHER ON 8/5/53, ORALLY, AT WHICH TIME MR. GALLAGHER WAS ADVISED THAT NONE OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FBI, AND THAT THE INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, AND FURTHER THAT NO REFERENCE COULD BE MADE TO THE FBI IN ANY MANNER IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ACTION TAKEN BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED. MR. GALLAGHER STATED THAT MR. HOOVER'S LETTER TO MR. GORDON, ATTORNEY FOR THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, WOULD BE READ TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE ON 8/6/53. MR. GALLAGHER WAS CONTACTED IN THE ABSENCE OF MR. FRANK GORDON, CHIEF ATTORNEY OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION, UPON BUREAU AUTHORITY.

BOARDMAN

ONE CHARGE DROPPED IN THIERMAN TRIAL

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

FORT DEVENS, Mass., Aug. 4 —One of three charges against Lieut Sheppard C. Thierman was dropped today at the Army doctor's general court martial.

An allegation that he had not cooperated with the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee by refusing to give a specimen signature at a hearing was dismissed.

The prosecution dropped the charge in view of a recent ruling by the Court of Military Appeals in the trial of a United States soldier in Germany that under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution a witness had the privilege of refusing to give a sample of his handwriting. This amendment protects witnesses against self-incrimination.

Maj. William L. Whalen, court law officer, denied a defense motion for a directed verdict of not guilty on charges of perjury and obtaining a commission fraudulently by concealing membership in the Communist party.

In his closing argument, Emanuel Bloch, civilian defense counsel, declared:

"These paper patriots like Senator O'Conor [former Senator Herbert O'Conor, Democrat of Maryland, ex-chairman of the Internal Security Subcommittee], and Arens [Richard Arens, committee counsel] thought it would be a marvelous spot to get some publicity and put the Army on the spot." "You must say, we are not going to take one of our own and throw him to the wolves because one or two phony politicians are publicity mad."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-99876) DATE: 8/5/53

FROM : T. SCOTT MILLER, Supervisor, #12

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
SM - C

At 11:55 a.m., instant date, I telephonically advised Assistant Director BELMONT that we had completed a review of nineteen newspapers and publications in the New York area from June 12, 1953 through June 22, 1953, and had been unable to locate any reference to an alleged wager made by MR. HOOVER and MR. BROWNELL. I pointed out specifically to him that we had reviewed the "Parade Magazine" on the Sunday of the funeral, the Sunday before, and the Sunday thereafter, and there was no reference there about such a statement. I pointed out to him that "Parade Magazine" was in the "Long Island Sunday Press" rather than the "New York Herald Tribune."

MR. BELMONT wanted to know if the nineteen papers included the major newspapers in New York City and I told him that they did, and he advised me to hold on to the identity of the papers we checked but it would not be necessary to report that to the Bureau at this time.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-99876) DATE: 8/5/53

FROM : T. SCOTT MILLER, Supervisor, #12

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
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At 4:05 p.m. on 8/5/53 I telephonically advised Inspector CARL HENNRICH of the Bureau that the information in the blind memorandum on EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, forwarded to the New York Office by Bulet 7/29/53, had orally been given to JAMES T. GALLAGHER, Assistant Attorney, Grievance Committee, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and that MR. GALLAGHER had been advised of the confidential nature of the information, etc., as set forth in paragraph three of rebulet.

I also told MR. HENNRICH that MR. HOOVER'S letter to MR. GORDON of the Grievance Committee would be read before an executive session of the Bar Association on 8/6/53.

MR. HENNRICH requested that the above information be put in an airtel to the Bureau.

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FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, was
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On August 4, 1953 an investigation was initiated in an attempt to ascertain if any news item appeared in the New York papers concerning an alleged wager made between Mr. Hoover and the Attorney General of some golf clubs with regard to the outcome of the execution of the Rosenbergs on June 19, 1953. The period between June 12 and June 22, 1953 was searched in the following newspapers and periodicals:

THE DAILY WORKER	checked by SA	M.E.McCLOUGHAN	
THE HARLEM WORKER	"	"	"
THE NEW YORK POST	"	"	"
THE NEW YORK TIMES	"	"	J.CORTEZ BALL
THE JOURNAL AMERICAN	"	"	"
THE HEARLD TRIBUNE	"	"	E.C.COOL
THE NEW YORK TIMES	"	"	"
THE NEW LEADER	"	"	"
THE VILLIAGER	"	"	"
THE DAILY NEWS	"	"	LAWRENCE F. WIRICK, JR.
THE BROOKLYN EAGLE	"	"	LOTE KINNEY, JR.
THE LONG ISLAND STAR	"	"	"
THE LONG ISLAND PRESS, INC. ("PARADE"-SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT			SA LOTE KINNEY, JR.
THE WORLD TELEGRAM AND SUN	checked by SA	H.B.BURGESS	
THE NEW YORK POST	"	"	"
THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN	"	"	" J.L.GILL
THE DAILY MIRROR	"	"	"
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THIS CHECK WAS MADE ON AUGUST ~~4TH AND 5TH~~ 4th and 5th, 1953.

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THIERMAN CLEARED BY COURT-MARTIAL

Brooklyn Lieutenant Accused of Concealing Communist Ties Is Acquitted

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

FORT DEVENS, Mass., Aug. 5—An Army court-martial today acquitted First Lieut. Sheppard Carl Thierman of charges of perjury and obtaining a commission fraudulently by concealing membership in the Communist party. It took the nine officers comprising the trial board three hours to return the verdict.

Yesterday a third charge, failure to cooperate with the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, was dropped.

The 31-year-old Brooklyn, N. Y., Army physician was placed on trial April 27. The twenty-four days devoted to arguments and taking of testimony were punctuated by several long recesses.

The court, in reaching the decision, returned once for additional instruction from the law officer, Maj. William L. Whalen. A two-thirds vote is necessary for conviction. Major Whalen, in his charge, said:

"You are not sitting here as a member of the court to take part in any struggle against communism, but you must be impartial and decide upon the evidence."

Lieutenant Thierman expressed gratification at the verdict.

"My honor as a loyal American has been vindicated," he said. "I received a fair trial in the American tradition, in which all parties performed their duties according to law. I wish to express my tremendous gratitude to Attorney Bloch and Captain Meagher for their brilliant presentation of the issues of the case."

Emmanuel Bloch of New York was civilian defense counsel and Capt. Thomas F. Meagher Jr. military defense counsel.

Mr. Bloch hailed the verdict as "a setback for those who would like to stifle the thoughts of those with whom they do not agree and, indeed, to put into jail those holding unorthodox views."

"This shows that justice can prevail in America," he added, "if people stand up to fight injustice and any radical departure from true American traditions of fair play and equal opportunity to think and express one's thoughts."

Deliberation started at 2:05 P.M. and two hours and thirty-three minutes later Col. Murland E. Loews, president of the court, asked that Major Whalen repeat part of his instructions. The law officer then reinstructed the court that application for membership did not constitute membership in the Communist party unless Lieutenant Thierman authorized some party official to process the application.

The defendant conceded that he had signed an application but denied that he joined the party.

"You cannot find him guilty unless you find an intent to defraud the Army of the United States or deliberate concealment," Major Whalen said.

Nor would a guilty finding be warranted, he added, if the court found that the Army had knowledge or reason to believe that Lieutenant Thierman was a member of a subversive organization and still called him to active duty.

The accused officer served forty-four months in World War II, starting with secret electronics work for the Signal Corps.

Later he attended Princeton, George Washington University and New York University under the Army's medical training program, and was graduated in 1949. In July, 1951, he was called to duty as a medical officer.

Saw Service in Korea

He served in Korea as a medical officer and in the Koje Island prisoner enclosure, where he won commendation and was recommended for promotion.

The lieutenant was awaiting discharge at Fort Devens, set for last Nov. 30, when he was called to Washington to testify before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee. On Nov. 28 the committee recommended that he be court-martialed and the charges were filed the next day.

During the trial Lieutenant Thierman was free of restraint and worked as a medical officer at the separation center and in the fort hospital.

Today's decision is not subject to automatic review.

Lieutenant Thierman said he planned to enter private medical practice in New York.

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THE THIERMAN ACQUITTAL

AN ARMY COURT-MARTIAL'S acquittal of First Lt. Sheppard Carl Thierman of perjury charges for allegedly concealing Communist Party membership, is a crack in the wall of reaction. The popular revulsion against the fascist-like drive to jail Americans for their avowed or alleged views and affiliations has penetrated even the panel of nine army officers who returned the not-guilty verdict.

As Attorney Emanuel Bloch who defended Thierman said, the verdict was "a setback for those who would like to stifle the thoughts of those with whom they do not agree and, indeed, to put into jail those holding unorthodox views."

The verdict also showed, said Bloch, that "justice can prevail in America if people stand up to fight injustice."

The Thierman trial was significant in other respects. The law officer, Maj. William L. Whalen charged the court:

"You are not sitting here as a member of the court to take part in any struggle against communism, but you must be impartial and decide upon the evidence."

Also, the star witness of the government was Mary Markward, the stoolpigeon most responsible for fingering the five working class leaders convicted in Baltimore on Smith Act charges. Apparently the word of a planted political stoolpigeon doesn't hold as much weight in a court as it did a year or two back.

However, such small cracks in the wall of reaction that has been built in recent years should not lead us to overlook the fact that the drive to jail and stifle on the basis of the Smith, McCarran, McCarran-Walter and Taft-Hartley Laws is still on the ascendency.

Such sparks of justice as do appear, as in the Thierman case, should encourage us to step up the counterdrive for amnesty and for an end of persecutions under America's "Hitler Laws."

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Lt. Thierman Hails Verdict Clearing Him

FORT DEVONS, Mass., Aug. 6.—Lt. Sheppard Carl Thierman waited today to become plain "Dr. Thierman" after being acquitted by an Army court martial board on charges of fraud and perjury in concealing alleged Communist Party membership.

The 30-year-old New Yorkers said after his acquittal late yesterday he expected his long-awaited separation from the service to come in a few days.

"I am extremely grateful and joyful at the results of the verdict," he said, having waited through 3½ hours deliberation by the nine-officer court martial board.

"My honor as a loyal American has been vindicated," Thierman said.

"This verdict of acquittal," said defense attorney Emanuel Bloch, "represents a setback for those who would like to stifle the thoughts of those with whom they do not agree and indeed to put into jail those holding unorthodox views."

Thierman was ordered to trial on the eve of his scheduled Nov. 30 discharge last fall following his appearance before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He was charged with perjury before the committee and fraudulent enlistment in concealing alleged Communist Party membership.

Thierman, 30, was summoned before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee when he returned from an assignment to the strife-torn prisoner of war camp on Koje Island. During his appearance he invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to give the subcommittee a specimen of his handwriting.

As the trial drew to a close, law officer William L. Whalen dismissed a third degree charge against Thierman, that he refused to cooperate with the subcommittee. Whalen held that the Fifth Amendment privileged Thierman's refusal to produce a handwriting specimen.

In his closing argument, Bloch said that the case against Thierman was started by former Sen. Herbert O'Conor (D-Md), then head of the Internal Security subcommittee, and Richard Arens, its counsel. He said O'Conor and Arens were trying to "get some publicity and put the Army on the spot" when they started the case.

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ATT. ASST. DIR. A.H. Belmont

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, WAS; SM DASH C. BUFILE ONE HAUGHT ONE EIGHT SIX NINE ONE. JAMES T. GALLAGHER, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY FOR THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, NEW YORK BAR, ADVISED THAT AT THE COMMITTEE HEARING HELD AUGUST SIX LAST, MR. HOOVER'S LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE DATED JULY THIRTY ONE LAST WAS PRESENTED TOGETHER WITH A BRIEF RUN-DOWN OF THE INFORMATION GIVEN ORALLY TO GALLAGHER IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE DATED JULY TWENTY-NINE LAST. GALLAGHER STATED THAT WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER INFO THE COMMITTEE'S REACTION WAS THAT IT MORE SPECIFICALLY CONFIRMED WHAT THEY HAD SUSPECTED. REGARDING MR. HOOVER'S LETTER, GALLAGHER ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE OFFERED AS AN EXHIBIT FOR THE RECORD AT A HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST TWELVE NEXT, AT WHICH TIME BLOCH WILL BE PRESENT. ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF EVIDENCE ADHERED TO BY THE COMMITTEE BLOCH WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE LETTER BEING RECEIVED AS AN EXHIBIT ON THE POSSIBLE BASIS OF HEARSAY AND COULD REQUEST THAT MR. HOOVER BE CALLED AS A WITNESS. GALLAGHER STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THIS EVENTUALITY TO BE IMPROBABLE BUT SHOULD IT OCCUR, THE OFFER OF THE LETTER AS EVIDENCE WOULD BE WITHDRAWN. HE SAID THAT IN ANY EVENT THE LETTER WOULD BE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND HE FELT CERTAIN THAT THE COMMITTEE HELD MR. HOOVER IN SUCH HIGH REGARD THAT IT WOULD NOT CONSIDER CALLING HIM AS A WITNESS. GALLAGHER WENT ON TO SAY THAT EXACTLY WHAT ACTION THE COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE RE BLOCH WAS STILL CONJECTURAL BUT THAT HE BELIEVED THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS INDICATED THE DESIRE THAT THE PROCEEDINGS BE CARRIED TO THE NEW YORK APPELLATE DIVISION INASMUCH AS THE QUESTION INVOLVED IS UNIQUE AND A COURT DECISION WOULD BE DESIRABLE. THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST TWELVE NEXT HEARING.

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Approved: ZVB
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI (101-6691) R. Borden 7/24/53

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JUSTICE IS DONE BY ARMY COURT-MARTIAL

Lieut. freed on 'red' charges

WHILE the score of victories in civil-court political trials sank almost to zero, a Fort Devens, Mass., Army tribunal came up this month with a blow to the witch-hunters when it acquitted Lt. Sheppard Carl Thierman after a court-martial lasting over three months. The attorney who moved the tribunal to acquit Thierman, after Washington "paper patriots" had sought "to get some publicity" out of the lieutenant's progressive record, was Emanuel H. Bloch, the man who defended Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

This was Thierman's story: He joined the Army at 21, served honorably from 1942 to the end of World War II; scored top grades in mental and aptitude tests. Under the Army's special training program, he studied at Princeton, then at George Washington U. where he took a pre-medical course. After his discharge in 1946 he went to N. Y. University where he obtained a medical degree in 1949.

BUDAPEST TO KOREA: Following his graduation and after interning in a Brooklyn hospital, he attended the Intl. Youth Festival in Budapest as co-chairman of the U. S. delegation. During this period he was an active leader of an organization of internes. On Oct. 20, 1950, he registered with his Selective Service Board under the Doctor's Draft Law. The last question on the Defense Dept. application form for an officer's commission was:

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Are you or have you ever been a member of any organization, association, group, or combination of persons advocating a subversive policy or seeking to alter the form of government by unconstitutional means?

Thierman answered "No". Commissioned a first lieutenant, he was sent to Korea in 1951 and there assigned as a medical officer at the prisoner compounds on Koje Island. He won commendation for his work, was recommended for promotion. In Oct., 1952, while he was still in service on Koje, articles in the N.Y. World Telegram asked how a person of Thierman's "red background" could be commissioned and assigned to Korea.

THE ENEMY AT HOME: In Nov., 1952 Thierman completed his tour of duty, was returned to Fort Devens, Mass., for separation. But on Nov. 13 he was subpenaed by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, then headed by Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.). Former Sen. Herbert O'Conor (D-Md.) presided at Thierman's hearing. Committee counsel Richard Arens grilled him mercilessly for nearly five hours, brushed aside his perfect record in Korea, implied that he had used his post here for "espionage". He was badgered about his "no" answer to the question of ever belonging to a subversive organization. He invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer several questions, used the same ground to refuse to give the committee a sample of his signature.

Two days before his separation from the Army, Thierman was charged with obtaining his commission by fraud by specifically denying membership in the Communist Party. He was ordered to stand trial by court-martial. Four months later another charge was added: that he had sworn falsely before the committee. Finally came a third charge that he had violated the military code by refusing to submit his signature to the committee.

THE TRIAL: On April 27, the court-martial began. Nine officers constituted the court; a two-thirds vote was enough to convict. The senior prosecutor, a lieutenant-colonel, was promoted during the trial. Thierman was defended by Bloch and an Army officer assigned as co-counsel.

Main witness against [illegible] Mary Stalcup Markward, who has testified in many recent trials as an undercover FBI agent in the CP for several years. She said she had received Thierman's application for CP membership in Washington in 1946. Thierman readily admitted signing the application but said he never became a member.

In cross-examination, Bloch made Mary Markward confess that for all the years she had been on the FBI payroll she had never paid income taxes, and had bought and furnished a fancy home with money illegally kept from the government.

CHARGES DROPPED: For the matter of the application card, Bloch put two expert witnesses on the stand: Al Lan-

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his summation, Bloch emphasized that some Congressional politicians are prepared to embarrass the armed services and its loyal personnel for their own personal publicity needs:

"These paper patriots like Sen. O'Conor and Arens thought it would be a marvelous spot to get some publicity and put the Army on the spot. . . . You must say: We are not going to take one of our own and throw him to the wolves because one or two phony politicians are publicity mad."

In his charge to the court, the officer acting as judge said:

"You are not sitting here as a member of the court to take part in any struggle against communism, but you must be impartial and decide upon the evidence. . . . You cannot find him guilty unless you find an intent to defraud the Army of the U.S. or deliberate concealment."

Thierman faced a maximum ten-year sentence at hard labor, forfeiture of all pay received, a dishonorable discharge—and total destruction of his medical career. He had put up a fighting defense, pulling no punches, meeting every charge head-on.

"JUSTICE CAN PREVAIL": The court deliberated for three hours. The verdict: not guilty.

Said Bloch:

"The verdict is a set-back for those who would like to stifle the thoughts of those with whom they do not agree and, indeed, to put into jail those holding unorthodox views. . . . This shows that justice can prevail in America if people stand up to fight injustice and any radical departure from true American traditions of fair play and equal opportunity to think and express one's thoughts."

Said Thierman:

"My honor as a loyal American has been vindicated. I received a fair trial in the American tradition, in which all parties performed their duties according to law. I wish to express my tremendous gratitude to Atty. Bloch and Capt. Meagher for their brilliant presentation of the issues."

Thierman was discharged from the Army Aug. 11. He plans to enter private medical practice in New York.

Thierman

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non, a leader of the CP, and Si Gerson, the party's legislative chairman in New York. They put into evidence copies of the CP 1945 and 1948 constitutions, testified that in 1946 no person could join without being issued a membership book, paying dues, attending meetings.

The prosecution was unable to prove Thierman had been a member of the CP. It further agreed to a stipulation that Thierman had not been engaged in "subversion" in Korea and that an official investigation of his activities was "wholly negative" in that respect.

For a clincher, Bloch subpenaed Richard Arens, the man who had bulled Thierman before the Senate committee. Kept on the stand for three days, Arens finally admitted that he had jockeyed Thierman, had used all a sharp lawyer's sharp tricks to confuse him, had, in effect, deliberately sought to entrap him. Arens was in a state of collapse when he left the stand; he called for water and pills and had to be revived.

"BE IMPARTIAL": As the trial came to an end, the charge involving Thierman's refusal to give the committee a handwriting sample was dropped. In

A great victory against thought-control

It was won for Lieut. Thierman (r.) by attorney Bloch (l.) and co-counsel Capt. Thomas Meagher Jr.

EARLY BIRD

COAST TO COAST

By HY GARDNER

Check & Double-Check

The TIP-OFF: "Jack Benny would like to star in 'The Seven Year Itch' when it is presented in Hollywood." . . . The CHECK-UP: "The producer and author," Jack Benny explains, "want me to do the play on the West Coast, particularly San Francisco and Los Angeles. I would like to do it just for the fun of it, but I'm afraid I'm going to be too busy with radio and television. However I am giving it some thought." . . .

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The TIP-OFF: "The Proceedings against lawyer Emanuel H. Bloch which were started against him by the Bar Association after some uncalled for remarks he made after the execution of the Rosenberg atom spies, have been dropped." . . . The CHECK-UP: "The proceedings against Mr. Bloch which were started have NOT been dropped," Eli Whitney Debevoise, chairman of the committee on grievances, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, asserts. "Under the by-laws of the association, it is done in secret. I am not at ~~liberty~~ to say anything else." . . .

