



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. [redacted]New York, New York
January 26, 1962

Re: Helen Levitov Sobell

Air India, 410 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 25, 1962, that the travel itinerary for the captioned individual during the period February 3, 1962 to March 4, 1962 is as follows:

Idlewild/London Air-India #112 3 Feb. Dep. 2130
(Economy) 4 Feb. Arr. 0905

London/Amsterdam BEA #436 11 Feb. Dep. 1805
(Tourist) Arr. 2015

Amsterdam/Brussels KLM #385 13 Feb. Dep. 1830
(Tourist) Arr. 1920

Brussels/Paris Sabena #637 14 Feb. Dep. 2000
(Tourist) Arr. 2110

Paris/Rome Air France #465 20 Feb. Dep. 1945
(Tourist) Arr. 2125

Rome/Zurich Alitalia #200 26 Feb. Dep. 1330
(Tourist) Arr. 1500

Zurich/Stockholm Swiss Air #250 26 Feb. Dep. 1555
(Tourist) Arr. 1930

Stockholm/London SAS #505 28 Feb. Dep. 1400
(Tourist) Arr. 1535

London/Idlewild, Air India #115 4 Mar. Dep. 1145
Air India, this time (Economy) Arr. 1425

AGENCY [redacted]
REQ. BY [redacted]
DATE FORM 1-29-62
NAME [redacted]
BY [redacted]

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Helen Levitov Sobell

[REDACTED] further advised that on January 24, 1962, [REDACTED] of Afton Tours, 1776 Broadway, New York City, called Air India to state that he was issuing tickets to Mrs. Sobell for the above travel.

Regarding Afton Tours, a confidential source advised on November 30, 1959, that Afton Tours was founded in January, 1959 as a partnership by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KLM - [REDACTED] b7D
Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM), 609 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on April 18, 1961, advised that Afton Tours was conducting a May Day Celebration tour to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) from April 25, 1961 until May 26, 1961.

On May 1, 1959, it was ascertained from the Registration Section, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., that Afton Tours was registered as an agent of "Intourist" under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended.

On June 23, 1959, "Intourist", 355 Lexington Avenue, New York City, registered with the Department of Justice under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, listing its business as "travel" and its principal as "B. A. O. Intourist Moscow."

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on Page 49, cites "Intourist" as a "Soviet Organization which supervises the travel of foreigners traveling in the Soviet Union".

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Date: 2/5/62

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849) (P)

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReBulet to State Dept. of 1/24/62 and reNYairtel
of 1/26/62 setting forth subject's itinerary during the period
2/3/62 to 3/4/62.

Inspector [REDACTED] INS, New York International
Airport (Idlewild), NY, NY, advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER on
2/5/62 that the subject departed Idlewild Airport on 2/3/62
at 9:30 PM via Air India, Flight #112, enroute to London. b7c

Subject has indicated she plans to return to NY from
Europe on 3/4/62, and her arrival will be verified by the NYO.

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3 - Bureau (100-404849) (RM)
1 - Los Angeles (100-45973) (INFO) (RM)
1 - Washington Field (100-3074) (INFO) (RM) FEB 6 1962
1 - New York (100-109849)

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Special Agent in Charge

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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source. This serial bears the Classification
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ON the day that Mrs. Francis Powers rejoices at the release of her husband I have been talking in London to another American wife who has been waiting and fighting for the release of her husband.

She is Mrs. Helen Sobell, the wife of Mr. Morton Sobell. But Sobell is not in Russian hands. He was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment at the Rosenberg trial in New York in 1951 for "conspiracy to commit espionage."

Last night Mrs. Sobell met Arnold Wesker, the playwright. "We discussed the question of doing a film on my husband's case," Mrs. Sobell tells me.

Sympathetic

"There was a feeling on Mr. Wesker's part that there was a good possibility of making such a film. He was personally sympathetic."

The object of her visit is to gain support for a campaign to secure her husband's release. She has met a group of Labour MPs, Lord Chorley, the Bishop of Woolwich and lawyers, writers and artists. Soon she is off to Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, Rome and Stockholm.



Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of a sentenced American, meets Arnold Wesker to discuss plans for a film.
See first story.

EVENING STANDARD
London, England
February 10, 1962
(for info)

Helen L. Sobell

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45973) (P)
SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, aka
SM - C;
CINAL
(OO: New York)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 1/19/62, Bulet to Office of Security, Department of State dated 1/24/62, and New York airtel to Bureau dated 1/26/62.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memo suitable for dissemination, for the New York Office two copies of the letterhead memo, and for the San Francisco Office one copy of the letterhead memo, containing information received from [REDACTED] by SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS.

The letterhead memo is being classified Confidential since data received from [REDACTED] could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

The Los Angeles Office will, in accordance with Bureau instructions, remain alert for any further information concerning the plans of HELEN SOBELL.

Bureau (Encls.6)(AM - REGISTERED)
New York (100-109849)(Encls.2)
- (REGISTERED)
- San Francisco (Encl.1)(Info.)
- (REGISTERED)
3 - Los Angeles [REDACTED] b7D REC-28
(1 - 100-45372 - CINAL)

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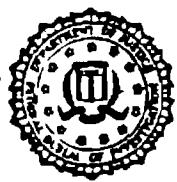
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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.Los Angeles, California
February 15, 1962HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

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MORTON SOBELL was convicted in U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union, and he is currently serving his sentence at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

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by [Signature]

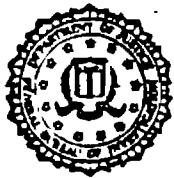
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
February 15, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

[Redacted Area] b7D

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

DATE: 2/27/62

M.W.G.
100 SAC, WFO (100-3074) (RUC)SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
SM - C
(OO:NY)

ReBulet to Office of Security, Department of State, dated 1/24/62 and New York airtel to Bureau dated 2/5/62.

