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NEW YORK FILE

SUBJECT Morton Sobell

FILE NO. 100-37158

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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		*	Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released		
1578	4-26-54	NY report to HQ	65	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1578	4-26-54	copy of NY report to HQ	65	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1579	8-4-54	FD-5 transfer Sheet. Serial 1579 transferred to 100-37158 A	1	1		
1580	8-4-54	FD-5 transfer Sheet. Serial 1580 transferred to 100-37158 A	1	1		
1581	8-4-54	FD-5 transfer Sheet. Serial 1581 transferred to 100-37158 A	1	1		
1582	8-4-54	FD-5 Transfer Sheet. Serial 1582 transferred to 100-37158 A	1	1		
1583	8-4-54	FD-5 Transfer Sheet. Serial 1583 transferred to 100-37158 A	1	1		
1584	4-22-54	NY, SA to SAC Memo	2	2		
1585	5-25-54	NY, SA to SAC Memo captioned: C.R.C.	6	0		NY FILE 65-15348
1586	5-28-54	NY letter to HQ	9	9	yes	process
1587	5-24-54	NY, SA to SAC captioned: third party	11	0		NY FILE 65-15348
1588	5-26-54	SF letter to HQ copy to NY	1	1	yes	process

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1589	3-15-54	NY letter to HQ	1	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1590	5-26-54	NY, SA to SAC memo	3	3		
1591	6-24-54	NY, SA to SAC memo	1	1		
1592	6-24-54	HQ report	8	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1592	6-24-54	copy of HQ report	8	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1592	6-24-54	second copy of HQ report	8	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1593	6-7-54	WFO letter to HQ	8	8	yes	
1594	6-7-54	transmittal copy of NY teletype to WFO, HQ	1	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1594	6-7-54	typed copy of NY teletype to WFO, HQ	1	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1595	6-8-54	HQ letter to NY	2	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1595	6-8-54	copy of HQ letter to NY	2	0	yes	bufile 101-2483
1596	6-15-54	SF letter to HQ copy to NY	1	0	yes	bufile 101-2483

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1597	6-18-54	NY, SA to SAC memo	1	1		
1598	6-25-54	NY letter to HQ	1	0	Yes	bufile 101-2483
1599	6-25-54	NY, SA to SAC memo captioned: third party	5	5		
1600	7-1-54	HQ letter to NY,	1	0	Yes	bufile 101-2483
1600	7-1-54	copy of HQ letter to NY	1	0	Yes	bufile 101-2483
1601	7-2-54	NY teletype to HQ	1	0	Yes	bufile 101-2483
1602	7-6-54	HQ teletype to SF copy to NY	1	0	Yes	bufile 101-2483
1602	7-6-54	copy of HQ teletype to SF	1	0	Yes	bufile 101-2483
1603	7-15-54	HQ letter to SF copy to NY	1	0	Yes	bufile 101-2483
1603	7-15-54	copy of HQ letter to SF	1	0	Yes	bufile 101-2483
1604	7-15-54	NY letter to HQ	5	5	Yes	process
1605	7-21-54	NY SA to SAC memo captioned: NC SRC	2	2		

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Serial Number	Date of Serial	DELETION (S)
1578 with one copy	4/26/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1579	8/4/54	No exemptions were cited. Serial transfered to Sub A file.
1580	8/4/54	No exemptions were cited. Serial transfered to Sub A file.
1581	8/4/54	No exemptions were cited. Serial transfered to Sub A file.
1582	8/4/54	No exemptions were cited. Serial transfered to Sub A file.
1583	8/4/54	No exemptions were cited. Serial transfered to Sub A file.
1584	4/22/54	No exemptions were cited.
1585	5/25/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1586	5/28/54	No exemptions were cited."
1587	5/24/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1588	5/26/54	No exemptions were cited.
1589	3/15/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1590	5/26/54	No exemptions were cited.
1591	6/24/54	No exemptions were cited.
1592 with two copies	6/24/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.