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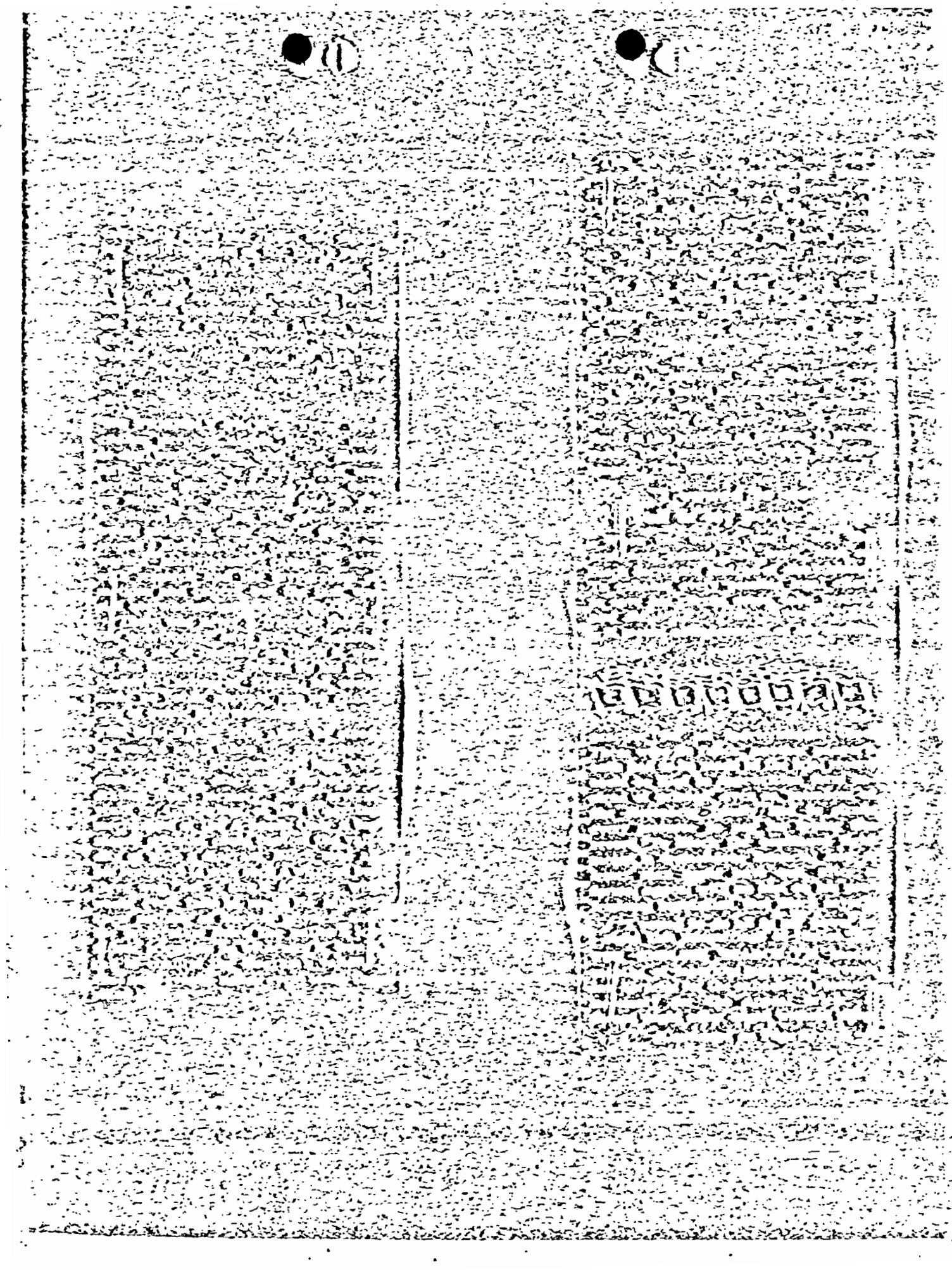

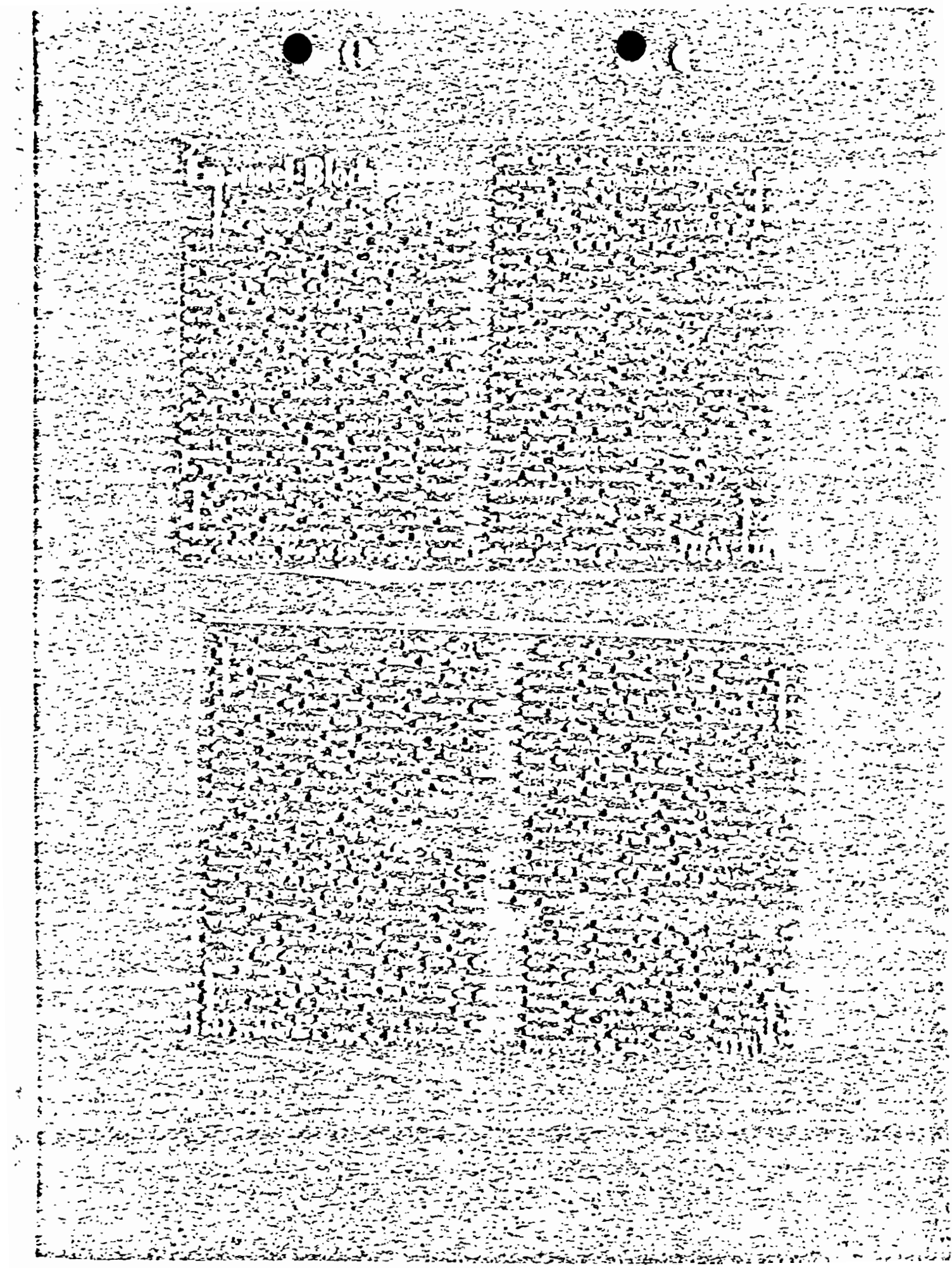

O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles DATE: September 2, 1953

FROM : SA THOMAS E. DYAR

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On 8/10/53 [redacted] furnished the writer by mail with a typewritten report [redacted] which contained the following information: (b)(7)(d)

On [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted] was held at the [redacted] (b)(7)(d)

Those who attended the above meeting were the following:

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 9/3/53

FROM : SA THOMAS J. McANDREWS

SUBJECT: EMANUEL H. BLOCH
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Judge Irving Kaufman, USDJ, SDNY, advised the writer in person at 2:15 P. M., 9/2/53, that he had learned confidentially that the seven-man committee of the New York State Bar Association Grievance Committee would, in the immediate future, submit a recommendation in disbarment of BLOCH by a vote of 5 to 2. A minority report will be filed. The mechanics of this are that the Subcommittee's report is then considered by the Executive Committee of the NY State Committee of the Bar Association. If the Executive Committee concurs, it forwards the report to the Appellate Division for Disbarment Proceedings. The Appellate Division appoints a referee who hears evidence. Acting upon the hearings of the referee, the Appellate Division will either sustain or deny disbarment of BLOCH.

The above was furnished Asst. Dir. A. H. Belmont at 3:20 P.M., 9/2/53.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-99876)

DATE: 9/14/53

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH

On this date the writer contacted Mr Frank Gordon, Chief Attorney for the Grievance Committee of the Association of the New York Bar, 43 West 43rd St, NYC. He advised that there had been no new developements regarding action by said Committee and that the Chairman, Mr Debevois, was preparing a resolution to be presented to the Executive Committee of the Bar Association which will meet and consider thematter on October 8th, 1953. This is the normal proceedure in such matters. Mr Gordon advised that if any definite action was taken or if there were any developements in the matter, that he would advise the writer immediately. Otherwise Mr. Gordon will be contacted immediatly after the aforementioned meeting..ie. October 8th.

It is to be noted that the above is for the file only and is not to be disseminated.

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EMANUEL H. BLOCH, SECURITY MATTER - C. AT TWELVE FIFTY PM TODAY WRITER RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM ATTORNEY BLOCH, WHO WAS THE ROSENBERGS ATTORNEY, REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE WRITER FOR FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER EIGHTEENTH NEXT. BLOCH, CALLING FROM NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT PURPOSE FOR APPOINTMENT WAS TO DISCUSS FBI BOTHERING ONE OF HIS CLIENTS WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS SIXTEN ERICKSON, FOURTEEN WALL STREET, CROMWELL, CONNECTICUT. HE STATED HE WAS FURNISHING THE NAME AND ADDRESS SO THAT I MIGHT PULL MY FILE ON THIS INDIVIDUAL AND HAVE IT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME HE COMES TO THIS OFFICE. BLOCH FURNISHED NO INFORMATION AND APPOINTMENT MADE. A THOROUGH AND DETAILED SEARCH OF THE NEW HAVEN INDICES FAILS TO REFLECT ANY REFERENCE TO ERICKSON IN OUR FILES. AGENT HANDLING SECURITY MATTERS CROMWELL TERRITORY HAS NEVER CONTACTED ERICKSON AND CAN FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. SA DELBERT W. BROWN, WHO HANDLED CRIMINAL AND APPLICANT MATTERS IN CROMWELL TERRITORY, RECENTLY RESIGNED. REVIEW OF HIS DAILY REPORTS FOR PAST THREE MONTHS FAILS TO REFLECT ANY CONTACT WITH ERICKSON. BLOCH WILL BE HANDLED AS ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL MAKING INQUIRY CONCERNING INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES OF FBI.

ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR THOMAS SPENCER

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Fund for Spies' Kids

Emanuel Bloch, attorney for the executed atomic spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, yesterday announced establishment of a trust fund for their sons, Michael,10, and Robert,6. Bloch said it is hoped to boost the fund to $75,000.

THE DAILEY NEWS (New York)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (101-6691) September 22, 1953

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Rerep of SA BENJAMIN F. BORDEN III dated July 24, 1953, at New York.

The marriage records for Washington, D. C., and Arlington County, Virginia, were searched for the years 1943 to 1947 and no record was located for the marriage of EMANUEL BLOCH and DINA TESSIN. The Arlington County records were checked on September 14, 1953, and the Washington records on September 18, 1953, both by SA THOMAS C. RIES. RUC.

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cc - (2) New York (100-99876) (RM)

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SAC, New York

ARTHUR R. MADIGAN, SA (100-57767)

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Re: EMMANUEL BLOCH
SM-C

#100-99876

Att. C.F. or 10/7/53 Lis/Refs.

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On 7/28/53 and 8/1/53, [redacted] of known reliability, furnished the following information to SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON. For the purpose of reporting, this information can be found in NY [redacted] (b)(2)

The identity of this informant must be fully protected and information received from him must not be disseminated outside the Bureau. In the event it becomes necessary to report information from this informant, it must be carefully paraphrased for the purpose of protecting the identity of the informant.

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It is desired at this point to reiterate the instructions given in Paragraph 2 supra, regarding the dissemination of information from this informant to the effect that it should not be disseminated outside the Bureau and if it is included in any report, it must be carefully paraphrased.

SAC

October 7, 1953

SA HAROLD RUBENSTEIN (100-20938)

DETROIT COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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cc: [redacted]

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PSI also furnished a flyer concerning an Michigan Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born open meeting to be held on September 24, 1953, at 2705 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan, featuring ABNER GREEN, American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born Executive Secretary, as principal speaker. This flyer is located in [redacted] (b)(1)

In the event subsequent use is made of the information below, care should be taken to properly protect the identity of the PSI, who furnished the following orally:

The meeting featured EMANUEL BLOCK, attorney for the ROSENBERGS, as principal speaker.

[redacted] introduced all speakers which included BLOCK, LEADORE STARR, and Reverend CHARLES HILL, who gave the invocation.

BLOCK, in substance, told the audience about the trust fund that has been established for the ROSENBERG children, MICHAEL and ROBERT. BLOCK commented on the execution of the ROSENBERGS noting that throughout the world noted individuals and governments of nations protested the severity [redacted] sentence meted the ROSENBERGS. BLOCK stated that those who [redacted] injustice in the trial and execution of the ROSENBERGS [redacted] certainly be cognizant of the injustice of the [redacted] prison sentence inflicted on MORTON SOBELL in [redacted]

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Re: DETROIT COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Following BLOCK, an unidentified [redacted] the letters written by the ROSENBERGS in the [redacted] Informant noted that these individuals did not [redacted] professional thespians but nevertheless read the [redacted] pathos and [redacted] dexterity. [redacted] the audience was emotionally affected by this reading [redacted] by the [redacted] ance of numerous handkerchiefs [redacted] openly. Informant further noted that the above unidentified female who took the part of ETHEL ROSENBERG in this reading, herself broke down near the end of the reading and wept.

Following the ROSENBERG letter reading a collection was taken up for the trust fund above. An estimate of the total amount collected was not made, but the Informant noted that large amounts were individually contributed.

[redacted] was announced that the ROSENBERG letters had been [redacted] and are now for sale at $1.00 per set. Sets of these letters were sold at this meeting.

LYDIA [illegible] was recognized at this meeting as being instrumental in the sale of the above letters [illegible], at this meeting, appeared to be working with ROSE SCHAEFER in the sale of the letters and at one time addressed SCHAEFER as "MILLIE". ROSE SCHAEFER has previously been reported by the Informant, and it has been noted that this SCHAEFER is not identical with the ROSE SCHAEFER for whom a 100 master file exists in this office.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-99876)

DATE: October 14, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (101-6691)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet October 7, 1953.

The Bureau desires that an indices search be conducted by your office in an effort to develop pertinent information covering the points outlined below:

1. Evidence to disprove Bloch's testimony before the Grievance Committee of the New York City Bar Association in July, 1953, to the effect that he had no connection with, and did not like, the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case." - NCSJRC -

1. BRAININ -
2. NCSJR 100-10711
3. Emily ALLMAN

2. Any information indicating that Bloch was instrumental in opening a bank account for the above Committee or donated to the Committee. If such information is located, the name and location of the bank should, of course, be set out.

1. DONE
2. EDDIE CAHILL

3. Information tending to indicate that press releases purportedly made by the Rosenbergs prior to their execution were in fact made by Bloch.

1. ALL PAPERS
2. DATES OF VISITS
- MOTIONS
3. REPORTS ON COURTING STONE

4. Any information reflecting that Bloch was connected in any way with the publication "National Guardian" and/or his possible assistance in the preparation of articles appearing in that publication regarding the Rosenberg trial.

1. National Guardian
2. WKS A Reuben
105-4445

This matter should be handled expeditiously and the Bureau advised of the results thereof. No information should be made available to Gordon without prior Bureau authority.

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TO : SAC.New York (100-99876)

DATE: 10/16/53

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FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL H. BLOCH
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On 10/7/53 Mr Arthur B. Chester,Assistant Manager of the Chase National Bank, Worth St. Branch, advised that the circumstances surrounding the opening of the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" account were as follows:BLOCH called him early in November 1951 to say that he was sending a woman to him to open an account for the NCSJRC.Chester stated that inasmuch as BLOCH and his father both had banked there for years that he opened the account on Bloch's reccommendation alone and did not require the usual "verification" procedure;... which would involve signiture cards and what amounts to a sponser. The account was opened on 11/8/51 and the address of record was shown as c/o William A. Reuben,17 Murray Street,NYC (The address of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN).The fund was transferred to the Madison Square Branch(26th St.) on 6/2/52. SA John A. Harrington has advised that the account has since been transferred to the Times Square Branch.

Mr William C. Henchy,Vice-President of the Chase National Bank,Worth Street Branch, advised on 10/7/53 that the "ROSENBERG CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND"account was opened on 9/17/53 by Subject. The address of record is c/o Emanuel H. Bloch,401 Broadway, NYC, and the balance as of 10/7/53 was $ 6908.73.Trustees of the fund are SHIRLEY GRAHAM,YURI SUHL,JAMES ARONSON,AND MALCOMB SHARP,And EMANUEL H. BLOCH.

On 10/15/53 Mr Henchy again made the files available to the writer for examination. The Trust Fund brochure contained the following pertinant information: Related accounts were shown as "EMANUEL H. BLOCH ;EMANUEL H. BLOCH,SPECIAL ;JERO PUBLISHING CO.,INC.,MRS DINA BLOCH(W. 14th St. Branch);A.BLOCH,SPECIAL ; and the NAT'L COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG Case".

A one page "Trust Agreement" notarized by GLORIA AGRIN and dated 10/3/53 which is in part as follows: "We hereby agree to act as trustees under a trust indenture dated 8/19/5 establishing a trust fund for MICHAEL ALLEN ROSENBERG and ROBERT MANN ROSENBERG ,said trust fund being known as the "ROSENBERG CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND";and we also agree to accept the obligation of the trust in accordance with the terms and condit of the aforesaid trust agreement, and otherwise to dischagge our services as trustee faithfully. Dated October 3,1953 ".

The trust indenture referred to above was prepared by BLOCH according to Mr. Henchy , and consisted of approximately 10 pages. It provided substantially as follows: The corpus of the trust would be accumulated from the donations of persond interested in the Rosenberg case;the proceeds are to be dispursed as th trustees see fit for the support and education of MICHAEL and ROBERT until they reach the age of 25 years,at which time the corpus of the trust will be turned over to them in equal shares; Should one die in the interim the survivor would take the entire corpus; should both die the corpus would be turned over to an accredited college or University capable of conferring an Engineering degree, to be set up as a scholarship for deserving and needy students providing the fu would retain the name "JULIUS AND ETHYL ROSENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND".

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TO : SAC , New York (100-99876) DATE 10/16/53

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL H. BLOCH
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The trustees can invest the money and do the usual things within a trustees power. They are to be accountable only for willful neglect of a trustees duty.

Mr Henchy was asked if he would permit the trust papers to be photostated. He consulted his business counsel and advised that although he wished to be completely cooperative with the FBI he felt that he could not let the papers out unless his Bank was protected by a subpoena. He advised that they could be copied at the Bank if desired. He was advised that this would be done later if it was necessary.

SA John A. Harrington advised om 10/15/53 that he had checked the New York County Probate Court records for the will of the Rosenbergs but could located no record.

Director, FBI (101-6691) 10/22/53

SAC, New York (100-99876)

EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, was
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Bureau is requested to obtain copies of the subject's Federal Income Tax Returns filed in the years 1951, 52, and 53 inasmuch as it is felt that these returns may contain info pertinent to this investigation.

The Albany Office is likewise requested to obtain subject's State Income Tax Returns filed in the years 1951, 52, and 53.

Subject was born 5/12/01; has law offices at 270 Broadway and 401 Broadway, NYC; and resides at 7 West 16th St., NYC.

It is requested that this matter be handled as expeditiously as possible.

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TO : SAC, New York DATE: 10/23/53

FROM : JOHN H. HARRINGTON, SA (100-99876)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL H. BLOCH
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Rebulet 10/14/53.

The following procedure should be followed:

Point I

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Review case file of [redacted] for all references to BLOCH, RETORT, WILLIAM A. REUBEN and associates to work on RETORT, etc. and(full files on associates).

Review statements of BLOCH and Judge KAUFMAN on application for reduction of sentence. (Found in ROSEBERG case.)

Review informant section of 100-107111 for references to activities of BLOCH and committee.

Review "Daily Worker" and "National Guardian" section of committee file for all statements of newly discovered evidence setting forth date of article and source.

A. Upon completion of this, review other newspaper subfiles and determine if same releases appear. This to determine if "National Guardian" and "Daily Worker" were receiving exlusives from MANNY BLOCH.

B. Will review in National Committee file all releases of the National Committee and informant reports from all offices with reference to meetings at which BLOCH is in attendance or quoted.

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Point II

This is completed and covered and available to show BLOCH introduced account to Chase National Bank.

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Point III

Will secure from Warden DENNO dates of visits by BLOCH and others from May 1 to June 19 to be checked against newspaper articles or releases.

Will determine from Warden whether ROSENBERGS were permitted to make releases themselves. No —

Be careful to check dates of court decisions and statements attributed to ROSENBERGS by BLOCH against visits to ROSENBERGS by BLOCH.

Point IV

Will review "Daily Worker" and "National Guardian" with particular reference to signed statements of DAVID and RUTH GREENGLASS which appeared in the French Press.

Determine from these files when Dr. MALCOLM SHARP first became involved in case. This should be about 6/8/53. Also, all prior references to him.

Check ROSENBERG case for tel 6/8/53 and newspapers that day and following for statements made by BLOCH to newspaper as to why Dr. SHARP was in case with particular reference to statement that the committee "forced" him to use SHARP.

NOTE: In connection with above, find in ROSENBERG case, statement by BLOCH to ROGGE that the Committee forced him to use the statements.

Review entire NCSJRC and all of ROSENBERG from 12/1/52 to date. (65-15348).

NOTE: Review ROSENBERG file and Committee file for meeting or dinner in NYC on 6/21 or 22, which informant reported was attended by BLOCH, members of Committee and CP functionary.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 10/23/53

FROM : ASAC A. J. MARCHESSAULT (100-99876)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
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We are trying to establish and verify certain information concerning BLOCH re his appearance before the Grievance Committee of the NY State Bar. SAC L. V. Boardman must contact Mr. Frank Gordon in this matter, and therefore, it must be handled by next Friday, 10/30/53.

SA T. Scott Miller has been instructed to put sufficient men on this case and to get together with SA Thomas J. McAndrews so that he can make an Agent available who can assist with certain pertinent details.

AJM:MFB

ADDENDUM:

SAs John Harrington and Richard Minihan of Section 6 should assist Section 12 Agents in discharging their responsibilities in this project by making available to them information in their possession concerning the ROSENBERG investigation.

THOMAS J. McANDREWS, SA

TJM:MFB

CC: SA T. Scott Miller #12
SA Thomas J. McAndrews, #6

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TO : ASAC A. J. MARCHESSAULT

DATE: 10/23/53

FROM : T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., Supervisor, #12-1

SUBJECT: EMANUEL BLOCH
SM - C

Reference is made to our conversation today relative to the completion of a project by Friday, 10/30/53, which necessitated extensive file review in order to find certain information concerning BLOCH.

At that time I stated that it would be more advantageous if an Agent or Agents on Section #6, who are familiar with the ROSENBERG case, would outline for me the most logical way to proceed in an effort to obtain the information.

On the instant date I conversed with SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, who is thoroughly familiar with the ROSENBERG case, and requested that he furnish me by mid-afternoon today an outline of the various courses to follow and the number of personnel which could be utilized on each course of file review.

When I receive this, I will assign the necessary men to attend a short conference 8:30 a.m., Monday, at which time Agent BENJAMIN BORDEN will explain to them what information is desired.

Agents HARRINGTON and RICHARD A. MINIHAN, who is also familiar with the ROSENBERG case, will assist any of the Agents should they have questions during the course of the review. SAS MINIHAN and HARRINGTON will not take part in the file review itself.

1 - SA T. J. MC ANDREWS
SA B. F. BORDEN
SA A. S. BENNETT

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TO : ASAC A. J. MARCHESSAULT

DATE: 10/23/53

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-99876)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL H. BLOCH
INFO CONCERNING

FRANK GORDON, Grievance Committee, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, telephonically contacted me 10/23 and stated that Judge IRVING KAUFMAN had informed him that EMANUEL BLOCH had made a speech in Detroit on 9/22/53; the identity of the organization before whom the speech was made was not known. GORDON understood that the meeting was in connection with the raising of funds for the ROSENBERG children and also pertained to the sale of the book on the ROSENBERGS.

He understood that there were a couple of people dressed up to look like JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and that the comment was made during the presentation that if you move to left you would be executed.

FRANK GORDON stated that if any information was available concerning the details of said speech, he would appreciate being advised of same.

Will you have appropriate inquiry made and then clear with the Bureau relative to the details being made available to FRANK GORDON.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEW YORK, 10/28/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU AND DETROIT.....URGENT

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Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI (101-6691) 10/30/53
Att: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York (100-99876)

EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, was
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Rebulet 10/14/53.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a summary reflecting a search of the files of the NYO on captioned subject. For the purpose of clarity, information obtained is being set forth under each of the four points designated in rebulet.