On 2/20/62 [REDACTED] reviewed the passport file for the subject and found that it contained no information in addition to that appearing in WFO letterhead memo dated 12/2/60 reflecting a review of the subject's passport file by SA C. EDWIN GLASS, JR. on 12/1/61. b7c

- (2) - Director
2 - New York (100-109849) (RM)
1 - WFO

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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The American Embassy
Rome, Italy~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Date: February 28, 1962

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~~1/24/62~~To: Director, FBI (100-404849)
From: Legat, Rome (100-655) (RUC)
Subject: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
SM - CReBulet to Office of Security, Department of State,
1/24/62, New York memo 1/26/62, and Paris cable 2/16/62. (U)AMERICAN AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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DATE 1/24/62 b7CCopies of attached memorandum were made available to [REDACTED]
U. S. Embassy, Rome

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(1 - New York 100-109849)
(1 - Los Angeles 100-45973)
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Letter to Bureau
Rome 100-655

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It is noted reBulet to Office of Security, Department of State, disclosed that Sobell had indicated she would urge demonstrations before American Embassies and Consulates located in cities she intended to visit. It is also noted that Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was in Rome from February 20-22, 1962, a period during which the subject was also in Rome.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. [REDACTED]

February 28, 1962

Re: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

"Helen" Levitov Sobell was born in Washington, D. C., on March 13, 1918. She is a citizen of the United States and holds U. S. passport No. 1269164 issued at Washington, D. C., on November 24, 1958. [REDACTED]

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AGENCY State of NY, NY, NY
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FILE # 100-404849

SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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2-28-62

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387895)

LEGAT, DORD (100-1029)(P)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SORELL
IS - C; ISA 1950

Re: [REDACTED] 1-26-62

[REDACTED] furnished the enclosed items from Dutch newspaper's
as follows:

"De Waarheid," 2-14-62 (photostat)

"Telegraaf," 2-14-62 (clipping)

REF ID: A

[REDACTED] explained that "De Waarheid" is a Dutch communist paper,
and "Telegraaf" is a Dutch paper considered to be somewhat liberal in its
views. The items concern Mrs. SORELL's visit.

[REDACTED] It is being left to the Bureau's discretion as to whether these
items should be translated. No copies are being retained by Legat, Dord. (u)

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SUMMARY AND TRANSLATION FROM DUTCH

Helen Sobell was Two Days
in our Country

(From "De Waarheid" ("The Truth"), Wednesday, February 14, 1962).

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This item is partly illegible. It pertains to the two-day stay of Mrs. Helen Sobell in Holland where she held a press conference in Schiphol (near Amsterdam). She revealed her plans for the liberation of her "innocently" condemned husband Norton Sobell.

The paper stated: "He was sentenced to thirty years in prison in connection with the Julius and Ethel Rosenberg trial, who, in 1953, likewise innocent, were put to death in the electric chair."

Mrs. Sobell departed for Brussels, Paris, Rome and Stockholm. She will return to London at the beginning of March and then to her homeland.

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My Husband is Innocent

(From "Telegraaf," Amsterdam, Holland, February 14, 1962)

Amsterdam, Wednesday

"I am calling upon all people in the world to help in the liberation of my innocently condemned husband Norton Sobell."

This is the beginning of a statement issued yesterday in Schiphol by Mrs. Sobell, the 43-year-old wife of the American Sobell, who, 12 years ago, was sentenced for espionage.

Mrs. Sobell was 2 days in the Netherlands where she conferred with some persons to get support.

Norton Sobell was tried in 1951 with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. They were accused of espionage for the Russians. Finally, the Rosenberg couple were declared responsible for the act by which the Soviet Union obtained the secret of the A-bomb.

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Both were sentenced to death and in 1953, they died in the electric chair.

Sobell was sentenced to 30 years and today a case is pending before a federal district court in New York whereby some details of the judgment are being examined with regard to their judicial methods. 11

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Date: 3/9/62

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 Mr. Conroy
 Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Evans
 Mr. Major
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Trotter
 Tele. Room
 Miss Holmes
 Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849) (P)
 SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
 SM-O
 (OO: NY)

ReNYairtel 3/8/62.

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[REDACTED] b7D
 India, 410 Park Ave., NYC, advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER [REDACTED] b7E
 this date that subject cancelled reservations which she held for Air India Flight #115 arriving in New York from London 3/4/62. His records failed to reveal any further information regarding subject's travel plans.

Annual report in this case presently being prepared.

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 - New York (100-109849) EX-105

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

DATE: 3/16/62

FROM: *J. F. S.* SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849) (P)SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
SM-C
(OO: NY)

ReNYairtel of 3/9/62.

The Bureau was advised by referenced airtel that subject had returned from her European trip on 3/7/62. Her mode of transportation was unknown at that time, however, inasmuch as her previous plans to arrive via Air India on 3/4/62 had been changed.

The following additional information regarding subject's return to the U.S. is being furnished for the Bureau's information.

[REDACTED] b7D
Sabena Belgian World Airlines, 589 Fifth Ave., NYC, advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER on 3/15/62 that H. SOBELL was a passenger on Sabena Flight No. 547 which departed Brussels, Belgium, 3/7/62 at 2:50 PM (Brussels time) and arrived at Idlewild International Airport, NYC, 3/7/62 at 5:50 PM (New York time).

An annual report in this case is presently being prepared.

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1 - New York (100-109849)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849) (P)
SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYairtel, 1/26/62.

Referenced airtel stated that subject had indicated she planned to return to NY from European trip on 3/4/62, via Air India, Flight #115. b7c

New York International Airport, advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER on 3/5/62, that Air India Flight #115 arrived on 3/4/62, at 2:25 PM, however, that no one named SOBELL was on the flight. b7c

[REDACTED] advised SA MILLER on 3/8/62, that b7c
no Air India Flight arrived in NY on 3/7/62. NY will continue to follow this matter, and the Bureau will be advised of her arrival. b7c

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- ③ - Bureau (100-404849) (RM)
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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45973) (P)
SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, aka
SM - C
(OO: NY)
CINAL

Re: Los Angeles airtels to Bureau 1/19/62 and 2/15/62.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, New York and San Francisco are six, two and 1 copy respectively of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

The information contained therein was furnished orally by [REDACTED] to SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS on 3/5/62. b7D

The letterhead memo is being classified Confidential because data reported from this informant could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

The Los Angeles Office will remain alert for any further information concerning subject's plans.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 6) (AM - REGISTERED)
2 - New York (Encs. 2) (100-109849)
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1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (Info.) (REGISTERED)
3 - Los Angeles [REDACTED] 670 REC 91
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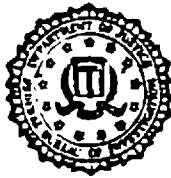
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.Los Angeles, California
March 5, 1962HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 5, 1962, that information had been received that HELEN SOBELL's scheduled return to the United States had been delayed because she was stopping off in Brussels, Belgium, where she was attempting to obtain an audience with the Queen.

