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Sobell Begins Term

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27 (AP) — Morton Sobell, 35, convicted atomic spy, today began serving his 30-year term in Alcatraz prison.

As he walked off a plane from New York last night the handcuffed, bespectacled radar expert insisted he is innocent of passing atom bomb secrets to the Soviet government. He said his conviction was "a clear case of political persecution."

Sobell was convicted last year with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. All three were found guilty of conspiring to pass atomic information to the Soviets. The Rosenbergs, sentenced to death, are seeking a re-hearing.

Morton Sobell

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On October 15th last [redacted] identity not be disclosed [redacted] visited the Albuquerque Division and furnished the following information:

Informant previously resided [redacted] where she was a very close friend of [redacted] wife of [redacted] The KRATZES then resided at about 6400 River Road in Cincinnati over a grocery store.

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Sometime during 1948, while visiting with MIRIAM and LAWRENCE KRATZ, one ABE SOBELL appeared at the home of KRATZ and appeared to be a friend of LARRY KRATZ, and while there talked in a very Pro-Russian manner. The source could not recall any specific statements made by SOBELL. Informant learned that KRATZ had met SOBELL in New York City and that SOBELL at that time was living in the Avondale section of Cincinnati.

Informant described SOBELL as follows:

Age	30 (approximately)
Height	5'10"
Weight	175
Hair	Dark brown - wavy
Eyes	Brown; wore dark horn rim glasses
Scars and Marks	None
Complexion	Medium
Race	Jewish

Informant stated she was not positive of the loyalty of LARRY KRATZ since he associated with a person of SOBELL's type, but that she is sure that MIRIAM KRATZ is a loyal American. She stated that LARRY KRATZ prides himself on being an intellectual.

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The reason for [redacted] visit was that she felt that ABE SOBELL might be identical with MORTON SOBELL of the ROSENBERG Espionage Ring. Photographs of MORTON SOBELL were exhibited to [redacted] but she could not identify the photograph with the person known to her as ABE SOBELL.

The source advised that the KRATZES now reside at 1573 Springlawn Avenue, Cincinnati, 23, Ohio.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (100-2087) (RUC)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4/6/87 BY 3842PWJ/A

RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Mrs. LINDA HUGHES, 8202 Morrow Road, N. E., is a former employee of the Hilton Hotels and was employed at the Hilton in Albuquerque during the pertinent period of the ROSENBERG case. Her last employment with the Hilton Hotels was in Albuquerque. She left the Albuquerque Hilton in the past year because the hotel in Albuquerque had been sold to another chain. [redacted] source of the Albuquerque [redacted]

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On 2/10/66, Mrs. LINDA HUGHES advised that a person identifying himself as MALCOLM SHARP, a law professor at the University of New Mexico, called her and wanted to know if she had read the book about the ROSENBERG case written by WALTER SCHNEIR. She answered no. He then seemed to be surprised that she had not kept up with the ROSENBERG case and the SOBELL case. He also referred to the fact that she had previously signed an affidavit. He said his purpose in calling was to ask her to verify the statements in the book attributed to her. He indicated that he had talked with Mr. ARNHART, the present manager of the Hilton Hotel, and he had been cooperative. He volunteered to bring a copy of the book to Mrs. HUGHES so she could read it.

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On 2/15/66, Mrs. HUGHES advised that the next day Mr. SHARP came by her house and left a copy of the book by WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR together with a summation of "INVITATION TO AN INQUEST," prepared by him, and an affidavit prepared by him which he wanted her to sign. In referring to the summation, he told Mrs. HUGHES, "These are my views entirely."

Mrs. HUGHES had checked that portion of the book wherein she is referred to and has found it is inaccurate and misquotes her statements to Mr. SCHNEIR. At the time SCHNEIR was in Albuquerque preparing the book, she had not wanted to talk with him but decided, after consulting with a friend, that it would probably be the only way to get rid of him because he had been persistent.

On 2/14/66, Mr. SHARP called Mrs. HUGHES and wanted to know if he could come by and pick up the affidavit. She told him that he could pick it up if he wanted to but that she had not signed it and did not intend to sign it because it is not correct. Mr. SHARP was disturbed about her having not signed the document and suggested that she check with Mr. ARNHART. She told him she did not need to check with Mr. ARNHART, that her mind was definitely made up, and she had no intention of signing. He then wanted to know if she had read the book and she said that she had not but would like to keep the book for a while so she could read it. He then said she could have the book, that Mr. and Mrs. SCHNEIR should have sent her a complementary copy of the book, anyway. She then wanted to pay him for the book and he insisted that this was not necessary.

Mrs. HUGHES then reminded Mr. SHARP that she could not recall ever having signed an affidavit in connection with the case. When Mr. SHARP had handed her the affidavit he had mentioned that if she would sign it there was a possibility it would save her having to go back to New York to testify. He seemed confident that there would be a new trial in the SOBELL matter. At the time she informed him that she had no intention of signing the affidavit, he took the attitude, "Well, then you will have to be subpoenaed." He said this in a manner that indicated she should be afraid of a subpoena. In her reply to him she let him know she was not afraid of a subpoena and she had no fear of testifying.