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1593	6/7/54	No exemptions were cited.
1594 with one copy	6/7/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1595 with one copy	6/8/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1596	6/15/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1597	6/18/54	No exemptions were cited.
1598	6/25/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1599	6/25/54	(b) (7) (C) - The character of this case along with the prefixes of file numbers were withheld on page 1 as their release would reveal the political affiliation of third parties. (b) (7) (D) - The designation of an informant symbol on page 1 and an informant file number on pages 1 and 2 were withheld to protect the identity of a source. This exemption is also cited on pages 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to protect the identity of and information furnished by a source for which an expressed or implied promise of confidentiality has been given. To release this information would compromise the future effectiveness of this source.
1600 with one copy	7/1/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1601	7/2/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.

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1602 with one copy	7/6/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1603 with one copy	7/15/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1604	7/15/54	No exemptions were cited.
1605	7/21/54	(b) (7) (C) - The prefix of a file number was withheld on page 1 as its release would reveal the political affiliation of a third party. (b) (7) (D) - This exemption was cited on page 1 to withhold the designation of an informant symbol and informant file number. This exemption is also cited on pages 1 and 2 to protect the date information was furnished and the identity of a source for which an expressed or implied promise of confidentiality has been given. The release of this information would compromise the future effectiveness of this source.
1606	7/22/54	(b) (3) - This exemption was cited on pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 pursuant to rule (6) (e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal procedure. (b) (7) (C) - Investigatory information on a third party is being withheld on page 9 to the extent that the release of this information would reveal political affiliation.
1607	7/26/54	No exemptions were cited.

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1602 with one copy	7/6/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1603 with one copy	7/15/54	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
1604	7/15/54	No exemptions were cited.
1605	7/21/54	(b) (7) (C) - The prefix of a file number was withheld on page 1 as its release would reveal the political affiliation of a third party. (b) (7) (D) - This exemption was cited on page 1 to withhold the designation of an informant symbol and informant file number. This exemption is also cited on pages 1 and 2 to protect the date information was furnished and the identity of a source for which an expressed or implied promise of confidentiality has been given. The release of this information would compromise the future effectiveness of this source.
1606	7/22/54	(b) (3) - This exemption was cited on pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 pursuant to rule (6) (e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal procedure. (b) (7) (C) - Investigatory information on a third party is being withheld on page 9 to the extent that the release of this information would reveal political affiliation.
1607	7/26/54	No exemptions were cited.

CHARGE-OUT SLIP

(7-10-72)

FILE

Class

Number

Last Serial

Date

Serials 1579 of 100-37158

Date

Serials has been transferred to

Date

Serials 100-37158 A

Date

Employee: ph

RECHARGE

Date

To: _____

From: _____

CHARGE-OUT SLIP

FD-5
(7-10-52)

FILE

Class

Number

Last Serial

Date

Serials 1580 of 100 - 3715-8

Date

Serials has been transferred

Date

Serials to 100-37158A

Date

Employee: pk

RECHARGE

Date

To: _____ From: _____

CHARGE-OUT SLIP

FD-
(7-10-52)

FILE

Class

Number

Last Serial

Date

Serials 158/07100-37158 LmSerials Lm transferred to DateSerials 100-37158 A Date

Date

Employee: jk

RECHARGE

Date

To: _____ From: _____

CHARGE-OUT SLIP
PROPERTY OF U.S. ARMY

FD
(7-10-52)

FILE

Class

Number

Last Serial

Date

Serials 1582 of 100-37158 Loc

Serials Have transferred to

Serials 100-37158 A

Date

Date

Date

Employee:

RECHARGE

To:

Date

From:

CHARGE-OUT SLIP

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(7-10-52)

FILE

Class

Number

Last Serial

Date

Serials 1513 7100-37158 Lee

Serials Have transferred to

Serials 100 37158A

Employee: _____

RECHARGE

Date _____

To: _____

From: _____

TO:

SAC

DATE:

4-22-54

FROM:

SA John A. Harrington

SUBJECT:

MORTON SOKELL was.