SOBELL is now expected to return to New York via airplane on March 7, 1962. She is expected to visit San Francisco, California, on March 24, 1962, and then come to Los Angeles, California, on March 26, 1962, where plans are being made to have a demonstration demanding the release of HELEN SOBELL's husband, MORTON SOBELL.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted in U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union, and he is currently serving his sentence at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

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by SPK

cc: 0140 0141 0142 .0143
AGENCY: ~~U.S. State Dept., Office of Legal Counsel~~
REF ID: ~~AC52044~~
DATE FORM: ~~9-8-62~~
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Date: 3/15/62

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Via _____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849) 8521
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45973)
SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, aka
SM - C; CINAL
(OO: NY)

Re Los Angeles airtel 3/5/62 reporting that SOBELL would be in Los Angeles on 3/26/62.

[REDACTED] advises that a demonstration led by HELEN SOBELL to free her husband will be held in front of the Federal Building, Los Angeles from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on 3/26/62. All CP clubs are being urged to support this demonstration. Los Angeles Police Department, Federal Building manager and local intelligence agencies advised.

- 3 - Bureau (AM - REGISTERED)
1 - New York (AM - REGISTERED) (100-109849)
1 - San Francisco (Info.) (REGISTERED)
2 - Los Angeles
(1 - 100-43372 - CINAL)

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SERIAL 107 DATE 3/24/68

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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out for people throughout the world
to help free my innocent husband, MORTON SOBELL

Dear Friends:

I am Mrs. Morton Sobell, an American who lives in New York City.
I come to your country and other important nations to ask your
help in righting a terrible injustice.

The whole world remembers the tragic case of Ethel and Julius
Rosenberg, who were electrocuted in our country on the hysterical
accusation of proven liars that they were responsible for the
Soviet Union having the atomic bomb.

My husband, Morton Sobell, was a scientist, was thrown into this
trial at the height of our McCarthy period in the year 1951. His
only accuser was a confessed perjurer. He saved himself from a
prison sentence for previously falsifying an oath by lying against
my husband. His testimony was provided with the notorious Roy Cohn
(better known for his association with Joseph McCarthy), one of the
prosecutors in the Rosenberg Sobell trial. Our family - my husband,
our two children and myself - were brutally kidnapped from our
vacation in Mexico by agents of our FBI in violation of international law.

Trial judge Irving Kaufman who condemned the Rosenbergs to death
also condemned my husband to 30 years in prison. Even this bigoted
judge admitted that no testimony connected my husband with the atomic
project. Our great scientist, Nobel prize Laureate Dr. Harold C.
Urey, has studied the complete oral testimony and concludes that he
can't even say what my husband was accused of doing, on the basis
of the verbatim record.

For more than five years after the trial my husband was kept in
Alcatraz, the prison compared with Devil's Island. The authorities
were trying to extract a false confession that would accuse the
Rosens. But MY HUSBAND IS INNOCENT! He will not buy his freedom
with lies. Public appeals from throughout the world resulted in his
transfer to the federal prison at Atlanta, a somewhat better place.

This is Morton's 12th year of imprisonment. He is now 44 years old.
My daughter is now 22 and my son 12. Morton's aged mother loses
her failing eyesight with intent to see her son free. Throughout those
years of suffering we have fought day and night for his freedom. We
fight in the courts. We picket at the White House in Washington. We
travel everywhere speaking at public meetings. Great men in our
country and throughout the world have asked my government to free my
husband. For a multitude of reasons people including Lord Bertrand
Russell, Jean Paul Sartre, Milesie Marlin Puber, and in my own
country, 1500 clergymen, writer James T. Farrell, scientist Linus
Pauling, and Roger Baldwin, chairman of the International League for
the Rights of Man, professors, educators, and other eminent
individuals too numerous to list have appealed in Morton's behalf.

To now urgently take our plea to the entire world to cry out to
people who love justice. You can act by writing to the
American Embassy in your country. You can help by joining in
delegations to visit the Embassy and let the authorities know your
views. We have faith that our President, John F. Kennedy, knowing
of the injustice in my own country and abroad who want my husband free,
will in making his own independent decision act with courage and
honor. My husband will at last be free to come home. A burden will
be lifted from the conscience of the world. Will you help us?

Morton Sobell
529 Broadway
New York City, U.S.A.

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Mr. Kleinkauf
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SAC, New York (100-129802)
(100-10711)

April 13, 1962

Director, FBI (100-3-104)
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

RePHairtel 4/1/62, copies sent to your office, which set forth results of public news media coverage of a freedom demonstration sponsored by the Philadelphia Sobell Committee.

The Bureau has been attempting to devise counterintelligence operations to counteract the propaganda being spread by Helen Sobell and the Communist Party through the activities of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (NCSJMS). 624 N 9

is an exhortation by the positive results which can be obtained.

Special Agents handling the investigations of the NCSJMS, Helen Sobell and other cases involving this Committee's activities should immediately advise the Bureau under the counterintelligence caption when information is received concerning plans for the NCSJMS to hold meetings, set up picket lines, conduct demonstrations, et cetera. The Bureau should be notified by appropriate communication to provide as much time as possible to prepare suitable counterintelligence operations. If the activities of the Sobell Committee are to take place in the New York Office area, Special Agent coordinating Counterintelligence Program should be promptly furnished the pertinent information about the Committee's plans. He should then prepare a suitable counterintelligence operation and submit it to the Bureau for approval before taking any action thereon. 106-3-104

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3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are [REDACTED] b2

7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____

8. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
Subject is actively engaged in campaign to free her husband, MORTON SOBELL, through employment with the CSJMS and appearances at various meetings, including those sponsored by CP clubs, as well as her continued associations with known CP members. ✓

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Title: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 30 Charlton St., Apt. 5B, NYC, and to be employed by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, NYC, where she is a paid staff member of the National Committee. Information set forth regarding payments made to subject by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. Subject departed NYC for London via Air ~~Europa~~ on 2/3/62, and returned to NYC from Brussels, Belgium, via Sabena Belgian World Airlines on 3/7/62. Further details concerning subject's trip abroad set forth. Since September, 1961, the subject has participated in the picketing of the White House, the United Nations Building in NYC, and the Federal Buildings in New Haven, Connecticut, and Cleveland, Ohio. Other activities of subject set out.

