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RE: MORTON SOBELL
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ReButel 9/22/50 granting permission to interview MORRIS MATTHEW BAYLEN, 738 Snediker Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, a graduate of CCNY in 1938.

It is to be noted that BAYLEN is the subject of a [redacted] case, file No. [redacted] According to Confidential Informant N he was a member of the CP and a member of the Educational Committee of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, at the time he was employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, between 1938 and 1941.

BAYLEN refused an interview with agents without the service of an attorney. Accordingly, he was interviewed by SA REX I. SHRODER and the writer on October 10, 1950 at the New York Office of the FBI, in the presence of his attorney, MICHAEL WOLLIN, 215 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York.

BAYLEN identified a photo of JULIUS ROSENBERG and stated that he knew him from the time they both attended CCNY in the engineering course. He stated that he was not friendly with him, did not fraternize with him, and did not attend any social functions with him. He was unable to recall whether ROSENBERG was in any of his classes, but he did not think so. BAYLEN stated that he was never asked by ROSENBERG to furnish any information to him, or to or by anyone else and never did so.

He stated that he saw ROSENBERG once since graduating from CCNY. The occasion for this meeting was at a hospital where ROSENBERG'S father was a patient in need of blood transfusions. This occurred before BAYLEN entered the Army, after the end of World War II. JOEL BARR had told BAYLEN that Mr. ROSENBERG was very ill and asked him if he would give Mr. ROSENBERG some blood. BAYLEN stated that this was not an unusual request because all during the war he gave blood as a contribution to the war effort. It was his recollection that JULIUS ROSENBERG was present at the hospital at that time.

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BAYLEN did not know WILLIAM PERL, but he identified WILLIAM MUTTER-PERL from a photograph. He stated that MUTTER PERL was a classmate of his at CCNY and stated that he attended some of the same classes BAYLEN did. BAYLEN did not associate with MUTTERPERL in any way and has not seen him since they both graduated.

BAYLEN recognized a photo of WILLIAM DANZIGER as a classmate of his at CCNY who attended some of his classes. He also saw DANZIGER while both of them were employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Since that time he has seen DANZIGER once, in Washington, D.C. in late 1946 or early 1947. In this connection BAYLEN advised he was drafted into the war and was in an army camp in Virginia. While on leave in Washington, D.C. he looked up DANZIGER and visited him. He has not seen DANZIGER since that time. He stated that DANZIGER at no time ever attempted to obtain any information from him.

BAYLEN was unable to recognize a photo of Mr. and Mrs. MIKE SIDOROVICH, MARK PAGE, or Mr. and Mrs. DAVID GREENGLASS. He likewise did not know Mrs. ETHEL ROSENBERG.

He identified the photo of AL SARANT as "AL", who lived with JOEL BARR in an apartment in Greenwich Village. Later on his own initiative he referred to AL SARANT as "SARANT". He had no explanation for recalling SARANT'S last name later in the interview. He advised that he met SARANT through JOEL BARR.

BAYLEN identified the photo of JOEL BARR as a classmate of his at CCNY and stated that it was a good likeness of BARR. In addition BAYLEN and BARR were neighbors while both of them lived at Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He recalled that BARR invited him to a party at Morton Street, where BARR and SARANT were then living. He went there alone by subway and recalled having a hard time finding the apartment. He was unable even to approximate the time of this party. He saw nothing unusual in the apartment and did not notice any photographic equipment. To the best of his recollection the apartment consisted of a kitchen and a living room. He could not recall how it was furnished. BAYLEN stated that there were about ten or twelve people present at this party, most of them unknown to him. BAYLEN and SARANT were the only two individuals he could recall; however, he later identified a photo of HETTI SAVIDOF as one of the girls present at the above party. He was certain that no other classmates of his at CCNY were present at this party. He also

recalled that the evening was spent in listening mostly to classical records together with a few popular records.

BAYLEN stated that prior to his visit to BARR, mentioned above, on Morton Street, he had visited BARR on one or two occasions in an apartment located on the corner of 97th Street and Broadway. He recalled that BARR was a camera fiend and at that time saw that BARR had a LEICA camera. More recently he had heard that BARR is in Europe but did not recall from whom he had heard this. He likewise did not know in what section of Europe BARR was, what he was doing, or why he went there. He stated that he did not know when he would return.