FILE NO:

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Section 87C, 3b(4), Manual of Instructions, directed the description and photograph should be placed on the reverse side of the Security Index Card. In regard to the photograph, the most recent one should be used if there is a choice. A review of the subject's file reflects there is - is not - a photograph of the above-captioned subject available for placing with the Security Index Card. (If more than one photograph is available, the Agent handling the investigation should indicate the photograph to be used.)

A review of the subject's file also reflects the following to be the most complete and current description of the subject, which description should be placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card at the time it is made up:

(1) Name and Aliases: *MORTON SOKELL was*

(2) Sex: *MALE*

(3) Color (race): *WHITE*

(4) Age: *37*

(5) Residence: *U.S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California*

(6) Height: *5'8"*

(7) Weight: *167*

(8) Build: *medium*

(9) Hair: *dark brown*

(10) Eyes: *hazel (wears thick lens glasses)*

(11) Complexion: *dark*

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J. A. Harrington

(12) Scars and Marks:

(13) Peculiarities: *none known*

(14) Occupation: *electrical engineer*

(15) Marital Status: *married*

(16) Immediate Relatives (including the number of
minor children):

*Helen Sobell wife
Sydney Sobell - step daughter - 15
Mark Sobell - son - 5*

(17) Nationality: *American*

(18) Country of Birth: *U.S.*

(19) Fingerprint Classification:

(20) FBI or Police Number:

(21) Criminal Record, showing sources:

*Connected with District Court, SDNY 3-29-51
Conspiracy to commit espionage for Soviets
Sentenced to 30 years*

(22) Social Security Number: *055-16-7426*

(23) Seamen's Certificate Number: _____

Check following:

Should subject be tabbed for Detcom (), Comsab ().

Director, FBI (101-2483)
Attention: Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT
SAC, New York (100-37158)

5/28/54

MORTON SOBELL, was
ESPIONAGE - R

ReNYlet 3/20/54 and Bulet 4/14/54.

Reference is made to report of SA REX I. SHRODER dated 8/23/50 at San Antonio captioned as above. This report lists the personal property that was taken from SOBELL at the time of his arrest. The following is a list of the property maintained in this office or in the office of the USA that was taken from SOBELL:

PROPERTY

NY Exhibit No.

DISPOSITION

return
1. One key

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to be returned
to SOBELL

keep
2. Mexican tourist
card for MORTON
SOBELL #070538
dated 6/22/50, NY,
NY

✓ 1B94 X

keep
3. Mexican tourist
card for HELEN L.
SOBELL #070544
dated 6/22/50, NY,
NY

✓ 95 X

keep
4. Certificate of
vaccination for
SIDNEY SOBELL

✓ 93 X

keep
5. Mexican tourist
visa for MARY
SOBELL dated 6/23/50
at Mexico D.F.

✓ 96 X

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2-San Francisco (65-4228) (AM - REGISTERED)

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Chief Clerk

Post RTM

101-2483-424

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PROPERTY

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DISPOSITION

keep 6. Mexican tourist visa
for SIDNEY SOBELL
dated 6/23/50 at
Mexico D.F.

keep ✓ B97 X

keep To be returned
to SOBELL

keep 7. American Airlines
leatherette ticket
and passport folder

90

keep 8. Certificate of
vaccination for
MORTON SOBELL dated
8/8/50 at Mexico,
D.F.

✓ 91 X

keep 9. Certificate of
vaccination for
HELEN L. SOBELL
dated 8/11/50 at
Mexico D.F.