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DETAILS

I. Residence and Employment

The 1961 - 1962 New York City Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan contains a listing on page 1511 for Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, 30 Charlton Street, Telephone WAtkins 9-9061.

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A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (hereinafter referred to as the CSJMS) is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

[REDACTED] advised on January 15, 1962, that HELEN SOBELL is a paid staff member of the National Committee of the CSJMS. The paid staff members of the National Committee were described by [REDACTED] as those dedicated to carrying out a national program of working with the attorneys on the SOBELL case and coordinating the work of the various SOBELL Committees located in cities throughout the country. Specific responsibilities include turning out published materials and literature regarding the case, conducting fund raising campaigns, obtaining newspaper, radio and television publicity, assisting in national appeals to various members of the clergy as well as to prominent individuals in Washington, D.C., and - more recently - the new program of direct action and demonstrations by the SOBELL family. (u)

The informant further reported that prior to a National Conference in November, 1961, the CSJMS followed a conservative program of appeals to important people and to clergymen during the EISENHOWER and KENNEDY Administrations. Failing to win an executive clemency appeal, the National Conference voted to adopt a more active program entailing picketings and other public demonstrations to carry the case to the attention of the public and to embarrass President KENNEDY at public gatherings by means of signs and the picketing of his residences for not having lived up to an election campaign promise allegedly made to the subject to free her husband if he won the election. (u)

II. Activities on Behalf of the CSJMS

A. Participation in Meetings and Conferences

The following is a list of meetings and functions of the CSJMS, in which HELEN SOBELL was reported by various informants to have participated. It is noted that in some instances, the subject only attended the meeting, however, at most of these meetings, she reportedly was a speaker.

<u>Date of Activity</u>	<u>Activity</u>
March 1, 1961	Attended meeting of the New York CSJMS, in New York City
April 2, 1961	Spoke at meeting of Los Angeles SOBELL Committee at 1251 South Street, Los Angeles, California

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April 4, 1961

Spoke at a staff meeting of the Los Angeles SOBELL Committee at 1313 Talmadge Avenue, Los Angeles, California

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April 7, 1961

Spoke at a fund raising benefit sponsored by the Long Beach Chapter of the SOBELL Committee at 2745 Nipomo Avenue, Long Beach, California

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April 8, 1961

Spoke at a reception given by the Los Angeles SOBELL Committee at 8625 Wonderland Avenue, Los Angeles, California

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May 3, 1961

Participated in a meeting of the New York CSJMS at 940 Broadway, New York City

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September 21, 1961

Participated in a meeting of the New York CSJMS at 940 Broadway, New York City

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October 4, 1961

Participated in a meeting of the New York CSJMS at 940 Broadway, New York City

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[redacted] advised on October 16, 1961, that a National Conference of CSJMS delegates was held October 14, 1961, and October 15, 1961, at the Mc Burney Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), 215 West 23rd Street, New York City. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER on February 5, 1962,
that the subject departed Idlewild Airport on February 3,
1962, at 9:30 PM via Air India, Flight number 112, en route
to London. (U) b7c

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The Communist Party (CP), USA has been
designated by the Attorney General of
the United States pursuant to Executive
Order 10450. (U)

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Sabena Belgian World Airlines, 509 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER on March 15, 1962, that H. SOBELL was a passenger on Sabena Flight number 547 which departed Brussels, Belgium, March 7, 1962, at 2:50 PM (Brussels time) and arrived at Idlewild Airport, New York City, March 7, 1962, at 5:50 PM (New York time). (u)

III. Other Activities on Behalf of MORTON SOBEL

A. Appeals

[REDACTED] advised on May 2, 1961, that during April, 1961, a telegram was sent out to all SOBELL Committee chairmen signed by HELEN SOBELL, stating that MORTON SOBELL's attorneys had some confidence of a possible presidential pardon within the following six to eight weeks. The subject went on to state that about \$5,000.00 was needed to pursue this action and that quotas were being assigned to various cities throughout the country. (u)

[REDACTED] advised on September 18, 1961, that the subject attended a meeting of the New York CSJMS, held on September 13, 1961, at 940 Broadway, New York City.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 15, 1961, that on December 14, 1961, HELEN SOBELL spoke at the south campus of the College of the City of New York (CCNY) under the sponsorship of the CCNY E.V. Debs Club. According to the informant, the subject spoke mainly of her husband's trial, stating he was convicted through the testimony of witnesses who had lied and through the pressure of the late Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY. The informant advised that subject went on to tell of her attempts to contact the President and the Attorney General in her husband's behalf. (u)

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[REDACTED] advised on January 4, 1962, that a special meeting of the CSJMS was held on January 3, 1962, at 940 Broadway, New York City.

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B. Publicity

The October 9, 1961, issue of the "National Guardian" contained an article on Page 4, captioned "Plea for Sobell, Rebuffed". Subject's picture appeared on this page carrying a sign reading "Mr. President, Today is Yom Kippur. Free My Husband, Morton Sobell". The article went on to point out that the KENNEDY Administration had refused clemency to MORTON SOBELL but that the CSJMS would continue to work in his behalf. (u)

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the Appendix hereto. (u)

The March 26, 1962, issue of the "National Guardian" on page 4 contained an advertisement for a "Breakfast for Freedom" to be held at the Hotel Belmont Plaza, Lexington Avenue and 49th Street, New York City, on Saturday, April 7, 1962, at 10:00-AM. The advertisement reflected that HELEN SOBELL would speak at this affair regarding her trip to Europe and would give a report on action abroad to free MORTON SOBELL. According to the advertisement, the price of this breakfast would be \$5.00 per plate. (u)

The November 3, 1961, issue of the "New York Herald Tribune", a daily newspaper published in New York City, contained on page 3 an article captioned "Sobell Women Picket Carlyle". The article reported that HELEN SOBELL, along with eight other women from the CSJMS, picketed the Hotel Carlyle on November 2, 1961, hoping to talk to President KENNEDY on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. The article went on to state that the women left when ordered to do so by the police. (u)