BAYLEN advised that he knew MORTON SOBELL as a classmate of his in some of his engineering classes at CCNY. He stated that he has not seen MORTON SOBELL since he graduated from CCNY.

With reference to BAYLEN'S attendance at CCNY he advised that he did not belong to the Music Club or the Steinmetz Club. He would not answer whether or not he belonged to the CP or the Young Communist League. He also would not answer whether he was a member of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians. He did state that the amount of homework was so heavy that he did not have time for social activities while attending CCNY.

He advised that he knew MAX ELITCHER while attending CCNY but that he has not seen ELITCHER since that time.

In conclusion he again reiterated that he was not friendly with any of the subjects or suspects in this case except those mentioned above, and that he was never approached by them or anyone else to furnish material to anyone not authorized to receive it. He further added that he definitely would not have furnished such information if he had been approached to do so. He was unable to recall if any of the material he worked on in the Brooklyn Navy Yard was secret or classified. He admitted that it might have been. He stated that he did not know whether ROSENBERG was friendly with any of his other classmates.

BAYLEN graduated from CCNY with an Electrical Engineering Degree in February, 1938. He was employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard from October, 1938

until November, 1941. In 1941 he purchased a green Chevrolet, four door sedan. He was later employed by the GEORGE SHARP Co., Naval Architects, 30 Church Street, New York City. In 1946 and part of 1947 he served eight months in the United States Army. He is presently employed by Gibson Hill (Ph.) as a power plant designer, possibly Gibbons & Heidtman, Architects, 211 East 37th Street, New York City.

From observation it was determined that BAYLEN has jet black curly hair, cut short and combed straight back. He is greying at the temples. He has an exceptionally dark complexion, wears dark horn rimmed glasses and smokes a pipe. He has a narrow forehead, wide black eyebrows and brown eyes.

JOHN A. HANISCH, SA

New York, New York
October 30, 1950

MEMO

Re: JULIUS ROSENBERG
Espionage - R

Re memo of SA John Lewis, dated 8/25/50 in the case entitled DAVID GREENGLASS, Espionage - R.

YURA ARKUS-DUNTOV was interviewed on 10/17/50 by SA Bert S. Taylor and the writer. The following information was obtained:

DUNTOV and his brother ZORA operated the Ardun Mechanical Corporation at 503 W. 56th St., N.Y.C. from the fall of 1945 until May, 1950.

Sometime in 1946 (DUNTOV was unable to give month or season) JULIUS ROSENBERG came to their office and the brothers met him for the first time. ROSENBERG contracted with the Ardun Corp. for some grinding work to be done on what DUNTOV believes was a selector valve for a Wright airplane engine. DUNTOV states the work continued, periodically, for about 3 months, during which time they worked on approximately 200 valves.

DUNTOV said the work was actually done by his shop foreman, KARL BIRKEN, 20 Stuyvesant Oval, N.Y.C., and he believed that, consequently, BIRKEN would remember more about the work performed. The Ardun Mechanical Corp. is no longer existant and BIRKEN is no longer employed by DUNTOV. DUNTOV said however, that following the arrest of GREENGLASS and again after the news of the subject's arrest appeared in the papers, BIRKEN called him up to ask if he had seen the papers and remembered these men. DUNTOV said the names and pictures meant nothing to him until BIRKEN refreshed his memory.

DUNTOV said his brother, ZORA, spent very little time in the shop and although he has met both GREENGLASS and the subject, he doubts if he knew anything about them.

DUNTOV said that either the subject or GREENGLASS picked up the work when it was ready. He was unable to state whether or not anyone else had ever accompanied either of the men, however.

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DUNTOV said that he visited ROSENBERG's shop just once, and the purpose was to pick up a check owed him by the subject. He said he only talked to ROSENBERG while there, and didn't stay over five minutes.