✓ 92 X

Pages 3,4,5,6,7, and 8 list seven letters that were found in SOBELL's luggage. Amongst these letters is a so-called "Lew letter" which is named as item one on page three of report. After some consideration it is NY's opinion that none of these letters should be returned to SOBELL at this time. It is realized that these letters are social in nature but they also contain some of the aliases used by SOBELL while he was in Mexico and away from his wife. It is also realized that during the trial SOBELL's lawyers admitted in open court the identity of all these letters that were found in SOBELL's possession that were written by him.

keep 10. Schedule of the
Home Lines "SS
Argentina", Central
American-European
Service, Provisional
East Bound Trip, June,
1950 (revised)

✓ 81 X

keep

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Appearing in ink in long hand at the bottom of this schedule appears the following: "one quarter passage between 1-5 years". Also appearing on the top of this schedule in long hand ink is the notation "\$80 to (illegible)".

PROPERTY	NY EXHIBIT NO.	DISPOSITION
<i>keep</i> 11. Schedule for "SS Argentina" itinerary, 1950	✓ 1B80X	<i>keep</i> To be returned to SOBELL x✓
<i>keep</i> 12. Sailing schedule of Polish ports issued by Ministry of Shipping	✓ 112X	" " x✓
<i>keep</i> 13. "Boletin Economico" issued by agricultural office containing sailing schedules to Rumania, Bulgaria and Poland and written in Spanish	✓ 116X	" " x✓
<i>keep</i> 14. Home Lines schedule for "SS Argentina" issued for Wagons-Lits/Cook	✓ 102X	" " x✓
<i>keep</i> 15. Cuban travel folder	✓ 103X	" " x✓
<i>keep</i> 16. Pan American World Airways time table June, 1950	✓ 104X	" " x✓
<i>keep</i> 17. Pamphlet by Air France of schedules and fares schedule #32	✓ 105X	" " x✓
<i>return</i> 18. Pamphlet entitled "Aerovias Guest" effective 4/15/50	106 <i>return</i>	<i>return</i> " x✓

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PROPERTY

NY
EXHIBIT NO.

DISPOSITION

<i>keep</i>	19. Pamphlet of Cuban Tourist Commission	<i>✓ 107</i> <i>keep</i>	<i>keep</i> to be returned to SOBELL.
<i>keep</i>	20. Airlines schedule issued by Salidas de Aviones	<i>✓ 108X</i> <i>keep</i>	<i>keep</i> "
<i>return</i>	21. Pamphlet of the Pan American World Airways entitled "Mexicana de Aviacion"	109	<i>return</i> "
<i>return</i>	22. Street guide of Mexico City	110	<i>return</i> "
<i>return</i>	23. Pamphlet of Elne Sewing Machine Company	111	<i>return</i> "
<i>return</i>	24. Mexican museum and art gallery pamphlet	113	<i>return</i> "
<i>return</i>	25. Hotel guide issued by Plateria Ortega, S.A. 5 de Mayo 13	117	<i>return</i> "
<i>return</i>	26. Schedule of Pan American World Airways flights to Houston, Mexico, New Orleans, Panama	114	<i>return</i> "
<i>return</i>	27. Pages 452 to 456 torn out of a travel book entitled "Mexico" with various markings on same	115	<i>return</i> "
<i>keep</i>	28. Sucesos map of Europe and northern Africa	<i>✓ 119X</i> <i>keep</i>	<i>keep</i> "

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DISPOSITION

return
29. Two bills from the
Gas Economico S.A.
in sum of \$16.25

100

" 30. A receipt from "Elcentro
Mercantil S.A." dated 99
August, 1950

" 31. Receipt from "Elcentro
Mercantil" dated 8/14/50 99

" 32. Receipt from "Elcentro
Mercantil" dated 8/14/50 99
in sum of \$6.00

To be returned
to SOBELL

help 33. Scraps of paper torn from 84 X
envelope shows MANUEL re-
sides at 153-5 Cordova,
Mexico

help 34. Four pieces of paper on 85 X
which appear several lines
in pencil written in
Spanish

help 35. Copies of rough drawing 86 X
entitled "Voltage to
digital converter"
6/19/50

Will not re-
turn to
SOBELL

In view of con-
flicting state-
ments by SOBELL
this item will
not be returned
to him

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NY
EXHIBIT NO.