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The "New Haven Register", a daily newspaper published in New Haven, Connecticut, in its December 17, 1961, issue on pages one and 2 carried an article entitled "Joined by Cleric on Picket Line Here, Wife Asks Yule Amnesty for A-Spy". This article revealed that HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, headed a five-member picket line at the Federal Building, New Haven, Connecticut, on December 16, 1961, at which time she sought "Christmas Amnesty" for her husband. The article revealed that MORTON SOBELL had been in federal prison for eleven years and that the demonstrators in New Haven carried signs requesting complete freedom for him. It was pointed out that this action preceded an "all night vigil" scheduled to begin Saturday afternoon and last until Sunday night at the White House in Washington, D.C. (u)

C. Picketing Activities

On September 20, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA G. MAYLON MILLER that HELEN SOBELL, [REDACTED] picketed the White House on that date from 12:00 noon to 2:05 PM. [REDACTED] stated that subject carried a sign which read: "President Kennedy, Today is Yom Kippur. Release My Husband, Morton Sobell". [REDACTED] further advised that the subject was accompanied on this occasion by [REDACTED] who observed but did not participate in the picketing. (u)

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Mr. THOMAS WHITE, Protective Research Division, United States Secret Service, Washington, D.C., advised SA HILMER H. KREBS on October 9, 1961, that HELEN SOBELL, accompanied by her daughter and son, had contacted him on that date and requested to see President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Mr. WHITE said that no appointment was granted and that the subject then said that she intended to publicize the imprisonment of her husband, MORTON SOBELL, by picketing the White House on October 9, 1961, and then by advising the press of this intention. (U)

On October 9, 1961, at approximately 11:40 AM, Special Agents of the FBI observed the subject picketing the White House, carrying a sign which read as follows "President Kennedy, Justice Begins at Home. Free My Innocent Husband, Morton Sobell. Leaders of the World Please Use Your Influence to Free My Innocent Husband, Morton Sobell." (U)

On November 16, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed the subject picketing in the vicinity of the UN Building, New York City, along with other members of the CSJMS, in an effort to bring international attention to their plea for MORTON SOBELL's release from prison. (U)

[redacted] advised on November 27, 1961, that the subject participated in a picketing demonstration on November 26, 1961, at the White House, Washington, D.C., sponsored by the CSJMS. (U) 67D

[redacted] advised on January 16, 1962, that the subject was, at that time, in Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of petitioning and picketing at the Federal Court House on behalf of her husband. (U) 67D

IV. CP Interest Regarding Subject's Role in the CSJMS

[redacted] and [redacted] advised on September 25, 1961 and September 26, 1961, respectively, that a mass rally was held on September 23, 1961, sponsored by the National Assembly for Democratic Rights (NADR). According to the informants, HELEN SOBELL attended this rally and was introduced as a "martyr of civil liberties". (U) 67D

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A characterization of the NADR is set forth in the Appendix hereto. (u)

[redacted] advised on March 15, 1962, that a demonstration to be led by HELEN SOBELL would be held in front of the Federal Building, Los Angeles, California, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on March 26, 1962. The informant reported that all CP Clubs were being urged to support this demonstration. (u) b7D

V. Other Associations of Subject

A. [redacted]

[redacted] advised on March 13, 1961, that on March 11, 1961, a reception was held for HELEN SOBELL at the residence of [redacted] (u) b7D

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'...."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR
DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

A source advised on August 23, 1961, that as the result of a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), held on June 10-11, 1961, and other meetings of Communist Party (CP) functionaries concerning CP efforts to combat the June 5, 1961, decisions of the United States Supreme Court upholding the Internal Security Act of 1950, and the membership provision of the Smith Act, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights (NADR), was organized. The NADR came into being in order to fulfill the need of the CP to hold a defense conference. (u)

According to the source, the NADR scheduled an assembly for September 23-24, 1961, at St. Nicholas Arena, New York, New York. A number of individuals, described at the NEC meeting in June, 1961, as being characteristic of a national body of liberals and progressives, who should be approached and convinced to take the leadership in organizing such a national conference, were secured as initiating sponsors of the NADR. (u)

The source further advised that the NADR was advertised as a single action undertaking, and an office was opened in Room 703, 118 East 28th Street, New York City. JOSEPH BRANDT, a CP member, was placed in charge of dissemination of literature for the NADR. (u)

A second source advised on September 23-24, 1961, that the NADR was held as scheduled, and followed the general line of condemning the Internal Security Act of 1950 and the Smith Act, and called for non-enforcement of these Acts. Included among the speakers was BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., National Secretary, CPUSA. (u)

The first source advised on December 13, 1961, that JOSEPH BRANDT stated in early December, 1961, that although the NADR office remains open, there are no plans for the future of the NADR, other than obtaining names for (u)

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petitions calling for a reversal of the Smith Act and Internal Security Act of 1950. BRANDT indicated that the major portion of this work would be handled by the initiating sponsors, and that the NADR for all practical purposes is discontinuing.

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A third source advised on February 6, 1962, that the NADR had addressed a letter dated January, 1962, to all committees, participants and supporters, in which it was stated that the NADR is now "closed." The letter also stated that the NADR is continuing a mailing address, Post Office Box 130, Cathedral Station, New York 25, New York, and urged everyone to communicate in the continued struggle against the "McCarran Internal Security Act."

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian": (u)

"National Guardian. (v)

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)" (u)

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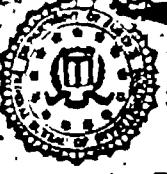
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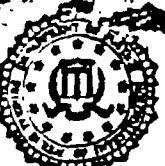
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HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
AND
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

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Memorandum

TO -

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

DATE: 5/11/62

FROM

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45973)(RUC)

SUBJECT:

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, aka.
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A review of the files of the Los Angeles Office reveals that all pertinent information relating to HELEN SOBELL's recent activities within the Los Angeles Division has been furnished to the New York Office with the exception of the memorandum to SAC, Los Angeles, of SA LOUIS K. DE GEUS, captioned "MORANDA SMITH SECTION, SCDCP, IS-C," dated 3/29/62, which is being enclosed herewith for the New York Office.