The Bureau is advised that the review of the NY files included a complete review of the cases of JULIUS ROSENBERG, National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJ) and related cases. All newspaper articles of the "Daily Worker", "National Guardian" and NY daily newspapers covering the period from March 1951 to date were also reviewed.

The Bureau's attention is invited to the enclosed summary containing information secured from [redacted] and informants of other offices who have in particular reported the activities of the NCSJ. The Bureau is advised that the information secured from the aforementioned sources has been set forth not with the intention of exposing or utilizing these informants, but for the purpose of furnishing the Bureau a comprehensive picture of the activities of EMANUEL BLOCH. (b)(2)

It is recommended that no informant be exposed or utilized in this matter but as much of the information as possible secured from these sources be furnished to the Bar Association. It is believed that this information would be of great value to the Bar Association in the examination of BLOCH. For example, questioning BLOCH concerning the proposed publication "Retort"; the presence of WILLIAM A. REUBEN in BLOCH'S home and REUBEN reading the trial record and conferring with BLOCH concerning articles in the "National Guardian".

The possibility exists that BLOCH, confronted with information of this nature while under oath and not knowing the source of the Bar Association's information, might be placed in a compromising position.

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It is also to be noted that on 10/22/53, [redacted] made available to the NYO a mimeographed copy of a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities and a Statement of Income and Expense for the NCSJ covering the period from 11/19/51 to August 1953. The audit was prepared by N. HARBUS Company, Certified Public Accountants, 1475 Broadway, NYC (Telephone - Longacre 4-7276). Exhibit C of this audit entitled "Analysis of Legal Expenses" disclosed that EMANUEL BLOCH was paid for "fee and expenses" the sum of $21,476.90.

Due to the imminence of BLOCH'S appearance before the Grievance Committee of the New York City Bar, it is requested that the Bureau furnish the New York Office with its decision in this matter by 11/9/53.

Re: INFORMATION CONCERNING EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH

I. EVIDENCE TO DISPROVE BLOCH'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION IN JULY, 1953, TO THE EFFECT THAT HE HAD NO CONNECTION WITH AND DID NOT LIKE THE "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE"

65-15348-1671 [redacted] advised SA ARMAND A. CAMMAROTA on April 22, 1951 that BLOCH was at that time looking about for a political person to organize a committee to publicize the trial, issue statements, solicit funds and conduct meetings, etc. Informant further stated that BLOCH had originally considered LEO JOSEPHSON, with whom he had discussed the matter, but because of JOSEPHSON's background he had decided against him. (b)(7)(d)

65-15348-1697 [redacted] advised SA ARMAND A. CAMMAROTA on May 4, 1951 that ROSENBERG was very heartened by a message received from his sister who had called at the Federal House of Detention. According to the Informant, she had held a written message against the windowpane in the interview room from BLOCH advising ROSENBERG that two committees had been organized to work on the case. (b)(7)(d)

65-15348-1801 Deputy Warden WILLIAM McCUE, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York advised SA WILLIAM F. NORTON on August 8, 1951 that BLOCH had told ROSENBERG that he (BLOCH) was to meet with one BILL REUBEN at Fire Island, New York, at a cocktail party which was to be attended by journalists who would confer as to how to arouse the right-minded people to the cause of the ROSENBERGS.

65-15348-1807 [redacted] advised SA WILLIAM F. NORTON on August 14, 1951 that BLOCH had told him that "they" will definitely form a committee by the end of September to handle the ROSENBERG case along the lines of the SACCO - VANZETTI Case. (b)(7)(d)

65-15348-1841 [redacted] advised SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON on October 18 and 19, 1951, that BLOCH had told him that he sou[redacted] two people to serve on the committee (NCSJRC) but [redacted] had [redacted] According to the Informant, BLOCH [redacted] it was difficult to get [redacted] the ROSENBERGS and that it appeared that all people [redacted] did n[redacted] mixed up with them. BLOCH told Informant that at this time [redacted] persons serving on the committee and that the committee [redacted] proposed [redacted]

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[redacted] (b)(7)(d)

100-10711-99A. Mr. DAVID FISHER, manager, Madson Realty Company, 245 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised SA JAMES A. JOHNSTON on June 23, 1952 that Room 441 at 246 Fifth Avenue was occupied by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case; that the space was originally taken by EMILY ALMAN on December 1, 1951, and that ALMAN had given as credit references, EMANUEL H. BLOCH, 270 Broadway, and LOUIS HARAP, 83 Horatio Street, New York City.

65-15340-1877. [redacted]

[redacted] (b)(7)(d)

100-107111-179, [redacted] made available to SA JAMES E. GIBLER and SE D. A. CHESHIRE on October 23, 1952 information reflecting that GLORIA AGRIN, along with others, was designated to be a speaker at a meeting in Union Square sponsored by the NCSJRC on October 22, 1952. (It is noted that GLORIA AGRIN is an attorney who has been closely associated with BLOCH at 401 Broadway, New York City, for a considerable period of time. (b)(7)(d)

100-107111-863, p.9 [redacted] advised SAS JOHN A. HARRINGTON and WILLIAM F. BURTON early in 1952 that when (WILLIAM) REUBEN was named provisional chairman of the NCSJRC, [redacted] he had been searching for someone to take the position of permanent chairman but thus far had had no success. BLOCH later advised [redacted] that the committee had opened an office at 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City. (b)(7)(d)

100-99876-34. [redacted]

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100-107111-292B [redacted] advised agents of the Cleveland Office on December 3, 1952 that the local Committee for Executive Clemency for the Rosenbergs was planning a rally to be held at Public Hall in Cleveland on December 29, 1952, and that BLOCH was expected to be one of the principal speakers. (b)(7)(d)

100-107111-734 p.19 On December 8, 1952, [redacted] furnished the Baltimore Office three pieces of literature which he had received through the mail about December 6, 1952. This material included a multilithed letter dated November 24, 1952, urging that a contribution be made on behalf of the ROSENBERGS to EMANUEL BLOCH, Attorney. This letter was printed under the letterhead "Baltimore Committee to Urge Clemency for the Rosenbergs, Box 2521, Arlington Station, Baltimore, Maryland." b7D

100-15348-2172 The New York Office by teletype to the Bureau dated February 14, 1953, advised EMANUEL BLOCH in open court on that date asked for an informal hearing to discuss the date that Judge KAUFMAN would fix as a new date of execution. During this discussion Judge KAUFMAN made remarks about the NCSJRC, stating that as if on signal he had been flooded with telephone calls and telegrams. He reminded BLOCH that he was an officer of the court and had a duty to the court, and wanted to know if the half-truths and untruths that the committee was publishing had been approved or considered by BLOCH. Judge KAUFMAN admonished BLOCH that he had an obligation to tell the committee when it was in error. BLOCH stated that he had made it his business to call to the committee's attention any errors he had noted in their statements, and that he could not control people who took a certain side on a problem of world interest as in this case. BLOCH remarked that the paper carried an article "today" that His Holiness, Pope Pius had come out for clemency and (BLOCH) stated that it was obvious that he had no association with the Pope. BLOCH admitted that he had received money from the committee in part payment of his fee for services to the ROSENBERGS. Judge KAUFMAN told him that it was his duty as an officer of the court to know the source of his fees. The tenor of Judge KAUFMAN's remarks was that the ROSENBERGS had received every opportunity to present their case in court but that the administration of justice required that the remaining steps should proceed with dispatch. He told BLOCH that he should proceed with his remaining steps with diligence and dispatch. (It is to be noted that information concerning payment of fees to BLOCH by the NCSJRC will be set out under Point II.)

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SA WILLIAM F. HARTNETT JR. on October 29, 1953 interviewed Mr. PAT BAHN, manager of Rossoff's Restaurant, 145 West 43rd Street, New York City. Mr. BAHN stated that on or about June 20, 1953 a person whom he recognized from newspaper pictures as EMANUEL BLOCH, together with approximately twenty other people attended a dinner party between the hours 6:30 PM and 9:00 PM behind closed doors. Mr. BAHN stated that because of the secrecy of the meeting he was unable to obtain any further information. Mr. BAHN advised that he would be willing, if necessary, to testify to these facts.

SA HARTNETT on the same date also interviewed ALEX VOJEM, IRVING NASH and FRANK SATORI, all waiters at Rossoff's, and all of them furnished substantially the same information as Mr. BAHN. These individuals also stated that they would be willing to testify in court to the above facts.

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100-107111-1149 [redacted] furnished to SA J. J. FERHELEY and SE V. E. McPEAK a press release on CSJRC letterhead stationery which announced that the National Committee had asked BLOCH to assume responsibility for the raising of funds for the two ROSENBERG children pending the establishment of a trust fund in their behalf. The release further set out that a memorandum to 40 ROSENBERG committees throughout the country had been sent out asking these committees to advise that all donations to the children be sent directly to EMANUEL BLOCH, Trustee, 401 Broadway, New York, New York. (b)(7)(d)

100-99876-77 [redacted] furnished to SA J. J. FERHELEY and SE K. F. POCHLEY a sample letter on CSJRC letterhead stationery which was being sent to prospective donors to the ROSENBERG children trust fund. Said letter stated that BLOCH was taking responsibility for this fund and that contributions should be sent to him as trustee, to 401 Broadway, New York City. (b)(7)(d)

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100-107111 sub. B The September 29, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 8, column 3, contained an article reporting that BLOCH had been the principal speaker at a meeting held in Detroit during the week prior to September 27, 1953. The meeting was presided over by MORRIS GLENCHEN of the Detroit Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

II. ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT BLOCH WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE ABOVE COMMITTEE OR DONATED TO THE COMMITTEE

On October 7, 1953, Mr. ARTHUR H. CHESTER, Assistant Manager of the Chase National Bank, North Street Branch, New York City, advised that the circumstances surrounding the opening of the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" account were as follows:

EMANUEL BLOCH called him early in November, 1951, to say that he was sending a woman to him to open an account for the NCSJRC. Mr. CHESTER stated that inasmuch as BLOCH and his father both had banked there for years, that he had opened the account on BLOCH'S recommendation alone, and that he did not require the usual "verification procedure" which would have involved signature cards, etc. The account was opened on November 8, 1951, and the address of record was shown as c/o WILLIAM A. REUBEN, 17 Murray Street, New York City (the address of the publication "National Guardian"). Mr. CHESTER advised that on June 2, 1952, the account had been transferred to the Madison Square Branch and that it had subsequently been transferred to the Times Square Branch.

Mr. WILLIAM FENLER, Chief Clerk of the Times Square Branch of the Chase National Bank, advised SAS LOUIS H. WOLF Dr and EDWARD J. CAHILL that he had been able to identify numerous contributors to the NCSJRC. The following is a list of contributions made by EMANUEL BLOCH:

January 13, 1953	$10
January 13, 1953	$30
January 13, 1953	$40
February 5, 1953	$ 6 (endorsed by HARRIET MASKOWITZ)

A. INFORMATION REGARDING THE ROSENBERG CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND AND JERO PUBLISHING COMPANY

Mr. WILLIAM S. HENCHY, Vice-president of Chase National Bank, North Street Branch, advised on October 7, 1953, that an account entitled, "Rosenberg Children's Trust Fund", was opened on September 17, 1953, by EMANUEL H. BLOCH, and the address of record was shown as EMANUEL H. BLOCH, 401 Broadway, New York City, and the trustees of the fund were shown as SHIRLEY GRAHAM, TOM SULL, JAMES ARONSON, MALCOLM SHARP and EMANUEL H. BLOCH. The trust fund brochure indicated that related accounts were, among others, the Jero Publishing Company, Incorporated, and the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

65-1[illegible]LB-2525 Records of the County Clerk's Office, New York City, reflect that a Certificate of Incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State on April 6, 1953, and with the County Clerk's Office on April 29, 1953, for the Jero Publishing Company by EMANUEL N. BLOCH, 401 Broadway, New York City. The address of this company was shown as 401 Broadway, New York City, and its directors were listed as NORTON FRIEDMAN (NY 100-102967, law partner of BLOCH), YO FUJII (female Chinese secretary to BLOCH) and ORA LEAK. New York indices contain numerous references to both FUJII and LEAK.

III. INFORMATION TENDING TO INDICATE THAT PRESS RELEASES PURPORTEDLY MADE BY THE ROSENBERGS PRIOR TO THEIR EXECUTION WERE IN FACT MADE BY BLOCH.

A review of all newspapers including the "Daily Worker" and the "National Guardian" covering the period of the Rosenberg case was made and no information was located reflecting that press releases purportedly made by the ROSENBERGS were in fact made by BLOCH.

Visits by BLOCH to Sing Sing in 1953 were compared with news articles published around the dates of these visits and no pertinent information was developed.

It is pointed out that numerous press releases were made by the ROSENBERGS through BLOCH; however, these were openly attributed to them and no information was developed which would prove that BLOCH prepared or helped to prepare these releases.

INFORMATION CONCERNING EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH (Cont'd)

IV. ANY INFORMATION REFLECTING THAT BLOCH WAS CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH THE PUBLICATION, THE "NATIONAL GUARDIAN", AND/OR HIS POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION OF ARTICLES APPEARING IN THAT PUBLICATION REGARDING THE ROSENBERG TRIAL.

134-50 [redacted] provided information to SA'S ARMAND A. CAMMAROTA and JOHN A. HARRINGTON from April 4 to September 29, 1951, to the effect that a newsletter type of publication, which was to be called "Retort" would be published as a counter-propaganda unit. This publication, according to the Informant, was to be organized by JULIUS ROSENBERG, ABRAHAM BROTHMAN with EMANUEL BLOCH as legal counsel. (b)(7)(d)

The order of events, as reported by Informant, in connection with "Retort", is set forth as follows:

April 7, 1951 - BLOCH was to be organizer and legal advisor.

April 13, 1951 - BLOCH was to furnish $6,000.00 worth of stamps to be used in distributing "Retort". Also BLOCH was at that time writing a legal paper which would be included in the publication.

April 16, 1951 - BLOCH was due to receive thesis from BROTHMAN for publication in "Retort".

April 20, 1951 - BLOCH was having difficulty in finding someone to take over the work on "Retort".

April 27, 1951 - BLOCH was very anxious to have Informant work on "Retort"

May 4, 1951 - BLOCH sent a message to ROSENBERG through his sister that two committees had been organized to work on the case.

July 1, 1951 - BLOCH advised Informant that "Retort" had not yet been published.

August 15, 1951- BLOCH advised Informant that the "National Guardian" would write a series of articles and he, BLOCH, had read the draft of the first article. BLOCH told Informant that "they" will definitely form a committee by the end of September to handle the ROSENBERG case along the lines of the SACCO - VANZETTI Case.

Informant advised that the original plan to distribute "Retort" had been to do so surreptitiously to a number of major cities.

It is to be noted that the August 15, 1951 issue of the "National Guardian" contained an article announcing that WILLIAM REUBEN would begin an "expose" of the ROSENBERG case in the next issue.

On September 28, 1951, BLOCH advised Informant that "Retort" would definitely not be published and that articles in the "National Guardian" would be utilized instead.

100-107111-868 [redacted]

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100-107111-116 The October 10, 1951 issue of the "National Guardian" contained an article which stated that as of that date the "National Guardian" was sponsoring the formation of a National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs.

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65-15348-Sub X A The December 18, 1952 issue of the ~~"Daily Worker"~~ "NATIONAL GUARDIAN", page 2, contained an article which is quoted in part as follows:

"...The editors of the 'National Guardian', after a consultation with the Rosenberg Legal Defense and the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, most strongly urge you to present these views to your friends and associates who have not joined the fight thus far...."

100-99876-36 The January 13, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an announcement of the "National Guardian's Anniversary Get-Together", which was to have been held January 16, 1953 at the City Center Casino Ballroom, 135 West 55th Street, New York City. In the announcement were included the names CEDRIC BELFRAGE, EMANUEL H. BLOCH, Dr. W. E. B. DuBOIS, CARL MARZANI, JOHN T. MC MANUS and MARTHA SCHLAMME. Also announced was a dramatic presentation entitled "They Must Not Die".

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Sub D 112 - The "National Guardian" on June 29, 1953, contained an article written by EMANUEL H. BLOCH which in substance was an appeal to the public for funds to defend CEDRIC BELFRAGE, Editor of the "National Guardian". It is to be noted that BELFRAGE was arrested in 1953 as the subject of deportation proceedings.

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EMANUEL BLOCH, SM DASH C. REURTEL OCTOBER TWENTY EIGHT LAST. [redacted] (b)(7)(d) [redacted] REPORTS ROSENBERG COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER TWENTY TWO LAST, PARKSIDE HALL, DETROIT, WITH SUBJECT AS FEATURED SPEAKER. ACCORDING TO [redacted] (b)(7)(d) APPROX TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE ATTENDED, AND BLOCH STATED MONEY COLLECTED TO BE USED FOR TRUST FUND FOR ROSENBERG CHILDREN. DETROIT PSI REPORTED BLOCH STATED THAT INJUSTICE OF THE ROSENBERG EXECUTION WAS EXPRESSED IN PROTESTATIONS OF MANY NOTED INDIVIDUALS AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, AND THAT THOSE WHO SAW THE INJUSTICE IN THE TRIAL AND EXECUTION OF ROSENBERGS MUST BE AWARE OF INJUSTICE OF SENTENCE GIVEN MORTON SOBELL. ROSENBERG DEATH HOUSE LETTERS READ BY ESTHER SHAPIRO, DISTRICT SEVEN CP MEMBER, AND UNIDENTIFIED MALE, AFTER WHICH COPIES OF QUOTE LETTERS UNQUOTE WERE SOLD. ACCORDING TO [redacted] (b)(2) SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND SIXTY 8 DOLLARS IN PLEDGES WERE OBTAINED FROM MTG. [redacted] (b)(2) ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE LAST ADVISED ROSENBERG - SOBELL COMMITTEE WILL BE ORGANIZED AND A CONVENTION HELD IN NEAR FUTURE TO BE ATTENDED BY FORTY NINE DELEGATES - FIFTEEN FROM WEST, FIFTEEN FROM MIDWEST AND FIFTEEN FROM EASTERN SEABOARD. NO NEWS ARTICLES RE MEETING AVAILABLE. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-99876)

DATE: 11/5/53

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
SM-C

In connection with the information requested by the Bureau(SER.110) and the procedure set out in Serials 114 and 115,the following is a resume'of the files reviewed and the Agents who paricipated in the review:(Period 10/26,27,28/53)

65-15348(Main Rosenberg File) Secs 29 through 32 SA James T. Molloy
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" " 49,49A,50,51 SA J.R.Cotter
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" Sub.E Secs. 1 through 8 SA Gordon Ihmly
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" 8 thorugh 16 SA Donald Harmon
" 17 through 23 SA Leo Kelly
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[redacted] and 100-105071("Retort") were bothe reviewed by SA William F. Hartnett. Sections 1,22,and 24 of 100-107111 were missing without charge out slips and consequently were not reviewed.

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BUREAU, SALT LAKE CITY

EMANUEL H. BLOCH; SM-C. IT HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIALLY ASCERTAINED BY THE NYO THAT MRS. EMANUEL H. BLOCH, WAS DINA PESSIN, HAS BEEN CONSIDERING DIVORCING HER HUSBAND. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT SHE HAS GONE TO RENO, NEVADA RECENTLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. SLC WILL CONTACT ITS SOURCES IN RENO TO ASCERTAIN WHO IS REPRESENTING HER IN DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS. IF HER COUNSEL IS FOUND TO BE RELIABLE, SLC WILL DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN THE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE TO BLOCH TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFO AND THE DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING THE PROCEEDINGS. FOR THE INFO OF SLC, BLOCH WAS FIRST MARRIED TO HELEN BLOCH IN 1925, SEPARATED IN 1931, AND DIVORCED BY HER IN NY ON GROUNDS OF ADULTERY IN 1945. BLOCH BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LIVING WITH DINA PESSIN SINCE 1940 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NYC, BUT NO RECORD OF MARRIAGE TO HER LOCATED IN EITHER CITY. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF INTERVIEWING DINA PESSIN, WHEN AND IF DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS ARE VERIFIED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT DIVORCE MAY BE BASED ON PERSONAL AND/OR DOMESTIC REASONS RATHER THAN POLITICAL. IN VIEW OF IMPENDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE, AND PENDING DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST BLOCH IN NYC, SLC WILL NOTIFY AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-99876)

DATE: November 5, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (101-6691)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated October 30, 1953.

Authority is granted to you to furnish orally the following information regarding Bloch to Frank Gordon, Chief Attorney for the Bar Association of the city of New York:

Furnished orally to Gordon 11/17/53 BJB

I. Evidence tending to establish Bloch's affiliations with the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

a. Suggested leads:

Gordon should be advised that he may desire to contact David Fisher, manager, Hadson Realty Company, 245 5th Avenue, New York City, regarding subject's connection with the rental of room 441 at 246 5th Avenue by the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

b. Public sources:

See Sec III Refer Mr. Gordon to the September 29, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker" page 8, column 3, which reflects that Bloch was the principal speaker at a meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, during the week ending September 27, 1953, and which was presided over by Morris Glenchen of the "Detroit Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

c. Security informants and confidential sources:

If possible, provide Mr. Gordon with a Photostat of a letter printed under the letter head "Baltimore Committee to Urge Clemency for the Rosenbergs," Box 2521 Arlington Station, Baltimore, Maryland, which urged that a contribution be made on behalf of the Rosenbergs to Emanuel Bloch, Attorney, and which was made available to the Baltimore Office on December 8, 1952, by [redacted] This Photostat should contain no Bureau markings.

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Emanuel Bloch spoke at a dinner meeting sponsored by the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" held at Rossoff's Restaurant, West 43rd Street, New York City, on June 20, 1953. Among those present at this meeting was Joseph Branin, National Chairman of the above committee.

In this connection, you should advise Mr. Gordon that he may desire to contact Max Bahn, manager of the above restaurant, to verify the fact that Bloch did attend a dinner party held there on or about June 20, 1953.

Furnish Mr. Gordon a Photostat of a press release issued on the Rosenberg Committee letterhead stationery which announced that the National Committee had asked Bloch to assume responsibility for the raising of funds for the two Rosenberg children and which was made available to you by Security Informant [redacted] on July 9, 1953. Bureau markings should not appear on the Photostat. (b)(7)(d)

II. Evidence that Bloch was instrumental in opening a bank account for the Rosenberg Committee or made donations to the committee:

Advise Mr. Gordon that in connection with his efforts to establish information regarding the above, he may desire to contact officials of the Chase National Bank, Worth Street Branch, and the Times Square Branch, New York City.

Advise Mr. Gordon that for information regarding the subject's connection with the Rosenberg children's trust fund and the Jero Publishing Company, he may desire to contact appropriate officials of the Worth Street Branch of the Chase National Bank and to check the records of the County Clerk's Office regarding the incorporation in the State of New York of the Jero Publishing Company.

III. *Information reflecting Bloch's connection with the publication the "National Guardian."*

a. *Public sources:*

Refer Mr. Gordon to the January 13, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker" which contained an announcement of the "National Guardian's Anniversary Get-Together." Among the names included in the announcement was that of Emanuel H. Bloch.