DISPOSITION

return 36. Piece of paper on
which appear algebraic
equations in pencil
and green ink

To be returned
to SOBELL

return 37. Receipt from the
Bureau of Customs
dated 6/23/50 at
Dallas, Texas signed
by SOBELL and listing
the following:

Leica Camera #
248674
Elmar 135F50-156589
Sumalitar F5cm1.2
#585463
Bolex L8WYVAR 128 Lens
#70591

return 38. Laird and Lees vest
pocket dictionary,
English-Spanish

return 39. Black morocco wallet

return 40. American Airlines
leatherette ticket and
passport folder

return 41. American Airlines 134
passenger ticket #012A121896.
Ticket was issued for
SIDNEY SOBELL from NY to
Mexico City and to return

Mr. ROBERT LYNCH, former ASAC, NYO, advised that this
ticket is still good and redeemable. He stated that the ticket

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with appropriate letter should be forwarded to Mr. V.J.
LONG, Assistant Comptroller, American Airlines, 910 South
Boston, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

PROPERTY	NY EXHIBIT NO.	DISPOSITION
<i>return</i> 42. Divorce papers for HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ and CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ dated 12/4/44, Arlington, Virginia	132	To be returned to SOBELL
<i>return</i> 43. Certificate of marriage of MORTON SOBELL and HELEN GUREWITZ	131	"
<i>return</i> 44. Birth certificate of MORTON SOBELL	120	"
<i>return</i> 45. Certificate of birth for MARK SOBELL, son of subject	121	"
<i>return</i> 46. Birth registration for HELEN LEVITOV	124	"
<i>return</i> 47. Birth registr. tion for SIDNEY FLORENCE GUREWITZ, step- daughter of subject	123	"
<i>return</i> 48. Certificate of marriage of CLARENCE GUREWITZ and HELEN LEVITOV	122	"
<i>return</i> 49. Operator's license of MORTON SOBELL dated 1948	129	"

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DISPOSITION

- return* 50. Social security card 127
#055-16-7426 for
MORTON SOBELL
- return* 51. Amateur radio operator's 130
license for MORTON
SOBELL
- return* 52. Identification card of 128
Liberty Mutual Insurance
issued to HELEN L. SOBELL
- return* 53. Membership card of MORTON 126
SOBELL in NY Academy of
Sciences
- return* 54. Card captioned "Taller 125
de Plomeria y Hojalateria"
- return* 55. One pair of eye glasses 142
of MORTON SOBELL
- return* 56. One small Hellmury date 133
book of SIDNEY GUREWITZ
- return* 57. Three rent receipts - 101
2 for the month of July
and 1 for the month of
August, 1950

To be returned
to MORTON
SOBELL

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58.

The attention of the Bureau and San Francisco is directed to the fact that the current activity of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case is to raise funds to get a new trial for SOBELL but above all to have SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz. NY believes

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that before SOBELL is approached for the purpose of turning back to him his property any application that Mrs. SOBELL or the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case has pending with Mr. JAMES BENNETT, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, for a transfer from Alcatraz should be disposed of. NY makes this suggestion because it has had the experience that when SOBELL has an application in any nature pending he will not turn his mind to any other subject or topic until the matter under consideration has been disposed of.

It is suggested San Francisco determine the nature of the current correspondence between SOBELL and his wife with particular reference to any plans that the Committee has for him.