DUNTOV said that, after his contract with ROSENBERG was finished, the subject came to his shop approximately every 3 months until about 1948. DUNTOV said the purpose of these visits was an attempt by the subject to obtain business for his own shop from DUNTOV. He said that during these visits, he and ROSENBERG discussed engineering problems. He was unable to be specific in regard to any subjects discussed, but said he assumed they had discussed jet propulsion and expulsion as one subject, inasmuch as that was his (DUNTOV's) primary interest at that time.

DUNTOV said that he was not aware that ROSENBERG was "pumping" him at any time but states that the subject very probably could have obtained information of a technical nature from him during these conversations.

Informant said he is anti-Russian and anti-Communist and can definitely state that these topics were never discussed, as he would probably have become violent.

DUNTOV said he may have seen ROSENBERG subsequent to 1948 but does not remember it.

He said he could not recall any conversations with GREENGLASS other than casual remarks, and pointed out the difference between GREENGLASS' and ROSENBERG's minds and training.

DUNTOV said his shop was working on a jet helicoptor for the Jet Helicoptor Corp., formerly located on 5th Ave., during the period of the ROSENBERG contract. The informant said the Jet Helicoptor Corp. ran out of funds and the airplane was not finished, to his knowledge. He said he held the plane as security for money owed him for several months but that after the bills were paid, he turned the helicoptor over to some N.J. engineering firm. The name of this firm is not known to DUNTOV.

The informant furnished the following information in regard to himself:

He was born on February 1, 1917 at Petrograd, Russia and left Russia in 1927 to go to Germany. DUNTOV left Germany in 1933, went to France and remained there until 1940. He entered the U.S. at Hoboken, N.J. in December, 1940 as a visitor. In 1941 or 1942, DUNTOV went to Canada and returned to the U.S. for permanent residence. He obtained U.S. citizenship in 1946 and is married to an American born citizen.

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DUNTOV and his brother, ZORA are automotive and aeronautical engineers. They have perfected a means of converting a Ford V-8 engine into a racing engine at little cost. DUNTOV states that their motor is more effective than a $6,000 Offenhauser motor. He said 2 of their motors were used effectively in the Indianapolis Memorial Day race in 1950, and in other races since then have proven their worth.

YURA and ZORA DUNTOV own 25% each of the stock of the Ardun Engine Co., 37 E. 28th St., N.Y.C. YURA DUNTOV stated that this firm serves to import parts needed for his motor and that the patent for the motor has recently been sold to ALBERT H. HAAS, President, Stevens Motors, 117-17 Atlantic Ave., Richmond Hill, Queens, N.Y. Stevens Motors is an automobile agency and YURA DUNTOV is presently working in their physical plant at the above address. He has contracted to set up assembly lines for his motor for Mr. HAAS, and is so engaged at the present time.

YURA DUNTOV was shown photographs of the following persons:

JULIUS ROSENBERG
ETHEL ROSENBERG
DAVID GREENGLASS
RUTH GREENGLASS
ALFRED SARANT
LOUISE SARANT
MORTON SOBELL
HELEN SOBELL
VIVIAN GLASSMAN
WILLIAM PERL
MICHAEL SIDOROVICH
ANNE SIDOROVICH
NATHAN SUSSMAN
ISRAEL PINKSON
BETTY SANDERS
STANLEY RICH
MARK PAGE
RUSSELL McNUTT
STEPHEN JAVNA
CARLA JAVNA
JOEL BARR
WELDON DAYTON
MAX FINESTONE
MAX ELITCHER
HELENE ELITCHER
WILLIAM DANZIGER
ABE SILVERSTEIN
HENRIETTA SAVIDGE

DUNTOV recognized the photographs of J. ROSENBERG and D. GREENGLASS; and said that the photo of DANZIGER looked familiar some how. He was unable to state, however, whether he had ever seen DANZIGER or whether the photo might resemble someone else whom he knew. He said that none of the other photographs were familiar to him.

DUNTOV denied that he had flown or been associated with the Spanish War in any way. He said that the only time he has been in Spain was when he crossed that country enroute to the U.S. in 1940. He further advised that he was in France during that war, and that his brother, ZORA, was in Belgium during that period.