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Refer Mr. Gordon to the December 18, 1952, issue of the "~~Daily Worker~~" containing an article which states in part, "...the editors of the 'National Guardian,' after a consultation with the Rosenberg Legal Defense and the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, most strongly urge you to present these views to your friends and associates who have not joined the fight thus far...."

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b. *Security informants and confidential sources:*

During the Spring and Summer of 1951, Emanuel Bloch attempted to organize a newsletter type of publication to be called "Retort." It was planned to distribute this publication surreptitiously in a number of large cities as a counterpropaganda move in connection with the Rosenberg Case. Bloch was unsuccessful in his attempts and in September, 1951, he indicated that articles in the "National Guardian" would be utilized instead. During this period, Bloch was in frequent contact with William Reuben, writer for the "National Guardian," and reportedly assisted Reuben in the preparation of articles regarding the Rosenberg Case.

In this connection, it is noted that the August 15, 1951, issue of the "National Guardian" contained an article announcing that William Reuben would begin an "expose" of the Rosenberg Case in the next issue.

If you feel that any of the information contained herein will tend to jeopardize any security informant, such information should not be furnished Gordon. In making the above information available to Mr. Gordon, you should emphasize the fact that none of the information furnished can be attributed to the FBI; that the information is furnished in strict confidence, and that no reference can be made to the FBI in any manner in connection with any action taken based on the information furnished.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-99876) DATE: 11/4/53

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
SECURITY MATTER-C

On 11/4/53 Mr WILLIAM C. HENCHY, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank, Worth Street Branch, made available to SAs Benjamin F. Borden III and Duncan S. Mac Rae the Bank file on the "ROSENBERG CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND". Said Agents were then escorted to the conference room of the Bank in the basement by Mr. WILLIAM F. WEIK, Authorize Signiture (Title given by him). Agents copied in longhand pertinent documents in MR WEIK'S presence and returned the bank file to him. The handwritten copies were then taken to Miss Anne Murtha, Typist, who transcribed them and delivered them to SA BORDEN. The following documents were copied and _____ copies are being placed in the 1A section of this file:

1. Trust Indenture dated August 19th, 1953, consisting of 9 pages.
2. Resolutions of the Board of Trustees of the Rosenbergs Children's Trust Fund dated 10/3/53, consisting of 3 pages
3. Agreement between the Trustees to accept the Obligations etc dated 10/3/53 consisting of 1 page.

Also to be included in the 1A section of the file herewith is a signed statement of Mr Max Bahn, Manager of Rossoff's restaurant, 147 West 43rd Street, NYC to the effect that Subject with others attended a dinner party behind closed doors on 6/20/53 Bahn advised SA William F. Hartnett on 10/29/53 that he would be willing to testify to Bloch's presence should it be necessary in the future. On 10/29/53 SA Hartnett also interviewed ALEX BOJUM, age 27; IRVING NASH, age 20 and FRANK SATOHI, age 22, all waiters at Rossoffs who gave the same information as Bahn and ~~who also advised~~ that they would testify to the same if necessary.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NOV. 13, 1953, NEW YORK, NY

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BALTIMORE URGENT

EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, SM-C. IF AVAILABLE SEND AIR SPECIAL, TWO PHOTOSTATIC COPIES WITH NO BUREAU MARKINGS OF LETTER CAPTIONED "BALTIMORE COMMITTEE TO URGE CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS, PO BOX ~~TWO~~ FIVE TWO ONE, ARLINGTON STATION, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND," AND SIGNED BY "LILLIAN FINN, CHAIRMAN," DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, FIFTY TWO. LETTER WAS FURNISHED TO BALTIMORE ON DECEMBER EIGHT, FIFTY TWO, BY [redacted] AND CONCERNED APPEAL FOR FUNDS ON BEHALF OF ROSENBERGS, SAID FUNDS TO BE SENT TO EMANUEL BLOCH, NYC. THIS SHOULD BE EXPEDITED. b7D

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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI (101-6691)

EMANUEL H. BLOCH; SM - C. RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU 11/5/53.

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EMANUEL H. BLOCH

Guardian of the Rosenberg children, will speak on the plans for the raising and security of the children.

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TO SAC, New York (100-99876)

DATE: ~~11/18/53~~ 11/18/53

FROM SA Benjamin F. Bordeh III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
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In connection with instructions set out in Rulet dated 11/5/53(Ser.124) the writer telephonically contacted Mr Frank Gordon of the Grievance,NYC Bar Association.Gordon advised that the Bloch matter had been discussed briefly by the Bar Association at a meeting held 11/4/53 but no definite action had been reccommended. An appointment was made for Tuesday 11/17/53 for the purpose of disseminating information as set out in rebulet.

On 11/17/53 the writer furnished information contained in rebulet to Mr Gordon orally.Gordon was advised that the information was being furnished in strict confidence;that no part of it could be attributed to the FBI and that no reference could be made to the FBI in connection with any action taken by the Committee.It was specifically pointed out to Mr Gordon with reference to page 1,paragraph 1,and page 2,paragraphs 2,5,and6 that contacts with any persons set out in these paragraphs should be made in a manner which would not indicate any contact by him w with the FBI.It was also specifically pointed out to Mr Gordon that w any information furnished to him from Security Informants and confi--dential sources and which he intended to use should be phrased and paraphrased in such a manner as to protect the identity of these sources.

Mr Gordon asked if it was possible for the NY Office to furnish him photostats of the newspaper articles referred to in rebulet.The writer diplomatically advised him that these articles were available through public sources and it was felt that he would understand that the NYO would not be in a position to furnish the photostats. Mr Gordon stated that he did understand this and he would check public sources.

Mr Gordon further advised that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 12/2/53 buth that he is trying to push for a special session. He said that in any event he would keep the writer informed of any and all developements.

Mr Gordon incidentally advised confidentially advised that the Grievance Comm. is considering disbarrment proceedings against [redacted] SA Richard H. Ash who has the [redacted] case was advised of this on 11/17/53.

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SA THOMAS E. DYAR

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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Concerning [redacted] advised that she is active in the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and has also been active in collecting money for the Rosenberg children.

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EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
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Rebulet 11/5/53 granting authority to furnish information to Mr. FRANK GORDON, page 3, IIIa, paragraph 2; it has been ascertained that the article referred to as having appeared in the "Daily Worker" on 12/18/52, in fact appeared in the "National Guardian" on 12/18/52.

Mr. FRANK GORDON has been notified and corrections in the New York Office have been made.

The Bureau is requested to make appropriate correction on its copy of referenced letter and also its copies of Blind Memo attached to NY letter to Bureau, 10/30/53, page 11, paragraph 7.

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Detroit, Michigan
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Memo, SAC

Re: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
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On September 22, 1953 a ROSENBERG Committee meeting was held in Parkside Hall, Fenkel Avenue, Detroit. The purpose of this affair was to raise money for a trust fund for the ROSENBERG children. According to the Informant, 200 or more persons were present. All the persons for whom copies of this memo have been designated were observed by the Informant as being in attendance at this affair.

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Chairman of this affair was MORRIS GLEICHER. The first speaker was Reverend CHARLES HILL who opened the affair with a prayer.

MORRIS GLEICHER then gave a short speech on the integrity and courage of ISIDORE STARR. He spoke of the chances of a re-trial for MORTEN SOBELL but did not think there was much of a chance for any re-trial. He stated the Fascists' worst weapon is fear and that patriotic Americans must stand up and fight for the America we love. A man and woman then stood up and read the ROSENBERG letters which were written to EMANUEL BLOCH asking him to care for their sons.

EMANUEL BLOCH was then the next speaker. He spoke of the courage of the ROSENBERGs and quoted a remark made by JULIUS ROSENBERG. "JULIUS summed it all up in a few words. It had to be us, the United States had to have a reason for a war in Korea and to step up their production, and it was a direct thrust at the left." He said the names of the ROSENBERGs must be cleared and that those who helped clear their name will be called Reds and will be ostracized by society. He then spoke of the trust fund for the ROSENBERG children and said that a fund of $75,000 was planned. Approximately $600 was taken in at this meeting for this fund.

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FRANK J. KNOTH

Walter Winchell
Of New York

Things You Never Knew Till Now

(About Julius and Ethel Rosenberg)

"*The Rosenberg* Case—Fact and Fiction" (by Dr. S. A. Fineberg) will be published by Oceana on Dec. 9th...It is packed with news and trivia about the traitors whose thefts of our atomic secrets enabled Russia to boast it can match American might...The U. S. Dept. of State considers the propaganda generated by Communists so harmful that it has recommended this book to all our embassies. It will be available in all American Libraries of Information abroad ...It will be translated into over 20 languages...The author proves the Rosenbergs were guilty and received the justice they merited.

The U. S. put 22 prosecution witnesses on the stand and offered 25 exhibits during the trial for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell ...The defense offered only two who knew the Rosenbergs: The Rosenbergs themselves. Not even one relative, friend or acquaintance testified in their defense...They refused to answer more than 100 questions at their trial...On the ground that "it might tend to incriminate" them...Later, their friends screamed that the Rosenbergs were "so innocent they had nothing to hide!"

Sobell, who was convicted with them, shied clear of the witness stand to avoid queries on why he called himself Morris Sand, Marvin Salt and Morton Solt (using only the same initials for his aliases) on his flight to Mexico.

The Communists completely ignored the Rosenbergs from the time of their arrest until the trial was over. No mention appeared about them in the Communist press until the jury said: "Guilty"... The Rosenberg clemency campaign started when the Red leaders decided the tight-lipped spies were willing candidates for "martyrdom."

For 5 months after their arrest they could have been out on bail ($100,000 each) but the Civil Rights Congress (which raised enormous sums of bail for other commies) passed this pair up completely...Not until they were in the Sing Sing Death House did this group call them victims of a "frame-up."

Until two years after they were arrested the European journalists ignored them...In November 1952 the entire Red press in every nation launched a drive to "Save The Rosenbergs"...When the Commies got the Go-Light many non-Communist papers (abroad) followed the Party Line on them...The Reds created the International Rosenberg campaign to divert world attention from the liquidation of Jews in Russia and satellite nations—and because, having lost the propaganda war (over Korea), the Reds needed a strong diversionary landing on another propaganda shore.

That propaganda was one of the greatest barrages in history... The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs announced (in October) that it raised and spent $302,530.17...It said that this sum did not include the funds of 50 local committees —and did not report what was spent on train fares and other items by thousands of pro-Rosenberg workers...It did not include the money raised in other countries...The total is in the millions... Of this money less than $30,000 was spent...For legal expenses.

as May 1952 the American Civil Liberties Union re-
o genuine civil liberties issues had been raised in the
ıse. Had there been any denial of justice the CLU
ıtervened...Charges that the Rosenbergs were victims
ism were condemned as false by the major Jewish
which declared in a statement issued May 13th 1952:
these efforts to mislead the people of this country
led charges...we denounce this fraudulent effort to
manipulate public opinion for ulterior purposes."

le proof that the condemned couple were not the victims
hysteria comes from the fact that from September 1950
ial in March (six months later) there was no mention
ıbergs in the American press...Only one person was
in connection with the Rosenberg campaign in the
ıdent in California, who insisted on blocking the side-
a table) while he tried to obtain signatures for a
ition...In Europe hundreds were arrested in Rosenberg
ıns...As many as 400 a day in Paris.

eir first appeal was heard (January 10th and 11th, 1952)
ess than 30 persons in the courtroom. These included
ectators and reporters...A year and a half later 12,000
Washington to demand "justice" for them..."New
esented by their lawyer Emanuel H. Bloch consisted of
stolen from the offices of the attorney for spy Green-
e memos had been published in French newspapers
were released in the U. S....Why?...So that Mr. Bloch
ıthor) would not have to explain in American courts
ential papers were filched from the files of other
He merely found them in various foreign periodicals.

he Rosenbergs were pictured as a gentle, bewildered,
arried couple, they actually were two of the most
nniving assistants the Kremlin ever had...They were
ir roles as "heroes of peace"...They never would have
government in any way...Because they considered it an
rnment for which they refused to become "informers"

Committee to Secure Justice for them failed to produce
is furor (by public demonstrations) it still would have
Communist Party well by marshalling tens of thousands
velers and collecting great sums of sucker money for
in propaganda.

tep of the Rosenberg campaign was trumpeted and
The Daily Worker and other prominent pro-Red publica-
Committee has altered its name to include justice for
ell, doing 30 years in Alcatraz...The Reds will never
outfit, their best front group.

enbergs turned over the control of their children's lives
H. Bloch, their lawyer. He was the one who yelled:
ashamed I am an American!" when the Rosenbergs
clemency...Bloch has been raising money for a trust
le children) by denouncing the U. S. at meetings here
da...The author of the book declares the tots will be
Communist propagandists unless they are taken out of
ls"...He reports steps are now under way to rescue
m their "present guardians."

of the Rosenbergs is being planned in Belgium with
t of the Brussels Bar Ass'n taking the lead. The ar-
are in the hands of a Communist front organization—
tional Ass'n of Democratic Lawyers which met in
v. 13-14...You can guess their verdict.
Committee which arranged the meeting of the leftists
was Emanuel H. Bloch.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) DATE: NOV 25 1953

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
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Informant advised that from 75 to 100 delegates from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington, D. C., Massachusetts, California, Ohio, and Wisconsin attended the Conference and about 300 people attended the ROSENBERG Dedication Meeting (Public Session) at 8:00 pm, 10/10/53. Informant based the attendance at the Dedication Meeting on DAVID ALMAN's remark that he collected about $1,200 or $4.00 per capita.

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DAVID ALMAN, according to informant, was the speaker at the 10/10/53 afternoon session which began at 2:00 pm. ALMAN told how MORTON SOBELL was arrested in Mexico City where he had gone to vacation with his family. ALMAN stated that instead of taking SOBELL to the police station, they took him to the border and delivered him to FBI Agents. ALMAN pointed out that in the quick trial which followed SOBELL's arrest, SOBELL was convicted on the testimony of MAX ELITCHER, an admitted perjurer. ALMAN said ELITCHER must have been paid by the FBI inasmuch as just after the trial, ELITCHER received a high salaried position in private industry which ALMAN feels was obtained with the aid of the FBI. Informant advised that ALMAN read from the court record of the United States vs. MORTON SOBELL and commented on it, but informant did not recall what ALMAN's comments were.

Informant advised that after ALMAN's speech, the delegates discussed a pre-conference paper and the sentence, "It (Committee) will work for a reduction of the tortuous 30 year sentence as alien to American concepts of justice and equality under law." This sentence was heatedly discussed and was deleted after the Sunday (10/11/53) report of the Policy Committee and a pledge was added to the pre-conference paper pledging support for the well-being of the ROSENBERG children and accepting full legal responsibility for MORTON SOBELL.

The discussion continued on the theme of how to get

SOBELL free. The delegates felt that the best way to do this was to get the support of labor and community leaders.

Informant said there were quite a few delegates from unions and a lady named HUGGINS (ph), a rank and file member of a Detroit union, told how she approached some of her co-workers during the heat of the campaign. The co-workers asked if she were a Communist. She replied no, but thought it a shame for the ROSENBERGs to die so young. She pointed out that regardless of whether the ROSENBERGs remained in jail or were electrocuted, the ROSENBERGS would still cost the people more taxes. She said she finally won the workers and the Detroit ROSENBERG Committee became one of the strongest.

GEORGE BROWN, Philadelphia, according to informant, suggested that there should be a youth branch as well as a senior branch of the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee. IRV SCHREIBMAN, Philadelphia, agreed that youth could play a tremendous part in helping SOBELL. SARAH LITTENBERG, New York or New Jersey, stated that a youth group was in the organizational stage in New York and that every city should organize youth councils. The afternoon session adjourned about 5:30 pm.

The ROSENBERG Dedication Meeting began at 8:30 pm, 10/30/53, according to informant, with Dr. MALCOLM SHARP of the University of Chicago Law School giving some of the highlights and legal points of the ROSENBERG case. Then EDITH SEGEL read three of her poems on the ROSENBERGs which will appear in a booklet soon. Two of them were entitled "I Hear the Rosenbergs" and "I Call Across the Continent." Mrs. SOBELL read a letter from her husband in which he said he welcomed the Committee and the work they were doing for him. Mrs. SOBELL said that her husband has renewed his energy since "those two gallant heros were cruelly put to death." Informant said that Mrs. SOBELL's remarks stirred the delegates emotionally.

DAVID ALMAN said there was still a chance for SOBELL's release from prison, but to get the finest legal staff available, they would need money.

Informant advised that the San Francisco chapter was

the first to contribute $100. The Philadelphia Committee advised they had already left a check for $100 at the Chicago Committee's office. Informant stated that a donation of $100 was the largest requested and then a $50.00 donation, $30.00 donation, "a dollar for each year of SOBELL's sentence" and smaller amounts were requested.

Informant reported that on 10/11/53 at 9:30 am, the Eastern Region of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Case held a caucus in Room 1371, Congress Hotel, 510 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

The last session of the Conference began in Room 602, Fine Arts Building, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. at 12:00 Noon on 10/11/53, according to informant, who further advised that REID ROBINSON, Los Angeles labor leader, was chosen Chairman of this session. ROBINSON called for the report of the committees. Dr. TUSHNET reported the following program and policy.

1. The Committee should circulate an Amicus Brief appealing for a new trial for SOBELL.

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3. Acquire the names of the U. S. Senate Judiciary Committee and have constituents write letters to members' homes and offices.

DON ROTHENBERG, Cleveland, gave a detailed report about Washington, D. C. during the ROSENBERG appeals. He stated that no Congressmen had the nerve to make a public statement on the ROSENBERG Case. He said he called on an unidentified Senator who said he would do what he could. Later, the Senator told ROTHENBERG that there was nothing to worry about since he had contacted the Justice Department, and they said a representative from their Department would call on the ROSENBERGs. ROTHENBERG

said he then read in a newspaper where the representative of the Justice Department had called on the ROSENBERGs and told them "either you talk or you die." ROTHENBERG said he showed the newspaper to the Senator who became furious after reading it. ROTHENBERG urged the contacting of members of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives by their constituents on behalf of SOBELL.

DAN MARSHALL, Los Angeles attorney, was elected to lead the Committee, and the following were elected to assist him:

JOE BRAININ, Eastern Region Co-Director, and EMILY ALMAN, Secretary. LEONARD TUSHNET was nominated Treasurer, but not elected because TUSHNET felt the position of Treasurer required more discussion.

The following were elected to the Executive Committee:

JEAN FRANTJIS, Philadelphia; HERBERT TAMPSKY (PH), Boston; SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, Washington, D. C.; and W. E. B. DuBOIS, DAVID ALMAN, YURI SEWELL (PH), and NORMA AARONSON, New York. Baltimore, New Jersey, Western Pennsylvania, the midwest and west coast were expected to submit their nominations for the Executive Committee in two weeks or as soon as possible. A $60,000 budget for a six month period was approved by unanimous vote.

The ROSENBERG Trust Fund was then discussed by YURI SEWELL, who said that the trustees, Professor MALCOLM SHARP, Chairman; EMANUEL BLOCH, Secretary; W.E.B. DuBOIS, and himself are striving for a $75,000 fund which would be soundly invested.

The last point was a detailed report by SARAH LITTENBERG on the sale of the book entitled "ROSENBERG Death House Letters."

The chairman thanked the delegates for attending the Conference and read messages from Miami, Tampa, and "Other cities." The Conference adjourned about 3:00 pm, 10/11/53.

Informant said the following attended the conference:

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"On Tuesday, September 22, 1953, the writer attended a meeting at the Parkside Hall on Fenkell Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, to listen to Mr. BLOCH and speakers of lesser note speak on the responsibility of caring for the ROSENBERG children.

"The meeting did not begin until approximately 9:00 p.m. At this time, a man, not identified other than a worker of some official note on the Detroit Rosenberg Committee, acted as M.C. This gentleman lacked preparation and poise in fulfilling his obligations as M.C. and merely rambled about the ROSENBERG case without gaining the attention of the audience. At one time, the M.C. was stuck for words and spent a good fifteen or thirty seconds groping for a thought. Evidently it came to him for he introduced Reverend CHARLES A. HILL who gave the invocation.

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"Reverend CHARLES A. HILL asked forgiveness for the crime committed by this nation against the innocent ROSENBERG family and asked that strength be given to all people such as gathered in this hall this night so that they may have the courage and stamina for militant action to correct all injustices such as this case most certainly has shown, and to make this nation a truly progressive, liberal, and free nation as it was founded to be. Reverend HILL asked that this gathering be given the undying generosity of time, patience, and energies in pursuing a course where all peoples of this nation will have full freedom everywhere in this country and not the kind of justice that is dealt out against the Negro race in the South and the many minority races in the North. Reverend HILL asked that all efforts should be taken by righteous people in establishing the vindication of the ROSENBERG Reverend HILL closed with saying that liberalism and progressiveism must not be surrendered in this country.

"The M.C. then introduced Mr. ISADORE STARR, an attorney, who began by saying he apologized for being thrusted time and time again upon this gathering. However, to be fair to himself and his convictions, he knew he must do every little bit to assist in clearing the ROSENBERG name and in refusing the now thirty year sentence of MORTON SOBELL. From here on, Mr. STARR related the decision of the Lawyers' Guild in taking its stand on the Communist witch-hunt conducted by McCARTHY and men of his kind and, how by taking this stand, the abuse, slander, and villification and hardships that such a stand brought on, and that we, as individuals, are at the cross roads and must make up our minds to undergo all the vile name calling and inconveniences any stand for full equality is bound to forment under our present suppressors in this nation. Mr. STARR then stated that as freedom loving pro-Americans that we (the group) are, he knew no sacrifice would be too extreme if we steel ourselves to the condition that returns, though they may be slim, at least history will show that our stand did much to keep this country in this hour of darkness from going under by the avalanche of the special-interest group in the McCarthyites now in control of our government.

"From this point on, Mr. STARR confined his remarks to MORT SOBELL with statements concerning the injustice of his conviction and how the attorney for SOBELL could not even get from the United States Attorney or the FBI the charge against his client until the trial was well under way. Also, how the SOBELLs had planned a Mexico visit in 1948, but due to the press of work had to postpone this vacation until 1950, and how they were attempting to return to this country when one night men who claimed they were Mexican police forced their way into the SOBELL home in Mexico City and kidnapped SOBELL and took him to the border where he was turned over to FBI agents. the FBI then intimidated and frightened the man to such a degree that he could not fulfill his right to testify under oath, the full an

righteous story of his life's doings. The witch-hunt had created such an oppression that our own Bill of Rights was no longer a beckoning light to all liberal minded peoples of the world.

"Mr. STARR ended that we must give generously of time and money to bring complete vindication of MORT SOBELL and though it may never in our time become known the complete, true history of the ROSENBERG case, we must continue our righteous fight. We owe it to the ROSENBERGs, SOBELL, the nation, and most certainl to ourselves to continue this struggle.