The attention of the Bureau and San Francisco is further directed to the fact that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case has issued a call for a memorial period from 5/10/54 to 6/20/54. During this period the Committee plans to hold several meetings in various cities particularly on 6/19/54 which is the anniversary of the execution of the ROSENBERGS. Further in connection with the memorial service for the ROSENBERGS the committee plans demonstrations, appeals and collections to secure a new trial for SOBELL and to effect his removal from Alcatraz. It is probable that SOBELL is aware of these plans of the Committee and will want to see the results of the actions of the Committee. For this additional reason NY believes that SOBELL should not be approached until at least after 6/20/54.

The opinion of the Bureau and San Francisco to the foregoing is solicited.

DIRECTOR, FBI (101-2483)

5/26/54

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65-4228)

MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re: SF letter to Bureau 4/8/54 advising that HELEN SOBELL was authorized to visit subject at Alcatraz on 4/19 & 21/54.

Prison Authorities have advised that subject's wife visited him on the above-mentioned dates, however, that nothing of significance was noted.

The "DPW", west coast Communist newspaper, for April 23, 1954, carried an interview with Mrs. SOBELL following her visit with subject. She is quoted as saying SOBELL "felt the attack on Oppenheimer was another attempt to push scientists into absolute conformity." Mrs. SOBELL, according to the article, who devotes all her energies to the campaign for her husband's vindication, says he is "working and studying" but at the same time reflecting the strain of confinement in the grimmest of U.S. prisons, a structure designed for so-called incorrigible prisoners.

The article continues and quotes her as stating, "He wants to come home to me and the children a free man and a vindicated one."

The article states the campaign to achieve this end is proceeding on two fronts, according to Mrs. SOBELL.

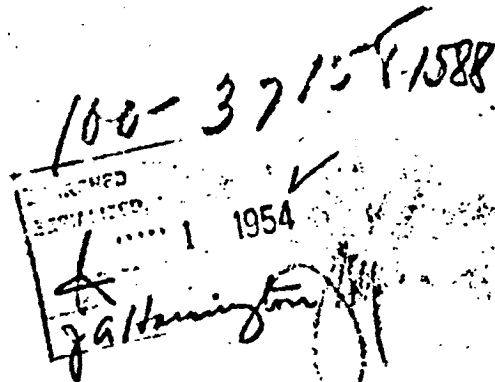
"First, there is the national campaign, just getting started, to get Sobell transferred from Alcatraz to a prison more in keeping with the political nature of his confinement. This campaign is being directed at James V. Bennett, director of prisons, 101 Indiana Ave., Washington, D.C.

"Secondly, there is the continuing legal battle, which involves both the question of a new trial and Sobell's transfer from Alcatraz. Mrs. Sobell said legal moves are in preparation in both fields."

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CC. NEW YORK (100-37158)



OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : SAC, NEW YORK

Date: May 26, 1954

From : SA E. K. DEANE (100-107111)

Subject: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Description of exhibit: A press release, dated May 6, 1954, issued by the captioned organization setting forth the text of a letter from MORTON SOBELL to his daughter, who, it is stated, is not allowed to visit him in Alcatraz.

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FOR RELEASE MAY 6, 1954

MORTON SOBELL REVEALS LOVE OF FAMILY,
CULTURE AND FREEDOM. IN LETTER TO HIS DAUGHTER

(The following is a text of a letter that Morton Sobell wrote recently to his daughter, who is not allowed to visit him in Alcatraz. Morton Sobell, who was convicted in the Rosenberg trial, was sent to Alcatraz to serve a 30-year sentence.

During the six week memorial period (May 10 - June 20) marking the first anniversary of the execution of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, thousands of Americans throughout the country are intensifying their fight for justice for Morton Sobell. Petitions are being circulated urging his removal from Alcatraz, and efforts are being made for a new trial.)

"Dearest, dearest Sydney,

"How are you? A little worn out by now - what with your caring for the Pips? (Pips is the nickname of Morton Sobell's son). Or isn't he much trouble? I know he's cute and all that - but even cuteness can be much trouble.