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the American Embassy, Stockholm, advised on May 8 that several letters were received by the Embassy concerning the release of MARTON SOBELL. From a review of these letters they appeared to have been mimeographed and addressed by probably the same individuals. The Embassy attempted to answer these letters and most of them were returned marked "Insufficient Address" or "Address Unknown." (U)

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TO : Director, FBI (B-100-404849) DATE: 11/15/62

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TO : Director, FBI (Bull) 100-404849 DATE: 4/25/63

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HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL aka		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF CLASS DATE APR/MAY 4-9-63

REFERENCE:

Report of SA CARLYLE W. MILLER, 4/26/62, at NY. (u)

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1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index. TOP SECRET
2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are [REDACTED]

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7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
8. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
 Subject is actively engaged in a campaign to free her husband, MORTON SOBELL, through employment with the CSJMS and appearances at various meetings, including those sponsored by CP clubs, as well as her continued association with known CP members.
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Title:

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 30 Charlton St., Apartment 5B, NYC, and to be employed as a national staff member of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, NYC. Information set forth concerning payments to subject by that organization. Subject continues to participate actively in speaking and fund raising capacities, meetings and other activities sponsored by the Committee. During 1962, she reportedly made trips to Los Angeles and Philadelphia. Subject attended functions sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties and Civil Rights on 12/15/62, and 3/11/63, respectively. Other activities of subject set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. Residence and Employment

The current New York City Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan contains a listing for Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, 30 Charlton Street, Telephone WAtkins 9-9061.

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A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (hereinafter referred to as the CSJMS) is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

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[REDACTED] advised on June 29, 1962, that HELEN SOBELL is national staff member of the CSJMS. The informant stated that the CSJMS is a fund-raising, campaigning organization, which receives its main support from the fund raising efforts of the New York Committee. Their income is derived through national appeals, from the operation of a rummage store by volunteers of the New York Committee and from regional SOBELL Committee offices in Chicago, Fresno, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, St. Paul, San Francisco, Seattle and Syracuse. [REDACTED] b7c

The informant advised that HELEN SOBELL continues to lead the national program of trying to embarrass President KENNEDY, wherever he appears on trips because of his alleged failure to fulfill a campaign promise that if elected president, he would release MORTON SOBELL.

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The informant reported that the name of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL formerly included the names of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, but, after the execution of the ROSENBERGS, the names were left off the letterhead and other committee identifications so as to place emphasis on the living MORTON SOBELL's campaign for freedom. However, according to the informant, the Committee name has never been officially changed and members entertain plans for campaigning to vindicate the ROSENBERGS, once MORTON SOBELL has been released from prison.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York, New York City, for conspiring to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. On April 5, 1951, he was sentenced to a term of 30 years imprisonment and is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

II. Activities on Behalf of the CSJMS

A. Participation in Meetings and Conferences

[redacted] advised on April 9, 1962, that a breakfast, under the auspices of the CSJMS, was held at the Hotel Belmont Plaza, New York City, on April 7, 1962, and approximately 220 persons attended this affair.

The informant advised the Reverend DAVID ANDREWS of North Carolina was the first speaker and stated that he felt that MORTON SOBELL would be released from prison during 1962. [redacted] advised that the subject, who was the next speaker, told the assembly of a trip which she had recently made to Europe, claiming that she received much support and favorable publicity while in Europe.

At 12:30 p.m., on April 7, 1962, approximately

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eighty individuals, who had attended the above mentioned breakfast, led by the subject, and wearing signs proclaiming MORTON SOBELL's innocence, left the Belmont Plaza Hotel and marched under police escort, to the headquarters of the United States Mission to the United Nations, 45th Street and First Avenue, New York City. Upon her arrival, HELEN SOBELL presented a lengthy letter to the guard. She then observed Ambassador ADLAI STEVENSON leaving the building. She then presented the letter to Ambassador STEVENSON, who told her that he would give the letter "his serious consideration". The group of SOBELL supporters then dispersed.

In addition, the subject reportedly participated in the following meetings and functions of the CSJMS. It is noted that in some instances the subject only attended the meeting, however, at most of these meetings she reportedly was a speaker.

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June 30, 1962

Spoke at meeting
of the Philadelphia
branch of the CSJMS
at 6730 North 13th
Street, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

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September 12,
1962

Attended meeting of
the CSJMS at 940
Broadway, New York
City

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September 23,
1962

Spoke at National
Conference of the
CSJMS held at Adelphi
Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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April 3,
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Attended meeting
New York CSJMS
940 Broadway, New
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B. Publicity

The February 12, 1962 issue of the "Yorkshire Post", a British newspaper, carried an article reporting that HELEN SOBELL visited Lord EARL RUSSELL seeking his help in her efforts to secure the release from prison of her husband, MORTON SOBELL.

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The Young Communist League has been designated
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The March 29, 1962, issue of the "Golden Gater",
a student newspaper at San Francisco State College, San
Francisco, California, contained an article entitled, (u)

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"HELEN SOBELL Still Trying To Clear Convicted Husband". This article reported an interview of the subject on March 23, 1962, on the State College campus and stated in part that "she has concrete evidence to prove that the prosecution witness, MAX ELITCHER, who admitted he had perjured himself, was later given a job by the FBI". U

The March 30, 1962, issue of the "Morning Freiheit" contained on Page 8, Columns 4 and 5, an article reporting that the CSJMS would hold a "Breakfast For Freedom" on Saturday, April 6, at the Hotel Belmont Plaza, 49th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City. The article went on to state that HELEN SOBELL at that time would report on the efforts being made in Europe to free her husband. The article went on to state that after the breakfast a "March for Justice" would be held from the Belmont Plaza to the office of the American Delegation to the United Nations, where they would present a petition requesting that MORTON SOBELL be released from prison.

A characterization of the "Morning Freiheit" appears in the Appendix hereto.

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[REDACTED] advised . . . on December 7, 1962, that
on December 3, 1962, at the Village South Theater, New b7D
York City, approximately 125 persons attended a showing
of a film about MORTON SOBELL. According to the informant,
it received a favorable reaction and HELEN SOBELL
requested donations from those in attendance to finance
the showing of this film on television. U

On February 14, 1963, radio station WMCA,
New York City, on its 11 p.m. program, featuring announcer
BARRY GRAY, presented a public debate between HELEN
SOBELL, STEPHEN LOVE, a retired professor of law from
Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, and ROY
COHN, former Assistant United States Attorney in the
Southern District of New York, New York City.