"After Mr. STARR's talk, a man and lady came upon the platform and read from the letters of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG. The readings were dramatic to the point of almost uncontrollable sobbing by the lady in the reading of ETHEL's last letter. Emotionally the crowd responded to the readings as had been anticipated by the Committee in charge. From 180 to 200 guests were there with few not surprisably affected by the readings.

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"After a short introduction by the M.C., Mr. BLOCH was introduced. The audienc was captivated by this time, and Mr. BLOCH used this to great advantage. With hands in his coat pocket, he paced back and forth and spoke in a very quiet and low tone. He gave a little history on how ETHEL's mother, now being made to be a figure of fine motherhood by BEN LYONS and writers of this type, was actually a woman who abandoned her daughter on death's door and from the time that ETHEL was detained under $100,000 bond until she was murdered by this nation, ETHEL's mother visited her only four times. On each of these occasions, the visits were for the sole purpose of making ETHEL confess her crimes. The ROSENBERG children were abandoned by ETHEL's mother and spent a year in a State institution until proper arrangements could be made by BLOCH to care for the boys.

"Mr. BLOCH related the first meeting between JULIUS and himself. From the short talk, BLOCH felt he had known JULIUS for a lifetime because he personified so many qualities that are good and wholesome politically. JULIUS impressed Mr. BLOCH as a liberal, progressive, intelligent man who, as the trial progressed, remarked that under existing conditions in this nation this trial had to be and that the death sentence had to be and that he (JULIUS) and ETHEL were resigned that they must die

for the cause of all liberal, progressive peoples of this world and die they will but not as cowardly dogs but only as true dignified human beings should die under existing circumstances. Mr. BLOCH related that as the DREYFUS case divided France, so the ROSENBERG case united France and in reality, all the world. Not a place on the face of this world was left unaffected and all were visibly shaken by the hideous crime against these two wonderful people. One room in Mr. BLOCH's office is entirely filled with correspondence from the four corners of this world, all in sympathy with ETHEL and JULIUS.

"Mr. BLOCH stated, 'The Rosenbergs will that I should see that the children are given a chance to lead a good life and be spared further hurt against them by uninformed society, but in reality the guardianship was not entrusted to me (BLOCH) but only to me as a representative of people like you. That is the sole purpose of my visit.' A five person trusteeship has been established to see that every cent collected is used solely for the children. There will never be one cent used for administration of the trusteeship. 'Our intentions are to see that these two fine boys get the love of a home, the education granted to all who desire it, and the opportunity to open a small office of their own if that is their wishes. We do not want to raise them as people of money, but rather as they were accustomed to when the family was intact, a modest, average, good American family.' Mr. BLOCH stated that the entire estate of the ROSENBERGs amounted to no more than $15.00 and this came mostly from the sale of books. The ROSENBERGs had nothing except for good books and records that the entire family enjoyed. Never in the two visits of the children to the death house would anyone believe seeing this family laughing and planning together but that this was a visit to the ROSENBERG home. ETHEL and JULIUS were determined to spare their children the anguish of the cruelty imposed on them.

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"Writer estimates that the group consisted of from 180 to 200, no more.

"Meeting began at approximately nine o'clock and ended about 10:45.

Memo, SAC Re: [redacted]

"The collection appeared to be composed mostly of small bills.

"MICHIGAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

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"PHIL SCHATZ was in the building at the time of the meeting but was not in attendance at the meeting.

"A car with license plate CU 91-56 discharged an elderly man at the meeting and drove off.

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SA MELVILLE H. SHANNON

Oakland, Calif.

Hear EMANUEL H. BLOCH, guardian of Michael and Robbie Rosenberg, speak on plans for the welfare of the children. Norway Hall, 3619 Piedmont Av., Thurs., Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Adm.: 30c.

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Los Angeles

ASP Architects & Engineers Division presents ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF MEXICO color film. Discussion panel of speakers, Dec. 4, 8:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8th St.

EMANUEL H. BLOCH — Rosenberg attorney, and now guardian of their children, will speak on plans for the upbringing and security of the children at the Embassy Auditorium, Fri., Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Adm.: 60¢. Auspices: So Calif. Trust Fund Comm., P.O. Box 12224, L.A. 90.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC. New York (100-99876)

DATE: 12/1/53

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
SM-C

On this date the writer was advised by Mr Frank Gordon of the NYC Bar Association that the Executive Committee of the NY Bar would meet on 12/2/53 and definitely take up the BLOCH matter as unfinished business. If the matter is not approved by the Committee then it will be dropped then and there. If it is approved then it will be presented to the Appellate Division of New York in the form of a petition setting out the allegations. It was indicated that a copy of the petition would be served on BLOCH. The case will then be called out in open court on a scheduled motion day. Gordon stated that there are no motion days scheduled in December therefore the case in any event would not reach trial before January or February.

Mr Gordon stated that a reporter has called him for a stroy on the case but he had advised that a story would not be timely now and further that he would give no press releases anyway. He said that the news reporters were aware that the case would be called out in open court and thus if a reporter was present at the time, the matter would then become public knowledge. He said that up to that time he will make no press release and that he would advise the writer a fews days in advance of any publicity given the case.

It is to be noted that aphotostat copy of the enclosure to Baltimore letter dated 11/16/53, with the marking removed was delivered to Mr Gordon this date.

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TO SAC, New York (100-99876) DATE: 12/2/ 53

FROM Benjamin F. Borden III ,SA

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
SM-C

This is a summary of recent investigation re Subject's activities:

MR STEPHEN J. O'CONNER, Sup't of the Old Chelsea Post Office on West 18th advised that there was no mail stop on the mail of MRS EMANUEL (DINA) BLOCH and that all of the mail was still going to the W. 16th St. address.

MR RICHARD BORELLA, Assistant Manager of the Chase National Bank, 14th St. Barnch(at 5th Avenue) made available the records of the accpunt of DINA BLOCH which reflected the following information:

Change of address; On 10/9/53 form 7 West 16th St. to ~~8/8~~ 56 7th Avenue c/o Mrs AUGUSTA WEIN

Regular checking account-opened 12/29/52 with $1000.00. Balance 12/2/53 $720.35
Other accounts-Greenwich Savings Bank- 6th Ave. at 16th St.
Emigrant Savings Bank-Chambers Street.

MR K.J.TIDABECK, Assistant to the Manager, Greenwich Savings Bank ,made available the records of DINA'S account which reflected the following:

Acc't opened 12/12/49 with initial deposit of $500.00

Date	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
12/12/49		$500.00	$500.00
12/12/49		$525.00	$1025.00
12/22/49	$525.00		$500.00
4/5/50	$150.00		$350.00
5/8/50		$150.00	$500.00
2/23/51		$300.00	$808.00(Interest added)
3/ 17/52		$500.00	$1323100 (Interest added)

This was a joint account with Emanuel H. Bloch

MR T.A.GILFILLEN, Clerk, Emigrant Savings Bank, Cahmbers Street, advised that Dina and Emanuel H. Bloch had a joint account the details of which are as follows:

Date	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
12/12/46		$1000.00	$1000.00
9/10/47		$500.00	$1500.00
61/20/49	$1001.49		
1/6/50	$60.32		
6/30/50	$501.04		
10/6/50		$1500.00	
12/31/51	$1404.90		
4/3/52		$500.00	$1204.94(12/3/53)

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TO : Sac, New York (100-99876) DATE: 12/2/53

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT : EMANUEL H. BLOCK

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STEPHEN J.O'CONNELL, Manager, Old Chelsea,USPO ,advised that there was no stop or change of address for DINA BLOCH from the 16th Street address, and that all of the mail continued to go to 16th Street.

HERBERTN.BRISSETT, Supt 19 West 16th Street,NYC,Sup't for the building at 7 West 16th Street,advised on 12/2/53 that he had not seen Subject since shortly before the execution of the ROSENBERGS and that he had very seldom evere seen Mrs BLOCH at least in the preceding few months.It should be noted for the file that BRISSETT is a colored preacher who holds no brief for Communism.

ADDENDA:

Mr FRANK H. GORDON,Chief Att'y for the Asso. of the NYC Bar 43 West 43rd St. advised on 12/3/53 that the Executive Committee at its meeting on 12/2/53 had abated the matter and had not made any defibite decision as to approving proceedings.GORDON stated off the record that apparently the matter is of considerable concern to the Committee and there is some retiscence in deciding it specifically . GORDON said that he would continue to push it and that he was very disappointed that it has been delayed so long. H advised that he would keep the writer informed of the developements.

GORDON also asked if more aid could be given him in finding Daily Worker articles re BLOCH and his activities. After consulting with T. SCOTT MILLER and SA John A. HARRINGTON , GORDON was advised on 12/2/ by the writer that the Bureau had gone as far as it could and that should he wish to make a specific request for more aid it should be done by letter to MR BOARDMEN or MR HOOVER.

AIR TEL

NEW YORK, 12/3/53

BUREAU

ATT: ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT. EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, WAS; SM-C. FRANK GORDON OF THE NYC BAR ASSN., ADVISED TODAY THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NY BAR MET LAST NIGHT BUT DID NOT MAKE A DECISION RE DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SUBJECT. GORDON ADVISED THAT IF AND WHEN PROCEEDINGS ARE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HE WILL FILE A PETITION IN THE APPELLATE DIVISION ON THE NEXT SCHEDULED MOTION DAY. AT THAT TIME THE CASE WILL BE CALLED IN OPEN COURT AND A DATE FOR HEARING WILL BE SET ON THE COURT CALENDER. GORDON POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRESS HAD BEEN AFTER HIM FOR A STORY, HE PLANS TO MAKE NO PRESS RELEASE UP TO MOTION DAY; THAT ALTHOUGH THE PETITION IS SEALED AND ONE WILL BE SERVED ON BLOCH, REPORTERS ARE AWARE THAT THE CASE WILL BE CALLED IN OPEN COURT AND FROM THEN ON THE STORY WILL BE PUBLIC. GORDON STATED THAT HE WILL KEEP THE NYO ADVISED AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS AND OF ANY PRESS RELEASES TO BE MADE.

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

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December 4, 1953

Honorable John H. Sheehan
Postmaster , Acting
General Post Office
33rd Street and Eighth Avenue
New York 1, New York

Re: ARTHUR and AUGUSTA WEIN
56 Seventh Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office with the following information on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, received by the above individual for a period of thirty days:

1. The name of addressee if different from above.

2. Name and return address of sender.

3. All postmark data including date, time, and place mailed from.

4. All information on return cards.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI (101-6691) & SAC NEW YORK CITY (100-99876)

EMANUEL H. BLOCH, SM - C. RE NYC AIRTEL TO BUREAU 11/5/53, AND NYC AIRTEL TO BUREAU, 11/16/53. DIVORCE ACTION NO. 149058 ON FILE AT WASHOE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, RENO, NEVADA SHOWS DINA BLOCH, PLAINTIFF, OBTAINED A DIVORCE FROM EMANUEL H. BLOCH, DEFENDANT, IN SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF NEVADA, RENO, 11/30/53. ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF WAS IRVING S. SLOMKA, RENO, AND THE COMPLAINT FILED 11/30/53 BY THE PLAINTIFF SHOWED THAT PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT WERE INTERMARRIED AT ELKTON, MARYLAND, ON OR ABOUT 9/23/45, THAT THERE WERE NO CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE, THAT THE INTERESTED PARTIES SETTLED AND ADJUSTED THEIR PROPERTY BY AN AGREEMENT ON 9/30/53, WHICH AGREEMENT WAS SEALED BY ORDER OF THE COURT, THAT PLAINTIFF CHARGED DEFENDANT TREATED HER WITH EXTREME CRUELTY, ENTIRELY MENTAL IN NATURE. DEFENDANT'S ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT WAS FILED 11/30/53 BY HIS ATTORNEY, ROBERT E. BERRY, RENO, AND DEFENDANT DID NOT APPEAR AT THE TRIAL AND ACTION WAS NOT CONTESTED. THE TRIAL WAS HELD 11/30/53 AFTER WHICH THE DECREE WAS GRANTED. THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE TESTIMONY, WHICH IN ADDITION TO THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE COMPLAINT WOULD CONTAIN TESTIMONY OF PLAINTIFF'S RESIDENCE IN NEVADA FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO THE TRIAL AND TESTIMONY ON PART OF PLAINTIFF ELABORATING ON THE CHARGE OF MENTAL CRUELTY, WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

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FOR PERUSAL FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. PLAINTIFF'S WHEREABOUTS PRESENTLY UNKN, BUT RESIDENCE ADDRESS IN RENO CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY AT TRIAL, HOWEVER, USUAL PROCEDURE IS FOR PERSONS TO RETURN TO PERMANENT RESIDENCES AFTER RECEIVING DIVORCE DECREE. NEW YORK REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DESIRED OR WHETHER EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE AT RENO TO DETERMINE DINA'S WHERE BOUTS. RUC

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TO CHIEF CLERK: DATE 12/4/53

SUBJECT AUGUSTA AND ARTHUR WEIN

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ADDRESS 56 - 7th AVE, NYC.

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Dr. ARTHUR WEIN		Augusta (Lipschitz)	
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NY Morning News 10-11-53 p. 20

Spy Case Fund Got $302,530

Chicago, Oct. 10 (UP) The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case reported today it spent almost twice as much in propaganda as it did in actually defending Julius & Ethel Rosenberg against spy charges.

Joseph Brainin, committee chairman, said altogether the committee raised $302,530.17 from public contributions, sale of trial transcripts and other literature.

It spent $71,815.23 for leaflets, pamphlets, petitions, and post cards to $29,541.44 for legal fees & expenses and $11,323.39 for legal printing.

Submitted by Sa Dave Ryan

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TO CHIEF CLERK: DATE December 14, 1953

SUBJECT DINA PESSIN BLOCH {100-99876-155

ALIASES MRS EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH { INDEX!

ADDRESS 7 West 16th Street, NYC c/o AUGUSTA WEIN 56 7th Avenue, NYC.

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→ See NY let. to Bu. 12/14/53		100-99876-155	
DINA PESSIN	NR		

NOTE TO INDICES : Please index DINA BLOCH as MRS EMANUEL H. BLOCH, ~~100-99876. See also 100-99876-1A.~~ Further Index

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Director, FBI ~~(100-16691)~~ 12/14/53

SAC, New York (100-99876)

EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
SM - C

Re Salt Lake City teletype to Bureau and New York dated 12/4/53 wherein it was set out that DINA PESSIN BLOCH, wife of subject, obtained a divorce from subject in Reno 11/30/53 on the ground of extreme mental cruelty, entirely mental in nature; re NY airtel to Bureau and Salt Lake City dated 11/5/53 wherein it was requested that Bureau give consideration to an interview of DINA BLOCH.

Investigation reflects that DINA BLOCH maintains a regular checking account at the Chase National Bank, 14th Street Branch, New York City, which was opened 12/29/52 with an initial deposit of $1000. For the month of November, 1953, two checks were drawn totaling $20. The balance as of 11/30/53 was $720.35. A joint savings account with subject at the Greenwich Savings Bank, 6th Avenue and 16th Street, New York City, show a balance of $1323.00 and there has been no activity on the account in 1953. A joint savings account at the Emigrant Savings Bank, Chambers Street, New York City, shows a balance of $1204.94 and likewise there has been no activity on this account in 1953. It is pointed out to the Bureau that DINA BLOCH recorded with the Chase National Bank, 14th Street Branch, a change of address on 10/9/53 from 7 West 16th Street (address of subject) to 56 7th Avenue, New York City, c/o AUGUSTA WEIN.

New York Telephone Directory reflects a current listing to Dr. ARTHUR WEIN, 56 7th Avenue and a [redacted] to this number disclosed that he is the husband of AUGUSTA WEIN, same address. A search of the New York indices reflect that AUGUSTA LIPSCHITZ WEIN, the wife of ARTHUR WEIN, is the subject of a Sm-C case, NY File 100-63650. Concerning DINA BLOCH, NY files indicate only that she contributed to the Civil Rights Congress Bail Fund on behalf of the eleven top Communists. b7E

New York has no information which would indicate that DINA BLOCH is hostile toward the subject to the extent that she would be willing to disclose to the Bureau her knowledge of the subject's activities, notwithstanding her divorce from the subject. New York also has no assurance that DINA BLOCH would not disclose to the subject any attempt by Bureau Agents to interview her regarding him. This eventually could be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau. Accordingly, it is recommended that DINA BLOCH not be interviewed in this matter at this time.

Chief Clerk
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Subject has been placed on the Security Index. This case is being placed in a pending inactive status pending receipt of information regarding developments in the now pending disbarrment proceedings. The Bureau will be advised of any such developments.

$5,000 Presented To Rosenberg Children's Fund

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 9. — Emanuel H. Bloch, guardian of Michael and Robbie Rosenberg, was presented last night with a check for $5,000 representing contributions made by persons throughout New Jersey for the Rosenberg Children's Trust Fund.

Bloch, who was the attorney for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, and is now legal guardian of the children by the Rosenbergs, accepted the check at a dinner held at Prince Hall Masonic Temple.

The money was presented to Bloch by the New Jersey Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, to which the contributions for the children were made. The dinner was sponsored by the committee.

The $5,000 will go into a Trust Fund established for the children, who are now living at Toms River, New Jersey. The goal for the Trust Fund has been set at $75,000, to be collected throughout the country. Chairman of the Fund is Professor Malcolm Sharp, professor of Law at the University of Chicago.

Last night's dinner was a testimonial to Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Tushnet of Maplewood, New Jersey, who were honored by the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee of New Jersey for their participation in the Rosenberg clemency campaign and the present campaign for a new trial for scientist Morton Sobell. Dr. Tushnet is chairman of the Committee.

Other speakers included Helen Sobell, the wife of Morton Sobell, and Mrs. Emily Alman, executive secretary of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

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On 12/1/53, [redacted] made available the bank records for the account of the above captioned organization at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 32 University Place, NYC. An examination of the canceled checks for November, 1953 reflects the following items deemed pertinent:

Check No.	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit or Endorser
1671	11/6/53	Cash	$326.14	Please Cash, JOSEPHINE FELSHIN & SOPHIE STEINBERG
1686	11/13/53	ROSENBERG's Childrens Trust Fund	$ 50.00	ROSENBERG's Childrens Trust Fund, EMANUEL H.BLOCH, Trustee, Chase National Bank at Worth Street, NYC
1684	11/6/53	Prompt Press	$820.55	Commercial State Bank and Trust Co.
1693	11/18/53	Masses and Mainstream	$500.00	Manufacturers Trust Company
1666	11/20/53	INTERNATIONAL National Publishers	$364.85	Manufacturers Trust Company

The balance of this account as of 11/30/53 was $1,525.08.

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1 - NY 100-46469 (JOSEPH FELSHIN)
1 - NY 100-94477 (SOPHIE STEINBERG)
1 - NY 100- (ROSENBERG CHILDRENS TRUST FUND)
1 - NY 100-99876 (EMANUEL H. BLOCH)
1 - NY 100-31769 (Prompt Press)
1 - NY 100-89671 (Masses and Mainstream)
1 - NY 100-57557 (International Publishers) 100-99876 — 15-8

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January 4, 1954

Mr. Morris Ivry
1625 East 10th Street
Brooklyn 23, New York

Dear Mr. Ivry:

Your letter dated December 24, 1953, together with the enclosure, has been received and the motives which prompted your communication are indeed appreciated.

In the event you obtain additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office located at 290 Broadway, New York 7, New York.

Sincerely yours,

J. Ed. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - 1 - New York

Correspondent communicated with the Bureau in July, 1942, and cordial acknowledgment was afforded him.

Correspondent enclosed an article which appeared in "New York Times" dated December 22, 1953, captioned "Plea For Rosenberg Boys" which sets forth the statement by Emanuel H. Bloch made on December 19, 1953, at Winnipeg, Canada, to the effect that the Rosenberg children are discriminated against and unwanted in the United States. It is noted that Bloch is subject of NY file 100-99876.

Correspondent's letter comments that Bloch's falsehoods follow the Communist line.

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Charges Gov. Wright Aided Jackson Thugs

By Louise Mitchell

With deep, purple gashes marking his forehead, Aubrey Grossman, organizational secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, yesterday charged Mississippi city, county and state officials, as well as federal authorities, with aiding and abetting hoodlum attacks upon CRC lawyers and delegates seeking justice for the framed Negro worker, Willie McGee.

Just returned from Jackson, Miss., where eight thugs beat him on the head and back in his room at the Heidelberg Hotel, Grossman described to the press at the CRC office at 205 E. 24 St. the reign of terror that swept through Jackson before and after McGee's stay of execution Wednesday.

Grossman led a 10-state delegation to Gov. Fielding Wright to ask for a reprieve, which was finally granted by Supreme Court Justice Harold Burton, 11-hours before McGee was scheduled to die.

He was alone in his room on Wednesday at about 8 p.m. when eight men swinging clubs and loaded stockings got into his room on a ruse and assaulted him for 10 minutes without interference from local police or the hotel management.

GOVERNOR'S THREAT

The attack was directly related, said Grossman, to a threat made during the morning by Gov. Wright who came to his hotel room accompanied by a gang of

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city and state officials to warn, "We want you out of town."

The hotel manager refused after the attack, to call a photographer to take pictures of the bloodied CRC leader. After Grossman was hospitalized, city officials again refused to offer him protection. A routine investigation of his hotel room by the police destroyed all evidence pointing to the hoodlums.

Repeated pleas to the U.S. Attorney's office for protection of CRC delegates and lawyers went unheeded although FBI men and local police were swarming all over Jackson.

"Every part of government—city, county, state and federal—either sponsored the attack or stayed away when protection was needed and protected those who engaged in the attacks," he said yesterday.

OTHER VICTIMS

Other victims of Dixiecrat lynch terror during the past few days were John R. Poole, Negro attorney for McGee; Stephen Fisher, correspondent for the Compass, and Sidney Ordower, a delegate from Chicago.

Grossman said that of all the things he told the Governor and his henchmen about Dixiecrat "justice" during a meeting at the new Capitol on Tuesday, what angered them most were his references to Willie McGee as "Mr. McGee."

Emanuel H. Block, CRC attorney, also present in Jackson until late Tuesday, told the press that **"Gov. Wright is not fit to be a public official. He is irresponsible, lawless, sadistic and barbaric and a disgrace to our country."**

When all his pleas for protection went unheeded, Block realized, he said, "I was no longer living in a free country and had no protection for my person."

DISBARMENT THREAT

He sharply assailed the threat of disbarment which faces Poole because of his activities in behalf of McGee as CRC attorney. Poole is threatened with disbarment because he received a retainer from CRC, which is alleged to be "subversive" by the Justice Department.

"No citizen is free to obtain legal protection," he declared, "if a lawyer will be disbarred for receiving a retainer from a so-called unpopular client."

What happened in Mississippi, he said, exposes the "hypocritical pretension of democracy in the United States." Immediate defense for Poole is being planned, he said.

William L. Patterson, CRC executive secretary, said the Jackson incidents prove "once again that jimcrow is an official policy of government in the United States enforced through terror."

Another CRC spokesman described his disgust with CIO Woodworkers officials of Local 443 in Jackson, who refused to aid McGee, formerly a member of the union, and who boasted of segregated union locals for Negroes. He praised the heroism of the women in the delegation, and Mrs. Bella Abzug, one of the CRC attorneys in the case.