DUNTOV said that he served in a technical capacity with the French Air Force from the summer of 1940 until the fall of 1940.

He stated that he does not fly, and that he took flying lessons from an airport in Port Jarvis, L.I., N.Y. in approximately 1945 or 1946, but quit after only five or six hours because his reflexes were not good.

YURA DUNTOV said that, in 1942, when he employed about 250 men, he had one employee who had been a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. DUNTOV said this man left about one year later and he only recalls him because of the stories which this employee used to tell about his experiences in Spain.

DUNTOV stated that he is not, and never has been, a member of the Communist Party; and further that he has never been in sympathy with that party.

KARL BIRKEN, 20 Stuyvesant Oval, N.Y.C., is at present Director of Research, Electromath Corp., 70 Westmoreland Ave., White Plains, N.Y. He was interview on 10/23/50 at his place of employment, by the writer.

BIRKEN said that he first met JULIUS ROSENBERG during the summer of 1946 when the subject came to the Ardun Mechanical Corp., where BIRKEN was shop foreman. BIRKEN explained, as YURA DUNTOV did, that the subject came to them to have some grinding work done on a valve for the Wright aircraft engine. He said that he personally did the grinding on a great number of these valves, all in approximately a two month period. He said that either ROSENBERG or GREENGLASS brought the work to the shop and picked it up.

BIRKEN said that he didn't have much conversation with GREENGLASS but that ROSENBERG usually arrived at the shop half an hour or so before the valves were ready, and spent this time watching BIRKEN work and conversing with him.

He said that ROSENBERG did not impress him as being very intelligent but that the subject did seem to enjoy discussing engineering problems with him.

BIRKEN said that he, personally, had developed the jet engine which the corporation was using in the helicoptor being built by them for the Jet Helicoptor Corp. He said that ROSENBERG didn't seem particularly interested in this engine, however; and that the subject never obtained any specific information from him.

The informant said ROSENBERG never mentioned Communism or Russia during their conversations and stated that he (BIRKEN) and the DUNTOV brothers were and are very much opposed to Communism.

BIRKEN said that ROSENBERG wanted him to enter into a partnership for the manufacture of model airplane engines. He said that he visited the subject's shop, G and R Engineering Co., once, in 1946 for the purpose of looking over the subject's facilities. BIRKEN said that this visit ended the talk of a partnership as he found the machinery inadequate and the shop "dirty as a garbage can".

BIRKEN said that, on this visit to the subject's shop, he met BERNIE GREENGLASS, DAVID GREENGLASS' brother, and two workmen whose names he does not recall.

The informant recalled that DAVID GREENGLASS did a lot of talking about his personal life and that he told BIRKEN and others in the Ardun Mechanical Corp. that he had worked on the Atom Bomb. BIRKEN said they discussed a movie which was exhibited to the public, and which showed the bomb being exploded at Los Alamos. He said that GREENGLASS told him that the movie revealed almost the exact shape and size of the bomb. BIRKEN said he had the impression that GREENGLASS would have told him all he knew about the bomb if he had asked him, but that he didn't want to know anything about it.

BIRKEN said that, while the Ardun Corp. was doing work for ROSENBERG, the subject visited their shop approximately twelve times. He said, however, that after this approximate two month period, he never saw either the subject or GREENGLASS again.

It is noted that YURA DUNTOV said that the subject continued to visit the shop periodically, after they finished his work. BIRKEN was not told of DUNTOV's statement but was asked if ROSENBERG could have visited the shop after the work was completed and not have been seen by him. He said that was possible.

BIRKEN was shown all of the pictures set out earlier in this memo, and stated that only those of the subject and DAVID GREENGLASS were familiar to him. He said that he has not met either of these men's wives.

BIRKEN stated that he was born in Vienna, Austria on April 17, 1918, entered the U.S. at N.Y.C. in 1921 and obtained citizenship through his father's papers in approximately 1936.

He was employed by the Ardun Mechanical Corp. from 1941 until the spring of 1947, with the exception of service in the U.S. Army from April, 1944 to June, 1945.