HELEN SOBELL introduced the debate by stating
that MORTON SOBELL, who had been imprisoned for 13 years,
had been unjustly accused, convicted and sentenced, and
added she was presenting his case to the courts and to the people.
She cited the fact that eminent law professors, clergymen,
and senators favored SOBELL's release, as proof of this
injustice and added that the United States Court of
Appeals in a current decision, stated that ETHEL ROSENBERG
would have been entitled to a new trial, were she to have
been convicted today. HELEN SOBELL went on to state that
she believed ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG were innocent
and unjustly executed. U

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STEPHEN LOVE and ROY COHN engaged in a debate in which LOVE stated that he believed MORTON SOBELL to be innocent, the sentence of 30 years to have been excessive and the conviction to have been won by the Government on the basis of anti-Communist feeling and sentiment.

COHN summed up the arguments of MORTON SOBELL's attorney as being a "phoney", emotional appeal utilizing the names of distinguished people who were not aware of the facts.

[redacted] advised on February 28, 1963, that the CSJMS held a meeting on February 27, 1963 at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York City, which was attended by approximately 700 people. During this meeting a film entitled "MORTON SOBELL, A Plea For Justice" was shown. The informant described this film as one consisting of interviews primarily with a number of so-called prominent people who supported the cause of the CSJMS. The film lasted about 30 minutes. The informant related that HELEN SOBELL spoke in defense of her husband and claimed he was not guilty as charged. She further announced that she was flying to Atlanta, Georgia, on February 28, 1963, to visit her husband and would remain there until March 1, 1963.

[redacted] furnished [redacted] substantially the same information, as above regarding this affair.

C. Picketing Activities

[redacted] advised on April 4, 1962, that HELEN SOBELL and her husband's mother, ROSE SOBELL, led a picket line organized by the Los Angeles chapter of the CSJMS which paraded in front of the Federal Building, Los Angeles, California, during the afternoon of March 26, 1962.

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On October 13, 1962, SAS of the FBI observed a picket line led by HELEN SOBELL in the park at 43rd Street and First Avenue, New York City, across the street from the entrance to the United Nations Headquarters. The marchers, of which there were about 17 to 38, during the two hour period, carried signs requesting clemency and freedom for MORTON SOBELL, and they requested onlookers to write to the President and/or the Parole Board in Washington, D.C. requesting freedom for MORTON SOBELL, prior to October 30, 1962, parole hearing. One of the marchers distributed a four page pamphlet entitled, "Give A Day Of Your Life", dated January, 1962, which was published by CSJMS.

IV. Communist Party Interest Regarding Subject's Role in the CSJMS

[redacted] advised on 3/19/63 that the Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (BCCLCR) held an open meeting on March 11, 1963, at the Allerton Center, 683 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, New York, which was attended by about 70 persons. The informant reported that the film "MORTON SOBELL - A Plea For Justice" was shown and that HELEN SOBELL made an appeal for funds. b7D

[redacted] also furnished substantially the same information as above concerning the subject's participation in this affair. b7D

A characterization of the BCCLCR is contained in the Appendix hereto.

V. Other Associations of the Subject

[redacted] advised on May 7, 1962, that the subject attended and spoke at a party held at the

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at the residence of [REDACTED]

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B. Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

A characterization of the ECLC is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

[REDACTED] advised on December 17, 1962, that the subject attended and was introduced at a dinner sponsored by the ECLC and held in the Albert Ballroom of the Americana Hotel, New York City, on December 5, 1962. According to the informant, this affair was attended by approximately 1,000 people and during the evening Lord BERTRAND RUSSELL was awarded the Tom Paine Award for his contribution to the fight for civil liberties.

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According to the informant, a taped acceptance speech by RUSSELL was played in which he complimented the ECLC and its fight for rights. RUSSELL went on to claim that too much power was in the hands of too few men and that the danger of world destruction had been reduced to the whim of a few leaders.

Subject's attendance at the above ECLC function was also reported by [REDACTED] all of whom furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

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APPENDIXBRONX COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS

On November 22, 1955, a source advised that the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners was formed in 1952, by Communist Party (CP) members in the Bronx, New York. He described this committee as the type of Communist group that is formed in a local community for the purpose of agitating for amnesty for convicted CP leaders. U

On February 8, 1957, a second source advised that the name of the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners had been changed to the Bronx Civil Rights Committee. On February 13, 1957, the first source advised that the name of this organization had been changed again to the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee. On July 30, 1957, the second source advised that the organization was actively participating in a campaign for the abolition of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities. On March 18, 1958, he advised that the organization was sending delegations to Congressmen in connection with this abolition campaign. U

On April 11, 1952, a third source advised that the organization had changed its name again to the Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties and Civil Rights. He advised that the organization was actively campaigning for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, repeal of the SMITH and WALTER-MCGARVAN Act, as well as for amnesty for all political prisoners, including those in prison under the TAFT-HARTLEY Act. U

On September 13, 1962, a fourth source advised that the organization has no established headquarters and utilizes the Allerton Community Center, 533 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, New York, as its meeting place and mailing address. U

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'"

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 9, 1962, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

"1. 'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.'

'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * WILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.'

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECLC also have been identified under oath as Communists.
* * *

(Committee on Un-American Activities,
Annual Report for 1953, House Report
137, March 9, 1954, pp. 34 and 35.)

'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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APPENDIX"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

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- "1. The Communist International 'subsidized * * * the founding of the CPUSA's newspaper, Freiheit.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-1C1, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 18, 1956, p. 159.)
- "2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7685.)
- "3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-3074) RUC.

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, aka
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(OO:NY)

DATE: 6/24/63

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1-WFO
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Con't to State CIA Sec. Service Dept. Head.
by routing slip for Embassy of Great Britain,
 Info Action Madrid, Spain, France
Date 6/27/63
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

June 24, 1963

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

The files of Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed June 21, 1963, disclose Helen Levitov Sobell was issued Passport C-740194 at New York City on November 23, 1962, for proposed travel to England, Belgium, France, and Italy for one month for business and pleasure. In application dated November 21, 1962, at New York City, she stated intention to depart from New York City about December 15 (1962) via Pan American Airways, not traveling by organized tour. She stated she had made one trip abroad within the previous twelve months and expected to travel abroad again within two years. Passport was valid for three years' travel to all countries except Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control.

Subject was born on March 13, 1918, at Washington, D.C. Listed permanent residence as 30 Charlton Street, New York City. She indicated her marriage to Morton Sobell on March 10, 1945, had not been terminated. In the event of death or accident, she requested her mother, Rose Ettin Levitov, be notified at 1072 Ruatan Street, Washington, D.C. (listed in current Washington, D.C. telephone directory as Silver Spring, Maryland). Mrs. Sobell listed occupation as "Public Relations".