Fisher, also present at the conference, described his experience with Gov. Wright.

Patterson renewed his plea to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for joint action with the CRC in civil rights cases.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: Emanuel Hirsch Bloch

This Office File 100-99876
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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Employment: Lawyer - WO 26851

Address: 299 + 401 Broadway, N.Y.C. BE 32444

Residence: 7 West 16th St CH 28679 photo

Remarks: Man #10

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, and the residence address of the subject be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Employment: Same

Address:

Verified By: Jos. M. Zimmerman

Method of Verification: [redacted] phone to office
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Date: 12/23/53

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Residence: Same

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The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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Change noted 1/6/54 Mahler

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TO : Sac, New York (100-99876)

DATE: 1/6/54

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL H. BLOCH
SM-C

The writer contacted Mr FRANK GORDON, this date in regard to the schedul meeting of the executive committee tonight. He advised that the Committee had postponed the meeting until tomorrow night because of a party being given for Judge Augustus Hand. He added that all of the information available was in the hands of MR DEBEVOISE ,Chairman. and that it should receive attention Thursday (1/8/54) He will advise the writer of the pertinent developements.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY 100-99876 DATE: DEC 7 1953

FROM : JAMES F. MITCHELL, SA

SUBJECT: Emanuel Bloch
401 Broadway
SM-C N.Y. N.Y.

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On 6/30/53 [redacted] provided the writer and SA DONALD L. STOUT with mail wrappers utilized in mailing the "Lawyers Guild Review", a quarterly publication of the National Lawyers Guild.

The above mentioned mail wrappers were divided into three groups, (1) National Lawyers Guild member list, NYC Chapter, (2) National Lawyers Guild member list, and (3) Miscellaneous.

The subject's name appeared in the group National Lawyers Guild member list, NYC Chapter.

In the event the above information is utilized, the identity of [redacted] should be protected by an appropriate symbol and should be paraphrased so as to protect his identity.

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At the time he provided the mail wrappers, [redacted] advised that due to the possible adverse effect [redacted] which might result if his cooperation in this matter became known, he would not testify to supplying the above-mentioned mail wrappers.

The original photostatic copies of the addresses reflected on the mail wrappers are located in 100-10769-1B185.

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EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH; SM-C. FRANK GORDON, CHIEF ATTORNEY, NY BAR ASSOCIATION, GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE HE HAD LEARNED THAT SUBJECT WAS PLANNING TO MAKE A SPEECH AT REED COLLEGE IN PORTLAND. PORTLAND IS REQUESTED TO ALERT ITS INFORMANTS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND HAVE COVERAGE IF AND WHEN SAID SPEECH IS DELIVERED. PORTLAND ALSO REQUESTED TO FURNISH NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS OF ANY PUBLICITY GIVEN TO SAID SPEECH.

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January 7, 1954

SA VINCENT J. ASCHERL

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[redacted] whose name should be concealed in reporting, residing at [redacted] forwarded to SA VINCENT J. ASCHERL via the mail on December 7, 1953 a circular which she had received through the mail. The circular announced a speech by EMMANUEL BLOCH, "Courageous Defender of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG" at Round Robin Hall, 5901 Cahuenga Boulevard, North Hollywood, December 6, 1953 at 8:00 p.m., auspices Southern California Trust Fund Committee for Rosenberg Children, Post Office Box 12224 Edendale Station, Los Angeles, California. The circular is being retained in 100-41648-1A.

[redacted] Panel Source, attended this meeting on the date and place indicated and furnished a written report to SA VINCENT J. ASCHERL which was received December 11, 1953 and is filed [redacted] (b)(7)(d)

The principal speaker and chairman of the trust fund was Mr. EMMANUEL H. BLOCH, Attorney for the Rosenbergs, Ethel and Julius.

The topic of his talk was funds for the Rosenberg Children after what he (BLOCH) termed an out and out murder by a barbaric and aggressive nation (USA) and that this nation wanted to use the children as political footballs, that he wasn't going to allow.

Mr. BLOCH also stated under questioning by the audience that in his opinion, Mr. GREENGLASS, brother of ETHEL ROSENBERG, was definitely engaged in subversive activities and espionage, but the ROSENBERGS had no part of it. Mr. BLOCH in relating a series of episodes having to do with his visits to the Sing Sing Death House with the children soon had 50 per cent of the women in the audience crying.

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Mr. BLOCH stated that ultimate financial goal of the committee was a sum of $75,000 for rearing of the children thru college and allowing $5,000 for each at the end of their schooling.

Mr. BLOCH during his talk injected numerous descriptive words regarding the USA Foreign Policy and the Cold War policy.

Mr. BLOCH named the other four members of the Trust Fund Committee, and they are SHIRLEY GRAME, an author of many well known books; Mr. MALCOLM SHARP, Associate Justice of the University of Chicago; Mr. JAMES AARONSON, Publisher of the Progressive Journal. There was another man named but informant failed to get the name clearly.

The last letter written to the children by Mrs. ROSENBERG was read by a Mrs. ALEXANDER, which was a very dramatic reading and very theatrical.

A man (un-named) made a pitch for contributions, asking at first for a sum of $100 to $500. Upon hearing none he dropped to $75 and then received several $50 donations and a good number of $25 and countless 20's and 10's. The approximate collection was $500 and there were an estimated 150 people in attendance at the Round Robin Hall. Mr. BLOCH was escorted by two very rugged type individuals of the typical bodyguard type.

The man making the pitch for funds stated during his pitch that the money would be used to overcome a mark on the children that this sadistic, malignant Government imposed on the ROSENBERG children by murdering their parents.

The reference by informant to SHIRLEY GRAME is probably SHIRLEY GRAHAM and also the reference to Mrs. ALEXANDER is probably GEORGIA BACKUS ALEXANDER, SI subject in the Los Angeles Office.

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REDS AIM TO 'TRY' ROSENBERGS AGAIN

City Bar Unit Discloses Move Is Being Mapped at Vienna 'Conference' of Lawyers

By WILL LISSNER

The Communists are trying to organize a propaganda "trial" around the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, executed American atom spies.

In preparation for this maneuver, Communists and fellow-travelers associated with the Soviet "peace partisan" campaign are holding a meeting in Vienna this week. In attendance are lawyers of various countries, especially the Soviet Union and the Soviet satellite states.

The meeting was called in the name of the "International Conference of Lawyers for the Defence of Democratic Liberties." Its initial purpose is to direct the fire of leftist, fellow-traveler and duped lawyers at the efforts of the free world to curb the activities of Soviet agents abroad.

These developments were disclosed in documents from the "conference" made public yesterday by Methuel M. Webster, president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

The documents included one from the initiating committee, reporting it had adopted a resolution approving the action taken by a group of Belgian Communist lawyers "for the setting up of an international tribunal for the holding of a Rosenberg counter-trial."

In distributing them, the Bar Association attached a memorandum declaring:

"It quickly becomes obvious that this so-called 'International Conference' is a crude Communist attempt to mislead the lawyers of the world into sponsoring a Communist propaganda front hiding behind apparently high-sounding democratic principles and purposes."

Mr. Webster had been invited to be a sponsor of the conference, and the association had received two invitations to attend the meeting. In a reply sent on Dec. 31, Mr. Webster had called the attention of the initiating committee to the fact that lawyers from the Soviet Union and from other Communist countries would be present.

Principles to be considered at the meeting, Mr. Webster had noted, included:

"Guarantees of freedom of opinion and association, the principles of universal suffrage, the right of peoples to self-determination and a full life, the independence of the judiciary, the rights of the defense, the arbitrary powers of the police, abuse of preventive, administration or police detention."

Mr. Webster commented that information coming out of the Soviet Union and its satellite countries indicated that these principles were not recognized by Communist Governments. Citing the purge trial and execution of Lavrenti P. Beria and the trials of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary and William Oatis in Czechoslovakia, he proposed that the Communist country delegates be asked how they reconciled these procedures with the conference's principles.

The association's memorandum asserted that the initiators of the "conference"—Giuseppe Nitti of Rome, John Elton of London and Gerard Lyon-Caen of Dijon, France—"have a record of adherence to the Communist cause."

"It is shocking to find," the memorandum said, "that Emanuel Bloch, counsel of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, is listed as one of the American sponsors."

Mr. Webster said he believed the "conference" had been organized as counter-propaganda to the recently formed International Commission of Jurists, with headquarters at The Hague. The commission has been exposing violations of legal rights in the Communist countries.

3 KOREA P. O. W.'S TRIED

Anti-Reds Plead Innocent in Slaying of Fellow Inmate

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Jan. 6 (AP) — Three anti-Communist North Korean war prisoners pleaded innocent today at an Indian court-martial trying them on charges of murdering a fellow inmate Dec. 12 in their camp near Panmunjom.

Five prisoners accused of murdering three other fellow captives will be tried later.

Defense counsel Choi Duk Bim insisted the Indian court-martial had no right to try the prisoners. Mr. Choi said the Indians were "not the detaining side," but only temporary custodians of the prisoners. He said that under the Geneva Convention only the detaining side has the right to try war prisoners.

The Indian military court overruled the counsel.

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PRO-RED LAWYERS CHARGE U. S. CURBS

Dulles' Stand on Rights Scored at Vienna Meeting—200 From 25 Lands Attend

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

VIENNA, Jan. 7—About 200 lawyers from twenty-five countries concluded tonight a three-day meeting of the International Lawyers Conference for Defense of Democratic Rights with a resolution endorsing democratic rights, freedom and peace.

The agenda of this Communist-front organization included items described as a critical analysis of problems caused by discrimination in the application of law, especially with regard to the exercise of constitutional civil rights, and a critical analysis of encroachments on personal freedom and legal guarantees for this freedom.

E. L. Zeidin, vice president of the Soviet Supreme Court, compared alleged discrimination in Western countries with the "strict observance" of democratic rights in the Soviet Union. He criticized John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, for having declared that the United States would sign no documents guaranteeing the rights of man.

[Mr. Dulles told Congress April 6 that the Eisenhower Administration would sign no treaty on human rights drafted under United Nations auspices, or the already-drafted convention of political rights of women. He explained that he did not believe treaties should "circumvent the constitutional procedures established in relation to what are essentially matters of domestic concern."]

Persecution Is Cited

A Canadian lawyer deplored the alleged persecution of the National Lawyers Guild by the United States Government. Other delegates supported his statement, holding that Emanuel Bloch, attorney for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, executed atomic spies, had been refused a United States exit visa to attend the conference.

[Mr. Bloch said in New York that this statement was incorrect. He said he had applied during Christmas week for a passport to attend the Vienna meeting, but had been told by the State Department before New Year's that it would be impossible to pass on the application in time for him to attend. Mr. Bloch said he had written to the State Department this week withdrawing the application.

[Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. has declared the National Lawyers Guild subversive and has required it to show cause why it should not be placed on his list of subversive organizations.]

Prof. Gerard Lyon-Caen, honorary president of the French Court of Cassation, complained of "methods used to suppress trade unions in African, Asiatic and Latin-American countries." He also denounced the practice of some countries of preventing trade unions from dealing with political problems which, he said, condemned them to impotence.

Trade Union Complaint

M. Dessau, legal adviser of the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions, said that the question of protecting trade unions had been brought up at every meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 1948, but that the United States had managed in 1950 to transfer the problem to the International Labor Office, which refused to consider any of the 150 complaints filed by the W. F. T. U.

Professor Bartuska of Charles University in Prague declared that in Czechoslovakia not only political but economic rights were assured.

Two men were arrested after having distributed yesterday pamphlets reported to have been issued by the anti-Communist International Commission of Jurists, which has its headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:BUREAU.....URGENT

ATTENTION, ASS'T DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT. EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, SM - C. BUFILE ONE NAUGHT ONE DASH SIX SIX NINE ONE. FRANK GORDON OF THE NYC BAR ASSOCIATION ADVISED THIS MORNING IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET LAST NIGHT AND MADE A DECISION REGARDING DISBARMENT OF SUBJECT. GORDON STATED IN EFFECT THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED GOING AHEAD WITH DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS. THIS MEANS THAT A PETITION WILL BE FILED WITH THE APPELLATE DIVISION OF NY ON OR ABOUT FEB. TWO, FIFTYFOUR. GORDON STATED THAT THERE IS A MOTION DAY BEFORE THAT DATE BUT THAT FILING ON THE EARLIER DATE WOULD NOT GIVE BLOCH SUFFICIENT TIME TO ANSWER. GORDON CONTINUED THAT THE GENERAL CHARGE WAS QUOTE PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT UNQUOTE, AND THAT THE PETITION WENT INTO CONSIDERABLE DETAIL REGARDING THE SPEECHES AND PUBLIC UTTERANCES OF BLOCH WHICH RECEIVED WIDE SPREAD PUBLICITY. GORDON ADDED THAT FOR THE BUREAU'S INFORMATION, BLOCH HAD CALLED HIM SEVERAL DAYS AGO AND ASKED FOR A COPY OF A PRESS RELEASE MADE BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION IN CONNECTION WITH A CONVENTION HELD THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA, SPONSORED BY THE "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAWYERS FOR THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES UNQUOTE. SAID

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

PRESS RELEASE REFERRED TO BLOCH AS ONE OF THE SPONSORS. PERTINENT NEWS ARTICLES APPEARED IN THE QUOTE NEW YORK TIMES UNQUOTE JAN. SEVEN, FIFTYFOUR, PAGE NINE, COLUMN SIX, AND JAN. EIGHT, FIFTYFOUR, PAGE FIVE, COLUMN ONE. THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC , New Yprk (100-99876) DATE: 1/8/54

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL H. BLOCH, was
SM-C

THE FOLLOWING IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES:

FRANK GORDON, of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York advised this date that the Executive Committee met last night and although their decision re going ahead with disbarrment proceedings against Subject are secret, that he was instructing his secretary to go ahead with the preparation of the necessary papers. From this the conclusion can be drawn that the Executive Committee approved the action . GORDON stated that the petition setting out the complaint will probably be filed in the Appellate Division on or around February 2, 1954 and not before in order that BLOCH will have sufficient notice to answer.

GORDON pointed out that when the case is called in open court it will then be more or less public knowledge that the proceedings are in the offing however that he does not intend to make any press statements out that BLOCH may .

He added thatshe would advise the writer when the case will be called and when it is returnable, and also that he would attempt to make available a copy of the petition which the Association intends to file. this to be on a strictly confidential basis, . He read a part of the petition to the writer but could not permit the writer to make any verbatim notes.The charge was based on "Professional Misconduct" and more specifically as nearly as the writer can recall will be based on the speeches made by Subject around the time of the Rosenberg execution and public utterances which received wide publicity and which were directed at the proper administration of justice.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU.....URGENT ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT. EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, WAS, SM-C, BUFILE ONE ZERO ONE DASH SIX SIX NINE ONE; FRANK GORDON, NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION ADVISED THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE INTENDED TO SERVE BLOCH WITH THE DISBARMENT PETITION THIS AFTERNOON, IF HE COULD FIND HIM, THIS FAILING THE ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TOMORROW OR AT THE EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME. THE PETITION IS RETURNABLE ON JANUARY NINETEENTH, CONTRARY TO THE PLANS SET OUT IN TEL TO BUREAU FRIDAY LAST. GORDON STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED AS PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TOGETHER WITH GEORGE C. HUNTER, ONE OF HIS ASSISTANTS AND FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN NEW YORK CITY. GORDON FURTHER ADVISED THAT A NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER CALLED HIM THIS AFTERNOON AND STATED THAT HE HEARD THE ASSOCIATION PLANNED TO FILE CHARGES AGAINST BLOCH AND WANTED THE STORY. GORDON ADVISED THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY ON THE MATTER BUT TOLD THE REPORTER TO CALL HIM TOMORROW. GORDON TOLD REPORTING AGENT THAT IF HE COULD SERVE BLOCH TODAY OR TOMORROW, HE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT FOR THE PAPERS.

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EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, WAS; SM DASH C. BUFILE ONE NAUGHT ONE DASH SIX SIX NINE ONE. FRANK GORDON ADVISED THIS EVENING THAT BLOCH WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PERSONAL SERVICE, HOWEVER, THE PAPERS WERE LEFT AT HIS OFFICE THIS MORNING.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-99876)

DATE: 1/

FROM : Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: HIRSCH BLOCH, was

FRANK GORDON advised this evening at 5:30 PM that the papers were BLOCH'S office this morning ; that the New York Times reporter would interview BLOCH tomorrow after which the story will break in the pa

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to Kay Kelly

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TO : SAC, New York (100-99876) DATE: 1/18/54

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Borden III

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
SM-C

Mr FRANK GORDON was contacted this date and furnished the following information: The petition filed against BLOCH is returnable Tuesday 1/19/54; the Association has stipulated two weeks for him to answer or plead: the calender will not include BLOCH'S name called in public because BLOCH requested MR CAMPBELL, Clerk of the Appellate Division not to call his name(GORDON advised that this was permissible);

GORDON stated that three reporter-s had been to his office for a statement but that he gave none; that they had also been to BLOCH for a statement but BLOCH would not talk ~~to~~ to them at all.GORDON said that in his opinion BLOCH had not made up his ming what to do about the petition yet and consequently would not make any statement until he had.

It is to be noted that the writer ~~VISUALLY~~ listened to WALTER WINCHELL on his SUNDAY night broadcast 1/17/54 and as nearly as possible is quoted as follows:" Here is something slower than molasses in January. The NYC Barr Association promised to do something about disbarring EMANUEL BLOCH, the Attorney for the Rosenbergs".

GORDON will be contacted periodically in the future and all developements will be acertained.

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Accused Ike of 'Murder':

Move to Disbar A-Spies' Lawyer

By JACK LOTTO

A secret action has been started to disbar Attorney Emanuel H. Bloch for accusing President Eisenhower of "the murder" of executed atom spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

International News Service learned today that the New York City Bar Association has served the attorney for the husband-wife team personally with formal charges of conduct unbecoming a lawyer and "officer of the court."

Five days' notice of intent was served on Bloch that the asociation was to move in the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court today for the appointment of a referee to hear the case.

SPEECH AT GRAVE.

Last June 21, standing over the coffins of the executed spy couple, at Well Wood Cemetery, Pine Lawn, L. I., the white-haired Bloch declared:

"I place the murder of the Rosenbergs at the door of President Eisenhower, Mr. (Attorney General Herbert) Brownell, and (FBI Director) J. Edgar Hoover. They did not pull the switch, true, but they directed the one who did pull the switch . . ."

Under the law, the court disbarment proceedings are secret unless the accused attorney requests that the record be made public.

It was understood that Bloch already has requested that his case not be called publicly when the petition seeking disbarment is presented during the motion period at the close of the court day.

A spokesman for the Bar Association said he could not discuss the case because of "legal restraints."

Bloch told INS:

"If the bar association refuses to disclose information to you, I refuse to disclose information to you. I am not at liberty to say anything. I am making no statements to anybody."

In his fiery funeral oration Bloch also claimed:

". . . America today is living under the heels of a military dictatorship dressed in civilian garb. These people have no hearts.

". . . The Rosenbergs were not executed according to law. A Supreme Court Justice said the court had not read the record in this case; was that 'due process of law?'"

The Rosenbergs were executed at Sing Sing Prison on June 19, 1953, more than 26 months after they were convicted of war time atomic espionage for the Soviet Union. During those 26 months, lengthy and complicated legal battles were fought in the Federal courts.

The case came before the U. S. Supreme Court seven times in one form or another. The final ruling of the nation's highest tribunal came only hours before the execution.

President Eisenhower twice refused executive clemency on the grounds that by "increasing the chances of atomic war, the Rosenbergs may have condemned to death tens of millions of innocent persons all over the world."

NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS.

The Bar Association began its action after receiving numerous complaints from lawyers and the public about Bloch's funeral speech.

The Association quietly summoned the attorney before its grievance committee to give his version of his outburst at the President and the American judicial system.

After the hearings, the committee headed by Eli Whitney Debevoise—appointed last week by Gov. Dewey to a committee to set standards of ethics for New York State legislators—recommended to the Association's executive committee that court action seeking disbarment be started.

Frank H. Gordon, counsel for the grievance committee, said he would stand on his statement of last June. He said then:

Gordon pointed out that under Section 90 of State judiciary law, the entire action is confidential.

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Report a Move To Disbar Atom Spies' Lawyer

By NORMA ABRAMS

A move has been launched, legal circles heard yesterday, seeking disbarment of Emanuel H. Bloch, counsel for executed atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg for his charge that President Eisenhower, Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover were guilty of "murder."

Emanuel Bloch

Eisenhower refused clemency to the Red pair, and Bloch, at funeral services for his electrocuted clients last June 21 exclaimed:

"I place the murder of the Rosenbergs at the door of Eisenhower, Brownell and John Edgar Hoover. They directed the pulling of the switch, though they didn't pull it themselves."

Two "Sweet" Characters.

He called the electrocuted agents "two sweet, tender, sensitive, cultured people," whose death was "cold, deliberate murder." The U. S., Bloch declared, was "living under the heel of a military dictator garbed in civilian attire."

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York disclosed immediately after Bloch's tirade that it would call on him for an explanation.

Report Unconfirmed.

Legal circles yesterday reported that the association's grievance committee now has commenced a disbarment move in the Appellate Division.

Such actions are secret under the law, however, unless the accused attorney himself asks that the record be released. Confirmation of the report was withheld by both the grievance committee's counsel, Frank H. Gordon, and the Appellate Division's chief clerk.

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Act to Disbar Emanuel Bloch

By ARA PIASTRO

An action to disbar Emanuel H. Bloch, attorney for executed atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, for declaring their deaths were "murders" ordered by President Eisenhower, J. Edgar Hoover and Attorney General Brownell, has been instituted in the Appellate Division, it was learned Tuesday.

THE WHITE-HAIRED attorney, after losing a 26-month battle to save the couple from Sing Sing's death chair, declared over the coffins of the Rosenbergs at their funeral June 21: "I place the murder of the Rosenbergs at the door of President Eisenhower, Mr. Brownell and J. Edgar Hoover. They did not pull the switch, true, but they directed the one who did pull the switch." He added it was "an act of cold, deliberate murder."

Frank H. Gordon, counsel for the New York City Bar Assn.'s grievance committee, when asked about the action, said: "In view of the provisions of the state judiciary law, I feel I cannot discuss the details of any case which might be before the court involving an attorney."

Under the law, disbarment proceedings are secret unless the accused attorney requests the record be made public. Bloch would say only that "if the Bar Association refuses to disclose information to you, I refuse, too. I am not at liberty to say anything. I am making no statements to anybody."

Later, however, he said: "I have an unblemished record before the bar for the past 30 years. Indeed, in the Rosenberg case itself I received strong praise from the courts before whom I have appeared on behalf of my clients. Of course I shall defend myself."

HE WAS MORE loquacious last June when he said: "America is living under the heels of a military dictatorship dressed in civilian garb—these people have no hearts. They have the souls of murderers and this was cold-blooded murder."