BIRKEN said that, to the best of his knowledge, the father of the DUNTOV brothers is in Belgium, their mother is in [redacted] Connecticut, and their step-father (name unknown to BIRKEN) is in Florida.

BIRKEN said that the DUNTOV brothers' father did act as a paymaster for the Russian government in Germany following the revolution; but that he misappropriated funds, was ordered back to the U.S.S.R., refused to return and is consequently a fugitive from that country.

The informant said he believed ZORA DUNTOV to have been a machine gunner in the French Air Force prior to the capitulation of France. He knew nothing of YURA DUNTOV's having been in the French Air Force.

BIRKEN said he felt certain that neither of the brothers were in the Spanish War and also doubts that either of them are pilots.

He felt, as YURA DUNTOV did, that ZORA DUNTOV had very little contact with ROSENBERG or GREENGLASS. BIRKEN said that ZORA DUNTOV spent very little time in the plant and that all of the subject's contacts were with either himself or YURA DUNTOV.

In view of the information obtained from BIRKEN and YURA DUNTOV concerning the subject's relations with the firm, and further in view of the fact that both men have said that the subject's contacts were principally with them, it is not believed that an interview with ZORA DUNTOV would be of any value at this time, and he is consequently not being interviewed.

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The following physical descriptions were obtained through observation and interrogation:

Name:	YURA ARKUS-DUNTOV
Birth:	2/1/17 at Petrograd, Russia
Residence:	19 E. 76th St., N.Y.C. (telephone BU 8-6006)
Height:	approximately 5'9"
Weight:	approximately 140 lbs
Build:	slender
Hair:	brown, greying
Eyes:	dark blue
Complexion:	medium to dark
Speech:	heavy French accent
Relatives:	wife, SARA DELMA ARKUS-DUNTOV nee BYNUM; professional name BROOK BYRON as TV actress. brother, ZORA ARKUS-DUNTOV, 33 Riverside Drive, N.Y.C., telephone EN 2-5373
Occupation:	automotive engineer

Name:	KARL BIRKEN
Birth:	4/17/18 at Vienna, Austria
Residence:	20 Stuyvesant Oval, N.Y.C.
Height:	approximately 5'8"
Weight:	approximately 180 lbs.
Build:	heavy
Hair:	light brown, bald in front
Eyes:	blue
Complexion:	light
Mustache:	small, close cropped
Occupation:	Director of Research, Electromath Corp., 70 Westmoreland Ave., White Plains, N.Y.

EDWARD C. MORGAN, SA

New York, New York
October 31, 1950

MEMO

Re: JULIUS ROSENBERG
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Re memo of SA WILLIAM D. WRIGHT, dated September 1, 1950, and Bureau teletype to New York, October 10, 1950, at 9:41 p.m.

On October 26 last, the writer, accompanied by SA EDWARD C. MORGAN, contacted HAROLD ROTH, at his residence 156 Henry Street, New York City. Mr. ROTH was questioned concerning his acquaintanceship or association with both JULIUS ROSENBERG and his wife, and GREENGLASS and his wife.

ROTH advised that he was not acquainted with either JULIUS or ETHEL ROSENBERG or DAVID and RUTH GREENGLASS. Consequently, he advised that he did not know whether ROSENBERG or his wife ETHEL had ever been members of the CP.

ROTH denied that he, himself, had ever been a member of the CP. He also denied that he had ever been a member of the YCL and in this connection advised that he had not known JULIUS ROSENBERG at CCNY. ROTH also denied that he had been a member of the American Peace Mobilization and when questioned as to whether or not he had ever signed a CP Nominating Petition, he advised that he had signed many things in his life and that he might have signed a CP Nominating Petition.

It is pointed out that the interview with ROTH was completely negative with ROTH repeatedly asking why he was being questioned in this connection. While ROTH was neither assured or threatened with the possibility of his being subpoenaed before the Grand Jury in an investigation of this matter, it was intimated that he perhaps might be summoned to answer these and other questions by Federal Grand Jury. ROTH advised that should such an event occur he would be willing to testify under oath should any of these questions be put to him by a Federal Grand Jury.

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