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FILE # 100-404849

SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

SERIAL 116 DATE 6/21/63

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information which would disclose an intelligence
source. This serial bears the Classification
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1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. W. L. Smith
1 - Mr. E. R. Stark
1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Krupinsky

Date: June 25, 1963

To: Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
SECURITY MATTER - C

APPROPRIATE OFFICES
AND FIELD OFFICES
INVOLVED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF Class
DATE PP/mi 4-7-68

Reference is made to information previously furnished to your Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and the United States Secret Service concerning the captioned individual.

Information has been received indicating that Sobell is scheduled to depart Idlewild International Airport, New York, on Trans World Airlines Flight 840 at 9:45 p.m. on June 25, 1963, and arrive in Rome, Italy, at 10:45 a.m. on June 26, 1963. No additional information has been received regarding her exact itinerary while abroad. (U)

1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

1 - Chief, U. S. Secret Service

2-London (100-25088)

2-Bonn

2-Paris (100-1315)

2-Madrid (100-1316)

2-Rome (100-655)

2-New York (100-109849)(100-10711)

2-Bern

ALL OFFICES SEE NOTE PAGE 2

1-100-1087835 (Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

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Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

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ATTENTION LEGATS, LONDON, PARIS, ROME, BERN, BONN, AND MADRID,
AND SAC, NEW YORK:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to the
Department of State dated June 24, 1963.

Legats and SAC, New York, follow instructions
as set forth in Bureau letter.

NOTE:

Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
State, CIA, Secret Service, FBI or interested agencies,
and appropriate Legats have been previously furnished
pertinent information regarding the subject and her travel
to Europe. (u)

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June 25, 1963

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO: LEGAL ATTACHES, BONN — 967
LONDON — 160
PARIS — 327
ROME — 524

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)
(100-387835)

- 1 - Mr. W. L. Smith
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HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, SM-C. COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE,
FOR MORTON SOBELL, IS-C; ISA-50.

REBULET TO STATE JUNE TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

HELEN SOBELL, WIFE OF MORTON SOBELL, WILL ARRIVE ROME

JUNS TWENTY-SIX. [REDACTED] REPRESENTATIVE OF COMMITTEE HAS
EVENTS, NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED, LINED UP IN BERLIN, AMSTERDAM,
THE NETHERLANDS, PARIS AND LONDON. PLANS MADE FOR LARGE

DEMONSTRATION IN ROME WHILE PRESIDENT IS THERE AND EVENT IN
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TRAVELING WITH PRESIDENTIAL PARTY TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO
SECRET SERVICE THERE.

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VIA CABLEGRAM

JUN 25 1963

6:39 PM on

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1 - 100-356640 [REDACTED]
1 - 62-108641 (President's Travel)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

CABLEGRAM TO BONN
LONDON
PARIS
ROME

RE: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

100-404849

100-387835

NOTE:

Subject on Security Index. Pertinent information
regarding Sobell and [redacted] previously furnished State, CIA,
Secret Service and appropriate Legats. Cablegram being sent
containing particulars of subject's departure from the
United States and scheduled events in Europe while the
President is there.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JUN 24 1963

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tavel
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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TO DIRECTOR -6- 100-404849 100-387835
FROM SAC NEW YORK 100-109849 100-107211
HELEN SOBELL , SMC

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END

8-29 PM NY R 6 WA WS

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13 JUN 27 1963

A. E. J. KRUPINSKY
Advised 9:15 PM 6-24-63
to Rome

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June 25, 1963

CABLEGRAM

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TO: LEGAL ATTACHE' ROME

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849) — 119

REBULET TO STATE JUNE TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO DEPART IDLEWILD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NEW YORK, ON TRANS WORLD AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FOUR ZERO AT NINE FORTY-FIVE A.M., JUNE TWENTY-FIVE INSTANT AND ARRIVE ROME TEN FORTY-FIVE A.M., JUNE TWENTY-SIX NEXT.

ALERT SOURCES AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

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TYPED BY	██████████

Subject on Security Index. Pertinent information previously furnished to State, CIA, Secret Services and appropriate Legats. Cablegram being sent containing particulars of subject's departure from the United States and arrival in Italy. Rome Embassy by telegram dated 6/20/63 to State Department indicated interest in the subject's arrival in Italy.

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (FBI - 100-404849 through for review)

VIA CABLEGRAM

JUN 25 1963

12:15 PM per Mail

FBI - 100-404849
JUN 25 1963

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

KRUPINSKY

FBI

Date: 6/25/63

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(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849) (P)
SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL aka
SM - C
(OO:NEW YORK)

Re NY teletype 6/24/63.

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NY will verify subject's return to the US on 9/1/63. A lookout notice against subject's re-entry into the US has been placed with INS.

- (4) - Bureau (100-404849) (Encle 12) '(RM)
(1 - 100-387835) (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)
1 - New York (100-107111) (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)
1 - New York (100-109849) REC 7. 100-404849-23120

CWS, San Francisco, California, 17 JUN 28 1963
by Fortune Air Transport, Inc., Roma
Date: 6/26/63 Roma
F.C. Weller, F.D.I.C.

Approved: Joe Sent: _____ M Per: _____
Special Agent in Charge

SUBJ: [REDACTED]

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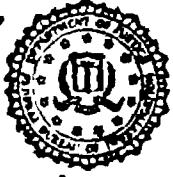
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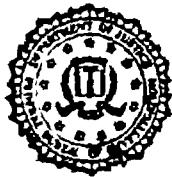
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Berlin to London	July 16, 1963	British European Airways Flight Number 661
London to Manchester	July 16, 1963	British European Airways Flight Number 4042
Manchester to London	July 18, 1963	British European Airways Flight Number 4051
London to Paris (Le Bourget Airport)	July 23, 1963	British European Airways Flight Number 344
Paris to Geneva	July 29, 1963	Air France Flight Number 664
Geneva to Zurich	August 1, 1963	Alitalia Airlines Flight Number 217
Zurich to Vienna	August 1, 1963	Austrian Airlines Flight Number 504
Vienna to Venice	August 7, 1963	Austrian Airlines Flight Number 801
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Rome to New York (due to arrive Idlewild 7:00 p.m.)	September 1, 1963	Trans World Airlines Flight Number 801



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