The Rosenbergs were executed at Sing Sing on June 19, 1953, after more than two years of legal battles in which many leftist groups joined. The case came before the Supreme Court seven times and President Eisenhower twice refused executive clemency

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Court Asked to Discipline Attorney for Rosenbergs

A disciplinary proceeding against Emanuel H. Bloch, attorney for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, executed atom spies, was filed yesterday in the Appellate Division by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Under its powers the Appellate Division can censure, suspend or disbar an attorney. Though the basis for the Bar Association's action could not be learned yesterday, it was recalled that many attorneys had protested to the association about Mr. Bloch's conduct at the Rosenbergs' funeral in Brooklyn, June 21, 1953.

At that time Mr. Bloch, who battled for three years to save his clients from the electric chair shouted:

"I place the murder of the Rosenbergs at the door of President Eisenhower, Attorney General Brownell and J. Edgar Hoover. This is not American justice. . . . We must be angry. America today is living under the heel of a military dictator garbed in civilian attire."

The Appellate Division may appoint a referee to hear evidence in the case and then take whatever action, if any, it deems appropriate. Such proceedings are secret until the court has taken disciplinary action.

Citing the provision for secrecy, Frank H. Gordon, counsel to the Bar Association's grievance committee, declined to discuss the case.

Mr. Bloch could not be reached yesterday. The Rosenbergs, convicted of passing atomic secrets to Soviet Russia, were executed at Sing Sing prison June 19 1953.

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TO : SAC, N. Y.

DATE: January 12, 1954

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL BLOCH
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[redacted] (Use T-Symbol in report) furnished a written report personally to SA BERNARD J. FITZGERALD on 12/7/53 concerning a meeting of the LOS ANGELES ROSENBERG - SOBELL COMMITTEE held on 12/5/53 at the Embassy Auditorium, 9th & Grand Streets, Los Angeles, California.

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One of the individuals identified [redacted] being present was EMANUEL BLOCH.

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[redacted] that EMANUEL BLOCH spoke and the first few minutes of his speech were entirely "political and vicious" about "the 'fascists' in high offices; that the Communists were not to be feared but the fascists and our police state." He then calmed down and made a "moving" speech about "his service to and the last years of the ROSENBERGS and how it has affected their sons."

The following characterization of the LOS ANGELES ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE is set forth for the information of the New York Division.

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[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT J. BARRY that the LOS ANGELES ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE Which until October 1953, was known as the LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, is controlled and its leadership is dominated by members of the LACCP. The LOS ANGELES ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE receives advise and directives on all important issues from leaders of the LACCP. This Committee's avowed purpose is to commemorate the memory of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and to secure the release from prison of MORTON SOBELL, all of whom have been convicted in U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, of violation of the Espionage Act - 1917 in that they conspired to transmit U.S. Atomic Data to the USSR.

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SA PAUL W. GIBBS

ROSENBERG DEFENSE COMMITTEE
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The meeting was chaired by JOHN CLEWE, and Attorney EMANUEL BLOCK was the main speaker. BLOCK stated he was not at the meeting to discuss the ROSENBERGs, because they were already dead and nothing could be done to bring them back. BLOCK stated he was here to talk about the ROSENBERG children, who should be allowed to grow up like other children.

BLOCK stated that the ROSENBERG children were, at the present time, living at Tom's River, New Jersey. He further stated that the School Board at Tom's River was insisting that the ROSENBERG children be taken out of the school there, as they were not residents of Tom's River. He further stated that the School Board was going to allow the ROSENBERG children to remain in school at Tom's River until 1/54, at which time they would have to leave.

During this meeting, approximately $2,500 was raised.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) 1/15/54

SA HERBERT E. HOXIE

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On 12/4/53, the informant attended a meeting at the Embassy Auditorium, Ninth and Grand Streets, to hear EMANUEL BLOCK, attorney for the ROSENBERGS and guardian for their children.

BLOCK stated he did not come to talk about the ROSENBERGS because they were dead and there was nothing more that could be done for them. He said he did come to talk about their children. He stated they are being pushed around almost everywhere they go. Their grandmother, ETHYL's mother, cursed them and refused to keep them, which had been ETHYL's request when she was first arrested.

They found a nice family with children who live in Tom's River, New Jersey, who wanted the children to live with them. He took them there, and they were very happy and felt someone loved them, but then a call came one day from the woman of this family stating she had received a call from the school where the children were attending. This call was to inform her that they would have to be taken out of school, as it was overcrowded. BLOCK stated he went then and spoke to the superintendent of the school, and the superintendent finally decided to let them stay until 1/54.

BLOCK stated they are trying to find a school through the American Friends Service Committee where the children will not have to be taken from school again. He said there are many families who wish to adopt the children. He added that the children had become a part of him and he

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wanted to see them loved and get the things any other American children would get.

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SA HERBERT E. HOXIE

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On 12/4/53, the informant attended a meeting at the Embassy Auditorium for the trust fund for the ROSENBERG children. The principal speaker was EMANUEL BLOCK, and the auditorium was approximately three-fourths filled.

The name of the chairman was not obtained by the informant. The chairman was described as tall, slender, gray-haired, male, who identified himself as the treasurer of the Southern California Trust Fund Committee, an organization raising funds for the ROSENBERG children. He explained that the president of this organization was unable to appear because of the death of the latter's father.

The acting chairman introduced a woman whose name sounded like MINNA MERLOW, who he said has labored night and day in this cause. She read 12 or 15 letters from various people lauding BLOCK and commiserating the plight of the two children. Many in the audience around the informant were weeping during her presentation. She introduced BLOCK.

BLOCK opened by saying it was not his intention to review the history of the ROSENBERG trial and then proceeded to relate the history of the ROSENBERGs. There were many conflicting thoughts in his presentation, which did not appear to upset his audience. He stated JULIUS ROSENBERG was born in the slums, an object of racial discrimination, etc., to indicate he did not have rights and opportunities of other Americans not so born. That he became a graduate engineer was not reflected as a credit to his American citizenship. BLOCK portrayed him as a highly competent engineer and simultaneously contended he never earned more than $50 per week.

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Referring to charges against the ROSENBERGs, BLOCK contended neither was in a position to obtain important data which would disprove the charges. BLOCK proceeded to the situation regarding the two children. He played skillfully upon the emotions of the audience in relating their sad experiences. A question and answer period followed the main presentation, during which the following question was asked:

"If no other arrangements for the children are achieved, how could I go about adopting them as my children?"

BLOCK answered, "It is not our intention to have the children adopted. Many offers of adoption have been received, but all have and will be declined."

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-18758) DATE: 1/18/54

FROM: SA HERBERT E. HOXIE

SUBJECT: WEST JEFFERSON SECTION
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ESTHER KEYS reported that someone had been able to obtain two lawyers to work on the campaign by getting some other lawyers to work with

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them. She said there would be a write-up in the "Eagle" magazine this week concerning them.

The Wells mobilization will continue every week-end until the 20th of the month (December). (Sponsored by the Los Angeles CRC.)

The reception for FRANK WHITLEY and HELEN ARSTEIN will be held on 12/5/53 at 2133 South Harvard Boulevard.

On 12/4/53 there will be a meeting to hear EMANUEL BLOCK.

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Accused Ike of 'Murder':

Move to Disbar A-Spies' Lawyer

By JACK LOTTO

A secret action has been started to disbar Attorney Emanuel H. Bloch for accusing President Eisenhower of "the murder" of executed atom spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

International News Service learned today that the New York City Bar Association has served the attorney for the husband-wife team personally with formal charges of conduct unbecoming a lawyer and "officer of the court."

Five days' notice of intent was served on Bloch that the asociation was to move in the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court today for the appointment of a referee to hear the case.

SPEECH AT GRAVE.

Last June 21, standing over the coffins of the executed spy couple, at Well Wood Cemetery, Pine Lawn, L. I., the white-haired Bloch declared:

"I place the murder of the Rosenbergs at the door of President Eisenhower, Mr. (Attorney General Herbert) Brownell, and (FBI Director) J. Edgar Hoover. They did not pull the switch, true, but they directed the one who did pull the switch . . ."

Under the law, the court disbarment proceedings are secret unless the accused attorney requests that the record be made public.

It was understood that Bloch already has requested that his case not be called publicly when the petition seeking disbarment is presented during the motion period at the close of the court day.

A spokesman for the Bar Association said he could not discuss the case because of "legal restraints."

Bloch told INS:

"If the bar association refuses to disclose information to you I refuse to disclose information to you. I am not at liberty to say anything. I am making no statements to anybody."

In his fiery funeral oration Bloch also claimed:

". . . America today is living under the heels of a military dictatorship dressed in civilian garb. These people have no hearts.

". . . The Rosenbergs were not executed according to law. A Supreme Court Justice said the court had not read the record in this case; was that 'due process of law?'"

The Rosenbergs were executed at Sing Sing Prison on June 19, 1953, more than 26 months after they were convicted of war time atomic espionage for the Soviet Union. During those 26 months, lengthy and complicated legal battles were fought in the Federal courts.

The case came before the U. S. Supreme Court seven times in one form or another. The final ruling of the nation's highest tribunal came only hours before the execution.

President Eisenhower twice refused executive clemency on the grounds that by "increasing the chances of atomic war, the Rosenbergs may have condemned to death tens of millions of innocent persons all over the world."

NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS.

The Bar Association began its action after receiving numerous complaints from lawyers and the public about Bloch's funeral speech.

The Assoc. quietly summoned the grievance committee to give his version of his outburst at the President and the American judicial system.

After the hearings, the committee headed by Eli Whitney Debevoise—appointed last week by Gov. Dewey to a committee to set standards of ethics for New York State legislators—recommended to the Association's executive committee that court action seeking disbarment be started.

Frank H. Gordon, counsel for the grievance committee, said he would stand on his statement of last June. He said then:

Gordon pointed out that under Section 90 of State judiciary law, the entire action is confidential.

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HE DEFENDED THE ROSENBERGS

Act to disbar Bloch

EMANUEL H. BLOCH, defense attorney and "a brother who had lost a brother and a sister" with the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, said at their funeral last June (GUARDIAN, 6/29/53):

"The American people should know, as the rest of the world knows, that America today, by virtue of the execution of the Rosenbergs, is living under the heel of a military dictatorship garbed in civilian attire. The men who are running our country have no hearts. They have stones for hearts. They have the souls of murderers. This was an act of cold, deliberate murder. When I requested in Washington that these executions be put off so that they would not occur on the Jewish Sabbath, the request was granted by a barbarian who, instead of postponing the hour of their death, pushed it up so they could be done away with before the beginning of the Sabbath. . . . I place the murder of the Rosenbergs at the door of President Eisenhower, Atty. Gen. Brownell and J. Edgar Hoover. This was not the American tradition, not American justice and not American fair play."

Last week the Bar Assn. of N. Y. City asked the Appellate Divn. of the State Supreme Court to take action to discipline Bloch for his statement (the court can censure, suspend or disbar an attorney). Under the law such proceedings are required to be kept secret while they are still before the court; the story had, however, been "leaked" (but not by Bloch's office) to newspapers which broke it last Tuesday. Frank H. Gordon, chief counsel for the Bar Assn.'s grievance committee, declined to discuss details of the case with reporters. Bloch had this comment to make:

EMANUEL H. BLOCH
There was an aftermath

"I have had an unblemished record before the Bar for the past 30 years. Indeed, in the Rosenberg Case itself, I received strong praise from the courts before which I appeared on behalf of my clients. Of course I shall defend myself."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York DATE: 1/31/54

FROM : WILLIAM C. MAUPAI, SUPVSR (100-99876)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL BLOCH
SM-C

At 12:30 p.m. today SA AUGUST J. MICEK telephonically advised that he had been telephonically advised of the following facts by Captain BEN MILLER, BSSI, NYC PD, this date. Captioned subject's body will be taken to the Riverside Memorial Chapel, 76th Street and Amsterdam Ave., NYC, where it will remain until Tuesday, 2/2/54. From 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, funeral services will be held for BLOCH at the Riverside Memorial Chapel. Immediately thereafter BLOCH's body will be taken to Mt. Judith Cemetery, Queens, NY, for interment.

Captain MILLER advised that BLOCH's body had been found by one GLORIA AGRIN and that one MILTON DAVIDOFF, of 2 Horatio St., NYC, had signed for the body.

Captain MILLER also advised that the following books had been found in BLOCH's apartment:

(1) "Soviet Russia Today"
(2) "Law of the Soviet State"
(3) A personal book of BLOCH's, not otherwise described, which the Police Department is having photostated, copies of which will be furnished to SA MICEK tomorrow, 2/1/54.

The foregoing facts were telephonically communicated by the writer to SA BENJAMIN F. BORDEN, III, to whom the instant case is assigned, and he advised that the Bureau would be today advised by teletype of these facts.

ASAC MARCHESSAULT was also advised by the writer.

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Rosenbergs' Attorney Found Dead in Bathtub

Emanuel H. Bloch

Emanuel H. Bloch, 52, attorney who defended atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and the guardian of two young Rosenberg sons since the parents died in Sing Sing's electric chair, was found dead, partly submerged in a bathtub, in his third-floor apartment at 7 W. 16th St., at 3 P. M. yesterday.

Police said Bloch apparently died of a heart attack. The water in the tub was still warm when the body was discovered by an attorney and business associate of Bloch, Mrs. Gloria Agrin, of 297 Lenox Road, Brooklyn.

Worried because Bloch hadn't answered his telephone, after failing to call her, as scheduled, Mrs. Agrin went to Bloch's apartment.

She opened the door with a key Bloch always left in a hall closet. An inside chain kept the door from fully opening, but Mrs. Agrin could see into the bath, the door of which was open. Bloch's bare feet jutted over the edge of the tub. Frantic, Mrs. Agrin broke the chain lock and entered.

Finding Bloch beyond help, Mrs. Agrin telephoned police. They found nothing suspicious in the death. An autopsy will be performed today.

Attacked by Bar.

At the time of his death, Bloch was under fire by the city's organized bar—chiefly for his "murder" charge against President Eisenhower, Attorney General Brownell and J. Edgar Hoover, at the funeral services for the Rosenbergs last June 23.

"I place the murder of the Rosenbergs at their feet," Bloch declared. "They did not pull the switch, but they directed the one who did pull the switch."

On Jan. 20, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York filed a petition with the Appellate Division asking it to take disciplinary action against Bloch.

Bloch's father, Alexander, who had been associated with his son in the early defense of the Rosenbergs, said funeral services will be held at 11:30 A. M. Tuesday at the Riverside Chapel, Amsterdam Ave. and 76th St., with burial in the family plot at Mount Judah Cemetery, Queens.

Bloch recently took the Rosenberg children, Michael, 10, and Robert, 6, from the home in Toms River, N. J., where they were boarding, to an undisclosed town in the East.

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United States Department of Justice

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COMPLAINT FORM

EMMANUEL BLOCH
Subject's Name and Aliases

Sgt. McCarthy
Name of Complainant

10th Prec. NYPD
Address of Complainant

7W.16th St.
Address of Subject

WA 9-8242
Telephone Number of Complainant

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Character of Case

1-30-54:4:15pm
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT McCarthy advised that he had received word that Bloch was found dead in his apartment, cause of death unknown. He stated no one was in the apartment but the police and that no relatives had been notified. The police were awaiting the medical examiner . McCarthy thought we might be interested in examining the premises. SA Hradsky, Sec.6 was notified and he requested that duty supervisor notify the Bureau. This request was given to SA B. Marren.

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R.A. Donovan
Special Agent

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Memo

Re: Emanuel Bloch, was.

At 4^10 PM, 1/30/54, Sgt Thomas McCarthy 10th Precinct, NYCPD telephonically advised SA R.A. Donovan that the above subject was found dead in his home today and stated that in the event the FBI desired to inspect Bloch's belongings the NYCPD would cooperate in the matter. The cause of Bloch's death was not known at the time. He was advised that we would inform him later of our desires in this matter by SA Donovan.

The Bureau was telephonically advised of the above facts at 4^12 PM 1/30/54 during the course of conversation by SA Bernard J. Mann with Mr C.E. SANDALL of Mr Belmont's Division on another matter. Mr SANDALL was informed that the information had been acted on by NYO and was merely being relayed as it was received for the information of the Bureau and any recommendation it might want to make.

At 4^35 PM 1/30/54 ASAC A. J. Marchesault was advised of the above and informed SA John Harrington had the case on the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and that SA Ben Borden

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had the case file on Bloch, himself.
A SAC Marchessault later advised he had been in touch with Inspector Joseph Sizoo of the Bureau who advised that we should inform the NYC PD that we did not desire to inspect Bloch's belongings but that we would appreciate being advised of any information indicating a violation of any federal statute over which we had jurisdiction or any matter of interest to us in the internal security field.

At 5:15 PM, 1/30/54 Chief Inspector Stephen Kennedy of the NYC PD telephonically advised the writer that Bloch was found dead in his apartment at 7 W 16th St, NYC this afternoon. Last night Bloch was out with Gloria Agrin an attorney with offices at 220 Broadway, NYC and who resides at 297 Tenny Road, Brooklyn. They had agreed that Bloch was to call Agrin today and when he didn't call her, she went to his home. Upon arrival, she received no answer at his apartment and thereafter obtained a key to Bloch's apartment from a closet where Bloch was in the habit of secreting a key to his apartment for use of a cleaning woman. She opened Bloch's front door

but the door did not open entirely due to a chain lock on the inside of the door. However, Agrin could see Bloch in the bathroom of the apartment and called help ~~who~~ and broke down the door. ~~and~~ Upon entering the apartment, he found Bloch dead in the bathroom. It appears at present that Bloch died of natural causes but the NYCPD are giving the case full treatment to determine the exact facts. The medical examiner's report was not received as of that time. Inspector Kennedy said he desired to render whatever help he could to the FBI in the matter and said he would be glad to provide a "cover" if the FBI wanted to examine anything belonging to Bloch. The Inspector was advised of Inspector Sizoo's instructions. Kennedy said he was instructing the Bureau of Special Services of NYCPD to look into the matter and also was instructing that photographs be taken of anyone turning up at Bloch's house. He asked if we would be interested in the photographs if any were taken. The writer told him we would be glad to accept anything the PD furnished which they thought

would be of interest to us. Kennedy said if we changed our mind with respect to checking Block's belongings, he would be glad to assist and if he was available to contact Deputy Chief Fitzgerald. ASAC Vanderhoven and SAC Boardman were advised [illegible] the President was advised of the above mentioned Bureau instructions as was SA John Harrington. McCarthy advised that Block apparently had been reported dead by again about 3:30 PM this date. He did not know the exact facts as to how Block was dressed or what he had been doing at the time of his death but said he had heard that Block was found dressed in "Red pajamas" and that the cops were saying he was certainly dressed like the "Red" he was. McCarthy could not vouch for the truth of the statement Block was in "red pajamas" at his death. (possible again). Teletype is being sent Bureau.

Bernard D. Warren
SA (A).

FBI NYC 1-30-54 11-03PM GSM

DIRECTOR ....U R G E N T....

EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, WAS., SM-C. RE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION INSPECTOR SIZOO WITH ASAC MARCHESSAULT, JANUARY THIRTY, FIFTY FOUR. NYCPD REPORTED SUBJECT FOUND DEAD IN HIS APARTMENT AT SEVEN W. SIXTEENTH STREET, NYC THIS AFTERNOON. CAUSE OF DEATH UNKNOWN, ALTHOUGH BELIEVED TO BE FROM NATURAL CAUSES. CHIEF INSPECTOR STEPHEN KENNEDY, NYCPD, ADVISED BLOCH WAS OUT NIHGT OF JANUARY TWENTY NINE, FIFTY FOUR, WITH GLORIA AGRIN, SI SUBJECT, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE NINE EIGHT NAUGHT FOUR FOUR, AN ATTORNEY, AND HAD AGREED TO CALL HER JANUARY THIRTY, FIFTY FOUR. AFTER NOT HEARING FROM BLOCH, AGRIN WENT TO HIS APARTMENT. BLOCH FAILED TO ANSWER DOOR BELL AND AGRIN OBTAINED KEY TO APARTMENT WHICH BLOCH HAD SECRETED IN CLOSET AND WHICH HAD BEEN USED IN PAST BY CLEANING WOMAN WHO DID HOUSE-WORK FOR BLOCH. AGRIN OPENED APARTMENT DOOR BUT UNABLE TO ENTER APARTMENT AS BLOCH HAD LEFT CHAIN LOCK ON INSIDE OF DOOR. AGRIN COULD SEE BLOCH IN HIS BATHROOM AND THEREAFTER WITH HELP BROKE DOWN

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THE APARTMENT DOOR AND FOUND BLOCH DEAD IN BATHROOM. DEATH REPORTED TO NYCPD ABOUT THREE THIRTY P.M. THIS DATE. KENNEDY ASKED WHETHER WE WERE INTERESTED IN INSPECTING BLOCH-S BELONGINGS AND WAS ADVISED OF THE BUREAU-S INSTRUCTIONS. ABOVE FOR INFO OF BUREAU. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY NYO.

KELLY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

JANUARY 30, 1954

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU.....URGENT

EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, WAS., SM-C. RE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION INSPECTOR SIZOO WITH ASAC MARCHESSAULT, JANUARY THIRTY, FIFTY FOUR. NYCPD REPORTED SUBJECT FOUND DEAD IN HIS APARTMENT AT SEVEN W. SIXTEENTH STREET, NYC THIS AFTERNOON. CAUSE OF DEATH UNKNOWN, ALTHOUGH BELIEVED TO BE FROM NATURAL CAUSES. CHIEF INSPECTOR STEPHEN KENNEDY, NYCPD, ADVISED BLOCH WAS OUT NIGHT OF JANUARY TWENTY NINE, FIFTY FOUR WITH GLORIA AGRIN, SI SUBJECT, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE NINE EIGHT NAUGHT FOUR FOUR, AN ATTORNEY, AND HAD AGREED TO CALL HER JANUARY THIRTY, FIFTY FOUR. AFTER NOT HEARING FROM BLOCH, AGRIN WENT TO HIS APARTMENT. BLOCH FAILED TO ANSWER DOOR BELL AND AGRIN OBTAINED KEY TO APARTMENT WHICH BLOCH HAD SECRETED IN CLOSET AND WHICH HAD BEEN USED IN PAST BY CLEANING WOMAN WHO DID HOUSEWORK FOR BLOCH. AGRIN OPENED APARTMENT DOOR BUT UNABLE TO ENTER APARTMENT AS BLOCH HAD LEFT CHAIN LOCK ON INSIDE OF DOOR. AGRIN COULD SEE BLOCH IN HIS BATHROOM AND THEREAFTER WITH HELP BROKE DOWN THE APARTMENT DOOR AND FOUND BLOCH DEAD IN BATHROOM. DEATH REPORTED TO NYCPD ABOUT THREE THIRTY P.M. THIS DATE. KENNEDY ASKED WHETHER WE WERE INTERESTED IN INSPECTING BLOCH's BELONGINGS AND WAS ADVISED OF THE BUREAU's INSTRUCTIONS. ABOVE FOR INFO OF BUREAU. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY NYO.