"Were you able to accomplish anything during the holidays? Here, fortunately, we don't have any time off for Easter - somehow "vacations" in prison don't mean too much - even if we do get a little better meal than usual. Nor do we get paid on the 6 or 7 holidays we do get off - perhaps in another hundred years --.

"You know Syd - it wouldn't be so bad if there were absolutely no music at all - but it's having this so called jazz - blaring out in the yard continuously that really makes it terrible. It sort of rubs it in - the absence of real music that is. Odd, I'm reading a book by Copeland on how to enjoy music, some joke. I think it rates as a classic (joke) under these circumstances. Haven't read too much lately, some by Lafcadio Hearn on Japan (about 1900). He was an American who went there to live and in spots he's good, but way off in some places on interpreting the Japanese people. Funny how we are brought up here in the States - that there is no real need to understand these other peoples - because their way of life is not American, etc. This point of view is transmitted in all the vehicles of our culture today from the comic strips up.

"Also read some Saroyan. Did you ever read his short stories? They're quite unique, like his plays. They have much flavor like Chekhov's short stories. Few short story writers have a flavor. And I read the three main-stays - Time, News-week and U.S. News, but not by choice. It's really very strange, how one can get such fascist stuff like the American Mercury, such junk as Photoplay, farm journals, town journals, fight magazines, anything but a good honest decent periodical for a

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less. I'd presentation of the news. U.S. News, because they frequently present verbatums of speeches and hearings. Actually the Congressional Record is pretty good for the same reason, it's verbatim, and so quite revealing at times.

"The people here have little resemblance to people as you know them. Did you see the movie "High Noon"? Well when they showed it here the feeling of applause and of hissing was the opposite of what would be present in an outside audience, many reactions are so reversed. I'm afraid a "square john" (that's what a non-criminal is called) like me will also get a bit mixed up. The strangest thing is to hear people talk of happenings of twenty years ago as if of yesterday, personal happenings that is, and so naturally too.

"I was stunned when I read that Arthur Miller had been denied a passport. I have recently read an article of his after a visit to his alma mater, Michigan, in which he forecast grave repercussions as the result of the absence of free expression on the campus today. He questioned education under these circumstances. You know in other countries it is the students who are generally in the forefront in the fight for freedom. I wonder why this country and England seem to be exceptions?

"I really would like to discuss you, your school, your work, your music. But I'm really not too well informed on such matters right now. I suppose you're still infatuated with your school. I wonder if you partake in any outside school activities. Or is that a silly question under the 24-per hour day system we have (joke).

"Helen wrote me about your birthday present to me. I will let you know how well I like your mother in the hairdo you bought for her for my birthday.

"About Indo China, they'll become schizoid soon, if they don't make up their mind which they're fighting for, the rice or the freedom of the people, and yet the answer is so simple.

"I have reached the conclusion that my education was faulty, right now I'm doing some studying in mechanics that I should have done as an undergraduate. Will you have to take plane geometry later? It's nice, and useless. What are you and your youth committee accomplishing, outside of committeeing? Take good care of yourself and Pips and I hope you get to go somewhere with him, a kid's play, concert, something to stimulate him, and you. What are you playing on the piano now? And your violin? I don't know how much longer it will take, but we'll see it through, we will. All my love for you,

Lorty"

OFFICE MEMORANDUM -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SA E. K. DEANE (100-37158)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
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DATE: June 24, 1954

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Description of exhibit: A pamphlet entitled "The Case Of Morton Sobell" by D. N. PRITT, issued through contributions as a public service by the National Committee To Secure Justice For MORTON SOBELL In The Rosenberg Case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 7, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: ROSENBERG SOBELL COMMITTEE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Reference is made to telephone call to the Washington Field Office from Inspector CARL HENRICH on 5/6/54, who advised that mail was being received by the Bureau of Prisons from all over the country demanding the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz to some other jail.