As will be noted the affidavit deals with the difference in the date on the face of the registration card of HARRY GOLD at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque and the stamp date on the back of the card. As regard the statement in the proposed affidavit prepared by SHARP,"In this case, since there is a discrepancy, I would take the stamp as the valid date of registration," Mrs. HUGHES states this is not true inasmuch as it is just as likely that someone forgot to change

the stamp, or that it got pushed over unintentionally one way or the other, or that the stamp had not been used until sometime after the registration card was made out putting the stamp into another date.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, there are enclosed one copy each of the summation of "INVITATION TO AN INQUEST," by SHARP and the proposed affidavit which Mrs. HUGHES has refused to sign. Copies are maintained in AQ 100-2919 (MALCOLM SHARP).

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and New York and no further action is being taken at this time by Albuquerque.

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New Trial Sought By Morton Sobell, Convicted A-Spy

NEW YORK (UPI)—Convicted atomic spy Morton Sobell has moved in federal court for an order forcing the government to produce secret documents and untranscribed testimony impounded during his trial in 1951.

Sobell, currently serving a 30-year jail term at the Lewisberg, Pa., Federal Penitentiary, seeks a new trial, claiming that the government's exhibits during the prosecution were "deliberate and fabricated forgeries" and related testimony was "false and perjurious."

Sobell was convicted with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg of conspiring to transmit classified atomic information to the Soviet Union during war time. The Rosenbergs were executed in 1953.

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Sobell Asks Data For New Trial

NEW YORK, March 23 (UPI) — Morton Sobell has asked Federal Court to force the government to produce secret documents and testimony that was impounded during the trial in 1951 that resulted in his conviction of espionage.

Sobell, serving a 30-year jail term at Lewisburg, Pa., federal penitentiary, is asking for a new trial on the ground that government exhibits during the trial were "deliberate and fabricated forgeries" and that related testimony was "false and perjurious."

Sobell was convicted with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg of conspiring to transmit classified atomic information to the Soviet Union during World War II. The Rosenberg's were executed.

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Alleged Atom Bomb Sketch In Sobell Case Made Public

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (AP) — An alleged atom bomb sketch that served as pivotal evidence in the Rosenberg-Sobell spy trial has been made public for the first time in connection with an attempt to prove it fraudulent.

Federal Judge Edward L. Palmieri has released the sketch and a complete accompanying file. The documents will be used by lawyers who are seeking a new trial for Morton Sobell, now serving a 30-year prison term for espionage.

Scientists To Testify

Sobell's lawyers said two atomic scientists who collaborated in the making of the first A-bomb would testify that the sketch was false and misleading and not representative of the bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

The diagram was allegedly made by Ethel Rosenberg's brother, David Greenglass, and passed to Mrs. Rosenberg and her husband, Julius, for delivery to the Soviet Union. Lawyers for the Rosenbergs impounded it at the 1951 trial that led to the execution of the Rosenbergs.

(The sketch was allegedly obtained by Greenglass when he was a sergeant at Los Alamos in 1945. It was testified in the Rosenberg case that Greenglass allegedly gave the sketch to Harry Gold, Soviet spy courier. The transfer was made in the Greenglass' Albuquerque apartment on North Edith Street. Gold came to Albuquerque from the East to make the contact.)

Objections Withdrawn

The Justice Department until recently had opposed public disclosure but withdrew objections when the Atomic Energy Commission characterized the information involved as unclassified.

Lawyers for Sobell were given copies of the sketch last April.

"Until we saw it," said attorney Marshall Perlin, "and had scientists study it, the concept had been that the sketch in fact represented the Nagasaki bomb. Now our contention is that anyone could have drawn it because it doesn't represent the bomb or contrain secrets."

Helped Plan Bomb

The two scientists who plan to testify in Sobell's defense were identified as Philip Morrison, a professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Henry Linschitz, a professor of chemistry at Brandeis Universtiy. Both men were involved in the planning of the first A-bomb.

Sobell's attorneys have been given until Aug. 15 to file an amended petition for a retrial.

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Sobell Asks For New Trial

NEW YORK (AP) — A three judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has taken under advisement a new bid by convicted atom spy Morton Sobell to upset his 30-year prison term.

Sobell, accused of passing secrets to the Russians through a ring that included Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, is appealing a decision Feb. 14 by Dist. Judge Edward Weinfeld that "no act of conduct of the government deprived him of a fundamentally fair trial."

Marshall Perlin, Sobell's lawyer, argued that the government used perjured testimony, forged documents and a misleading sketch of an atomic bomb in his client's trail.

Sobell has lost nearly a dozen appeals since his conviction in 1951. He has carried his case to the U.S. Supreme Court seven times.

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They have identified to CRAIG and JENNY VINCENT, MALCOLM SHARP, Professor of Law at the University of New Mexico, as a good friend who was active in the Rosenberg (Julius and Ethel) and SOBELL (Morton) cases and it is possible that he might like to have HARVEY O'CONNOR at a fund-raising meeting at the University of New Mexico. The VINCENTs have been requested to contact SHARP. BILL FITZPATRICK of Albuquerque is also working on an Albuquerque meeting.

CRAIG VINCENT and the CAP Director for Taos County, CHARLES D. LOPEZ are going to fly to Austin, Texas February 18, 1968 for a meeting with OEO officials.