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Bloch Autopsy: Heart Attack

Emanuel H. Bloch, fifty-two, attorney for executed atom spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, who was found dead Saturday afternoon at his home, 7 W. 16th St., died of a heart attack, it was reported yesterday by Dr. Dominick di Maio, Assistant Medical Examiner, who performed an autopsy.

When Mr. Bloch was found he was dressed in pajamas and slumped over backwards with one arm and part of the back of his head submerged in a bath tub.

Extend G. I. Allotments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP).—President Eisenhower has signed a bill extending until July, 1955, the pay and family allotments of service men missing in Korea.

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Lawyer Was 52.

Emanuel Bloch Defended Spies

EMANUEL BLOCH
Defended Rosenbergs

Emanuel H. Bloch, attorney who died yesterday, was born in New York City May 12, 1901—the same calendar day on which his client, Julius Rosenberg, was born 20 years later.

Their lives were to become entwined in one of the most publicized court cases in history.

The 52-year-old lawyer was found dead by a friend in the bathroom of his apartment, 7 W. 16th st. Death was due to apparently natural causes, police said.

Volatile, gray-haired Bloch defended Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel, throughout the more than two years of court litigation preceeding their execution in Sing Sing's electric chair last June.

PRESSED COURT FIGHT.

He pressed the fight through every available court as worldwide "sympathy" for the atom spies was ground out by left-wing organizations.

On the day of the execution, he said "I feel ashamed I am an American today."

A few days later, standing over the coffins of the spies, Bloch said:

"I place the murder of the Rosenbergs at the door of President Eisenhower, Mr. (Atty. Gen.) Brownell, and (FBI director) J. Edgar Hoover.

"They did not pull the switch, true, but they directed the one who did pull the switch."

Disbarment proceedings were launched Jan. 19 by the New York City Bar Association as a result of the grave-side remarks. The next day Bloch announced his intention to fight the action.

Recently he fought an attempt to remove the two young sons of the Rosenbergs from a New Jersey school they had been attending. He was the boys' guardian.

Bloch was divorced and lived alone.

Survivors include his father, Alexander, who also had represented the Rosenbergs, and his brother, Milton.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11:30 a. m. in Riverside Chapel, 77th st. and Amsterdam ave. Burial will be in Mount Judah Cemetery, Queens.

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Bloch, Spy Attorney, Is Found Dead

Apparently the victim of a heart attack, Emanuel H. Bloch, 53, lawyer for atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, was found dead Saturday, his pajama-clad body half submerged in a bathtub full of water.

BLOCH, WHO AROUSED the ire of his Bar Assn. colleagues when he told Rosenberg mourners on the day of the funeral that he was "ashamed I am an American today," died in his apartment at 7 W. 16th St. about 6 a.m. Saturday, a medical report showed.

Emanuel Bloch

He was found at 3:30 p. m. by a friend and fellow attorney, Miss Gloria Agrin of 297 Lenox Rd., Brooklyn. She said she hurried to Bloch's apartment peated phone calls. Opening the door with a key left in a hallway cabinet, she found it secured by a door chain. She broke the chain, discovered Bloch sprawled in the bathroom, attempted in vain to revive him, then called police.

Assistant Medical Examiner Dr. Dominick J. DiMaio said Bloch died of natural causes, probably of a heart attack as he was drawing a hot bath. When found, the lawyer was seated on the closed toilet seat, his head and arm submerged in the water, which had been so hot that his skin was badly scalded. An autopsy will be performed Sunday.

Only 11 days ago, the city's Bar Assn. brought disbarment proceedings against Bloch for his charges, made in the Rosenberg funeral oration, that President Eisenhower, Attorney-General Brownell and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover were "murderers" of his clients, who were executed for giving U. S. atom secrets to the Russians.

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Emanuel H. Bloch
Lawyer Found Dead in Bathtub

A-Spies' Lawyer Dies In Scalding Bathtub

Emanuel H. Bloch Suffers Heart Attack; Faced Disbarment for Blast at President

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A Spies' Lawyer Found Dead in Tub

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Emanuel H. Bloch, attorney for executed atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg who faced disbarment for charging President Eisenhower with the couple's "murder," was found dead yesterday in a bathtub filled with scalding hot water, police reported.

Bloch's body was found in his apartment in a converted brownstone house at 7 W. 16th St., Manhattan, by a woman lawyer with whom he had been associated professionally. Police said he apparently had suffered a heart attack.

Medical Examiner Dominick J. Dimaio said it was an "apparent natural death, pending further investigation." The body was to be taken to the city morgue for an autopsy today.

Mildred Roth, a professional associate of Bloch, said he went to the theater Friday night with Blanche Freedman, another associate, and her husband, David, and returned to his apartment.

Gloria Agrin went to the apartment to investigate after Bloch, who was 53, had failed to keep a business appointment with her, police said.

Clad in Pajamas

Detectives said Bloch was clad in pajamas when he toppled into the tub. His left hand, neck and part of his face were submerged in the hot water and had been burned, they said.

A doctor from St. Vincent's Hospital pronounced him dead.

A friend who rushed to Bloch's apartment told newsmen he saw Bloch a few days ago and "he seemed to be in perfect health — as good as new."

The friend said Bloch had been divorced recently.

During the last few years, Bloch had devoted most of his time to the Rosenberg case. Only recently, he found a home for the Rosenbergs' two young boys.

On Jan. 19, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York filed a petition with the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court requesting Bloch's disbarment.

Unbecoming Conduct

The association charged Bloch with unbecoming conduct for his remarks at the Rosenbergs' funeral, at which he said:

"I feel ashamed I am an American today."

The Rosenbergs were executed in June, 1953, for conspiring to give U. S. atomic secrets to the Soviet. Bloch fought their case in the courts almost to the moment of their deaths on June 19. The last Supreme Court ruling on the case came only a few hours before the couple were electrocuted.

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At the couple's funeral on June 21, Bloch charged the United States was "under the heel of a military dictatorship."

"I place the murder of the Rosenbergs at the door of President Eisenhower, Attorney General (Herbert) Brownell and J. Edgar Hoover (director of the FBI), he said. "This is not American justice . . . We must be angry."

Following Bloch's denunciation of the President, the Bar Association received a number of complaints. Proceedings against Bloch were threatened at that time.

Named Guardian

The Rosenbergs named Bloch guardian for their children, Michael, 10, and Robert, 6. He placed the children in the home of friends in Toms River, N. J., but the youngsters were moved recently to an undisclosed place after they were barred from a New Jersey school.

Bloch's legal battle in behalf of the Rosenbergs began with their trial in March, 1951, and lasted 28 months. He won four stays of execution and went before the U. S. Supreme Court a number of times, three times with appeals and once to ask for a stay.

The court turned Bloch down every time without ever reviewing the case. Bloch also asked for Presidential clemency, which was denied by Mr. Eisenhower.

Bloch was born here March 12, 1901. He was graduated from the City College of New York and the Columbia University school of law and admitted to the bar in 1924.

He is survived by his father, Alexander E., and a brother, Milton, Oleanville, N. Y.

Bloch's brother said the funeral will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Interment will be in Mount Judah Cemetery, Queens.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 1/7/54

FROM : SA SIDNEY M. WOLF

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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The chairman was JOHN F. CLEWE, who spoke on the Rosenberg children and then introduced MINNA BERLOW who read letters from the Rosenbergs and other people each building up EMANUEL BLOCH as a fine, trustworthy man, etc.

EMANUEL BLOCH was introduced and made a long speech about the Rosenbergs, the children and their being persecuted to the extent that they are being thrown out of school at Toms River, New Jersey, etc. He said it will take much money to get them through education, treatments by doctors, due to their mental strain, etc., and went on talking about the children as to their likes, their dislikes, their fears, etc. He said that a trust fund had been established and that the members of that fund were: Professor MALCOLM SHARPE, YURI SUHL, JAMES AARONSON, SHIRLEY GRAHAM and himself. He also said that the Quakers of Philadelphia had promised to help in everyway possible to see that the Rosenberg children will be admitted to a good school. He said that only by helping the children could we redeem the Rosenbergs.

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ARTHUR ATKINS sand a couple of songs about the Rosenbergs, accompanied on the piano by WALDEMAR HILLE.

Informant advised the meeting ended at 11:00 PM

Present were:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-24855) DATE: 1/7/54

FROM : SA SIDNEY M. WOLF

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY
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On 12/11/53 SA SIDNEY M. WOLF received a written report from [redacted] about a reception for EMANUEL BLOCH 12/3/53 at the home of JACK and CLARA FOX, 3601 Woolwine Drive, Los Angeles. Informant's original report is filed in [redacted] (b)(7)(d)

Chairman, ROSE ROSENBERG, introduced BILL WEISSMAN, who read a recitation about the Rosenbergs while awaiting BLOCH's arrival. When BLOCH arrived about 9:30 PM, accompanied by MINNA BERLOW and her husband (MAX BERLOW), he was introduced by ROSE ROSENBERG as one of the outstanding advocates in this country. BLOCH told of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg having been born in a New York ghetto, discussed their early life and briefly discussed their arrest, trial and subsequent confinement. He discussed the Rosenberg children and stated they had been ousted from school in New Jersey, which created resentment by people of that town. He also stated the children had experienced incidents and trouble from schoolmates because their parents had been electrocuted as spies and stated that if they cannot be reared without suffering and agony, he will remove them from the country.

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cc: 2 - New York (100- EMANUEL BLOCH) REG.

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[redacted] Money donated was for the Rosenberg children's trust fund.

Among those present were:

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Orally [redacted] advised SA SIDNEY M. WOLF the above meeting was sponsored by the Eastside City Terrace IPP Club. [redacted]

Orally [redacted] advised SA SIDNEY M. WOLF that [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, N. Y.

DATE: January 12, 1954

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL BLOCH
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(Use T-Symbol in report) furnished a written report personally to SA BERNARD J. FITZGERALD on 12/7/53 concerning a meeting of the LOS ANGELES ROSENBERG - SOBELL COMMITTEE held on 12/5/53 at the Embassy Auditorium, 9th & Grand Streets, Los Angeles, California.

One of the individuals identified being present was EMANUEL BLOCH.

that EMANUEL BLOCH spoke and the first few minutes of his speech were entirely "political and vicious" about "the 'fascists' in high offices; that the Communists were not to be feared but the fascists and our police state." He then calmed down and made a "moving" speech about "his service to and the last years of the ROSENBERGS and how it has affected their sons."

The following characterization of the LOS ANGELES ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE is set forth for the information of the New York Division.

On orally advised SA ROBERT J. BARRY that the LOS ANGELES ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE which until October 1953, was known as the LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, is controlled and its leadership is dominated by members of the LACCP. The LOS ANGELES ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE receives advice and directives on all important issues from leaders of the LACCP. This Committee's avowed purpose is to commemorate the memory of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and to secure the release from prison of MORTON SOBELL, all of whom have been convicted in U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, of violation of the Espionage Act - 1917 in that they conspired to transmit U.S. Atomic Data to the USSR.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 1/22/54

FROM : SA THOMAS E. DYAR

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On December 14, 1953, [redacted] furnished the writer by mail with a written report, [redacted] which contained the following information. (b)(7)(d)

On December 4, 1953, a meeting sponsored by the Rosenberg Children's Trust Fund was held at the Embassy Auditorium, 847 South Grand Street, Los Angeles, at which meeting EMANUEL BLOCH, who had been the attorney for the ROSENBERGS in their trial, was the main speaker.

Informant stated that the following people attended the meeting: [redacted]

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Informant also stated that an individual had gotten out of an automobile with California license #1S27934 and had entered the meeting.

Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Los Angeles, California, reflected that the car with California license 1S27934 was a 1953 Plymouth coupe and was registered to NAOMI C. BLAIR, 1138 Court Street, Los Angeles, California.

Informant stated that EMANUEL BLOCH in his speech lashed out at everything in America with the exception of the CP. She stated that BLOCH then stated he was not in Los Angeles to make a political speech but that he was here to tell of the arrest of the ROSENBERGS and their children's plight.

Informant stated that EMANUEL BLOCH spoke at length concerning the many hardships encountered by the ROSENBERG children and he stated that efforts to adjust the children to a life without their parents would take much money and much hard work.

Informant stated that in answer to a plea for money that somewhere in the neighborhood of $2,000.00 was collected from those present.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 1/29/54

FROM: SA HERBERT E. HOXIE

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On 12/5/53, the informant attended a rally at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, sponsored by the Trust Fund Committee for the Rosenberg Children, at which EMANUEL BLOCK spoke. JOHN CLAYBEE acted as chairman. (JOHN CLEWE)

CLAYBEE complimented the audience on their courage in coming in spite of the spies present. MINNA BERLOW was interviewed as organizer and head of the Los Angeles group for Funds for the Rosenberg Children. Mrs. BERLOW spoke briefly, then read numerous letters of greetings and commendations. Among those were letters from CHARLOTTA BISS; _____ MORRIS, Pastor of the Christian Church at Long Beach; _____ BOROUGHS, probably REUBEN BOROUGH; _____ IKLEY; JOHN PORTER; and F. PRICE COBBS.

ARTHUR ATKINS, accompanied by NALLY HILLS, sang two songs written for this fund-raising campaign. "The Rosenbergs March On" was sung to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," with the audience joining in the chorus. The "Letters to Her Sons" by ETHEL ROSENBERG was set to music chosen as best in a big contest. It was sung as a solo by ATKINS.

EMANUEL BLOCK was the main speaker. He prefaced his remarks by stating he did not intend to review the ROSENBERG case. The story of the

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boys began with the refusal of ETHEL's mother "to care for the brats." They were then placed in a home for a year, after which the paternal grandmother accepted them. Her ill health, financial condition, and concern regarding the probable execution of her son and his wife made it difficult for her.

During this period, BLOCH took the boys to "Abottoir, that slaughterhouse Sing Sing." He related their reactions and also their treatment by schoolmates and neighbors.

The story of their happy time at summer camp at Toms River, New Jersey, was told. Also, their experience at school there and later of the demand by school authorities that they be withdrawn. Extention of their schooling has been granted until January.

Proposed plans now are for the children to be placed in a Quaker school in Pennsylvania when room is available. The placing of the boys in a home is now the problem, although there have been offers.

Contributions followed with MURRAY HAMILTON, movie star, officiating. At the close of the meeting it was announced that while all of the money had not been counted, there was over $25,000 contributed. In addition, $25,000 was in the bank previously received by groups, making a total of $65,000. The chairman announced that this mission having been accomplished, the Los Angeles group was automatically dissolved.

A question and answer period followed, and statements were then made. BLOCH stated it is not Communism we should be afraid of--it is their Fascist state. We are fighting to prevent a police state. The minds at the top are the ones to be afraid of, the ones with the mink coats, etc. What have we to be afraid of? Laughter followed this remark.

We are trying to preserve a democratic government, free from fears--fears brought about by McCARTHY, WOOD, and the Un-American Activities Committee.

The students of the campuses are the ones to be united, to fight, to be strong. They will soon be ready. We are getting stronger day by day, and it will not be long. One question asked BLOCH was, "What can we students do to prevent a Fascist state?" BLOCH laughed the question off. Another question was, "Did the judge talk with you when he handed you the envelope? Why did you not ask for a new trial?" Answer: "Not discussing the case."

Other questions asked were as follows:

"What is your status as a licensed lawyer, and what about the children of SOBELL?"

"Why not place the ROSENBERG children in Europe?"

Answer: "Only if the political climate here makes it necessary. They were born here."

There were remarks made concerning the American Legion, Judge KAUFFMAN, WALTER WINCHELL, about the hysteria in our country, our political climate, and the police state. Fascism was often eluded.

The audience consisted of about 1,200 people. The speaker said the fears that the audience would not be large were not justified. In fact, their growth was shown by the fact that several meetings were held simultaneously—the bizarre at Park Manor and an ASP meeting at Channing Hall.

SAC, LOS ANGELES 1/28/54

SA VINCENT J. ASCHERL

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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EMANUEL BLOCH was the principal speaker and he was introduced by MINNA BERLOW. She made many favorable comments about BLOCH and also read several welcoming letters of praise concerning BLOCH from various progressives such as CHARLOTTA BASS and PETER HYUN.

BLOCH spoke about the care of the ROSENBERG children up to the present time and enumerated plans which were contemplated for their future care.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-99876)

DATE: February 2, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (101-6691)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
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Reurlet October 22, 1953.

In accordance with the request contained in referenced letter, I am enclosing one certified and one uncertified copy of the income tax returns of the subject for each of the years 1950, 1951, and 1952.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 5, 1954

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (100-8581)

SUBJECT: EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH
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New York OO

Re New York airtel December 22, 1953, requesting a report be submitted relative to the public appearance of captioned subject, who spoke in Portland on December 15, 1953, at Grace Manor, 2566 N. W. Lovejoy Street, Portland, under the sponsorship of the "National Guardian Committee."

Recent news articles under New York dateline reflect captioned subject was the victim of a fatal heart ailment. Accordingly, no report will be submitted relative to his appearance in Portland unless otherwise instructed.

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January 12, 1954

SA JOHN D. WALLACE

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There was a fairly large turnout for the affair. Mr. BLOCH gave a brief resume of the Rosenberg Case and told of the difficulty he was having in trying to place the children in a school. The children were recently in attendance at a school in Toms River, New Jersey but due to the interference by law and educational agencies, the children were ordered out of the school. Mr. BLOCH contacted various schools in the New York area and no school there would accept the children for enrollment. He finally made contact with the American Friends (Quakers) Organization in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and they agreed to do the very best they could to find a school for the children. Mr. BLOCH is also attempting to find a permanent home for the children in which they will be allowed to grow up in a normal, happy atmosphere.

The main purpose of Mr. BLOCH's tour is to also collect funds from various persons interested in helping the children. These funds will enter a national trust fund already set up for the children to pay their expenses and if possible insure them of a college education. Mr. BLOCH was introduced to the group present by MINNA BERLOW, who is an executive officer of the Southern California Committee raising funds for the Rosenberg children.

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SA MACLIN F. MORRISON

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Emanuel Bloch

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January 14, 1954

CS [redacted] furnished SA MACLIN F. MORRISON a report on December 7, 1953 regarding a meeting sponsored by the Southern California Committee for the Rosenberg Children on December 4, 1953 at the Embassy Auditorium, 9th and Grand Streets, Los Angeles. Original report located [redacted] (b)(7)(d)

Approximately 800 were in attendance. JOHN CLEVY (CLEWE,) Chairman and Treasurer of the Committee, announced that the purpose of the meeting was to collect funds for the bringing up, education, and welfare of ROBBIE and MICHAEL ROSENBERG. He stated that he was speaking for ROBERT MORRIS, JR., Chairman of the Committee, who was unable to attend.

ARTHUR ATKINS and Mr. HEALY provided entertainment. A Mrs. MARGARET BURLEY (MINNA BERLOW) was introduced as a person who knew more, has done more, and contributed more than anyone else toward the success of the campaign. She explained her interest in the campaign and read letters and testimonials addressed to BLOCH by groups and individuals, praising his work in defense of the Rosenbergs. She read a letter dated June 18, 1953 from the Rosenbergs to BLOCH, which was a last will and testament appointing him as trustee and guardian of their two sons.

EMMANUEL BLOCH stated he was attending this meeting on behalf of the Rosenberg children and that he was not trying to revive the Rosenberg case or make a political pitch. He bitterly attacked the present administration as being undemocratic, anti-labor, capitalistic, and anti-foreign born in pursuing a policy of oppression of minorities through the Walter-McCarran Act, suppression of freedom of thought and speech through the HCUA. He referred to the Rosenbergs as innocent victims of hysteria, the first victims of American Fascism. He condemned Judge KAUFMAN and all other Governmental higher-ups from the President on down who were instrumental in the perpetration of this horrible crime. BLOCH spoke on the Rosenbergs' lives, their struggles and so forth.

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The pitch netted about $2500 as announced with $2500 being previously collected from groups and committees.

A booklet "Never Lose Faith" as furnished by informant is being placed [redacted]

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On the Line:

Did Lawyer Bloch Know?

By BOB CONSIDINE

THE death of Emanuel H. Bloch, lawyer for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, makes more difficult—if not impossible—this reporter's search for the person or persons who gave the word to Russia that the Rosenbergs were "safe"...that they would go to their deaths without a word of confession, without naming a single accomplice.

Bloch, a brilliant and articulate man in the courtroom, died under the cloud of disbarment proceedings brought against him for the tone of his funeral oration over the coffins of his clients. In that inflamed speech he charged that President Eisenhower, Attorney-General Brownell and J. Edgar Hoover were "murderers" of the Rosenbergs. A day or two before he had cried, "Today I am ashamed I am an American."

Those last minute fireworks were in curious contrast to his earnest statement to Judge Irving Kaufman, the jury, U. S. Attorney (now judge) Irving Saypol and Saypol's staff immediately after the death verdict had been handed down. He said then in effect that he and his clients had been treated fairly by all concerned.

"Word" Was Passed

But some days later, with the Rosenbergs now in the death house at Sing Sing, "the word" was passed. By whom we may never know. On signal, the Communist press of the world set up a cry of "Save the Rosenbergs." That same press had not deemed the couple worthy enough or "safe" enough to cover their trial.

The wheels of a colossal propaganda machine had begun to turn. One can hardly hazard a guess as to what it cost that section of the Kremlin which handles such world-wide programs. Suffice it to say that its scope was such that in time the White House heard expressions of concern from spiritual leaders as militantly anti-Communist as Pius XII. More than 700,000 French workers signed petitions in the Rosenbergs' behalf. There were demonstrations in African jungles.

This tremendous propaganda effort would have boomeranged thunderously if the Rosenbergs had talked. If they had turned to the handful of us who sat in the death chamber that evening at Sing Sing and saw them strapped into the ghastly chair, and had blurted acknowledgment of their role in the Soviet spying apparatus, it would have been the most disastrous propaganda setback Russia ever suffered. It might have been one from which Russia would never have recovered, for in the eyes of the wavering world it could never be believed again.

Reds Demanded Death

There was an additional danger in this huge propaganda gamble with the Rosenbergs. If Bloch was successful and did win a reversal of Judge Kaufman's decision, or persuade the judge himself to make his sentence less severe, the Rosenbergs would now be serving the first of perhaps 30 years in jail. Plainly, that would have been risky. They were bitterly cold people, these two, but the constant rub of children and relatives from the outside world might in time have coaxed them to admit the crushing weight of evidence produced against them, and identify co-conspirators, in the hope of easing the sentence.

It was plain, it seemed to me, that Russia wanted (yes, demanded) that the Rosenbergs die, but die as dramatically as martyrs. But, more important, it was absolutely necessary that they die silent. Who gave that assurance? Why was the Communist world silent about them one day and confidently raucous the next? What conceivably were the guarantees against a sudden, human collapse of their iron will as the arms of the electric chair reached out? Did anyone hold them in line?

Bloch, who saw much more of them than anybody else during their long stay in prison, was not there at the end. Now he, too, is gone, and with him what could have been light to shed upon a baffling case of domination of two human beings by self-will or outside forces beyond comprehension in a democracy.

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