Accordingly, in compliance with Mr. HENRICH's instructions, Assistant Director of Prisons, FRANK LOVELAND, was contacted on 5/6/54, at which time he made available the file on MORTON SOBELL. This file reflected that MORTON SOBELL began his sentence on 4/5/51; is eligible for parole on 8/4/62; his sentence expires with good behavior on 9/25/72; his full term expires on 8/4/82. This file reflected that SOBELL was sent to the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary on 7/27/51, and transferred to Alcatraz on 11/26/52.

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2-Washington Field
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This file disclosed numerous letters, cards, and telegrams from persons all over the United States, most of which were written during November, 1952, all advocating that MORTON SOBELL be removed from Alcatraz and that he be placed in some prison more convenient to his family and legal advisors. The following names and addresses (when listed) were taken from these communications:

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Name

address

Mr. and Mrs. FRISHTAT
Mrs. CHASE ISAACS
Mr. and Mrs. GRAVERMAN
Mr. PUSHKIN
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Mr. and Mrs. SEIF
Mr. IRVING WINKLER
PAULINE BOYER

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Newark

LEONARD AMADA

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S. HILLMAN
IDA ROCKLAND
J. KWALOFF
Mr. and Mrs. JAMES HOTCHKISS
HAL TULCHIN
DAVID GORDON
HANS FREISTADT
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GERTRUDE EVANS

Executive Secretary,
PPDC

ETHEL WEICHBROD

Secretary for the
Washington Committee to
Secure Justice in the
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6/25/54

EDWARD W. LORTIE, SA [REDACTED]-66301)

HELEN LEONARD
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Attached hereto are copies of reports of [REDACTED] of known reliability, dated 5/24, 6/3, 6/4, and 6/7/54. The original copies of the above reports were received by mail on 5/28, 6/11, 6/9, and 6/11/54 respectively.

The report of 5/24/54 is a newspaper clipping from the Liberty, New York, Sullivan County May 14, 1954 issue of the "Liberty News". The clipping entitled "The Sounding Board" is carried in what is generally known as a "Letters To The Editor" column. This clipping sets out in detail two letters written by one Mrs. H. LEONARD and H. LEONARD of Jeffersonville, New York. These names indicate the writers to be the captioned subject and her husband RICHARD.

The letter by Mrs. H. LEONARD relates to the H-bomb test in the Pacific Ocean area and its effect on the tuna and fishing industry. This clipping will be made an exhibit in the captioned subject's file.

The informant advised on 5/4/54 that on the orders of DAVID JAFFE of Glenwild, New York, a propaganda campaign in the form of letters to the editors of local papers in the Sullivan County area on the H-bomb test and its effect on the tuna industry was to be pursued.

RICHARD LEONARD's letter pertains to U.S. foreign policy in its relationship to the Indo-China crisis. LEONARD wants any decision whereby the US enters a war be voted on by the American people before such intervention is authorized or put into effect.

In his 6/3/54 report the informant states one PHILIP BOYER, who may be connected with the Pro Russian Party, Baltimore, Maryland, [REDACTED]

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]-113783 (DAVID JAFFE)
- 1 - [REDACTED]-15472 (SCHIRMER)
- 1 - [REDACTED]-31752 (CONIROS)
- 1 - [REDACTED]-113430 (CHRISTIE)
- 1 - [REDACTED]-100-37153 (SOBEL)
- 1 - [REDACTED]-113044 (MAUD)

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[REDACTED] The informant further advised that PERCY and DANIEL MOORE SCHIRMER (SCHIRMER) of Boston may possibly visit [REDACTED] this summer. The informant described SCHIRMER as a fugitive. He further stated that he believes HELEN LEONARD may have visited the SCHIRMER residence in Boston during March, 1954.

Other information from the informant reflects that a CHRISTINE C. CHRISTIE [REDACTED] is at MAUDS Summer Ray Hotel. He described this individual as an employee of a Greek progressive newspaper, and that she is a friend of HELEN LEONARD.

In the informant's 6/4/54 report he mentions the petition being circulated in the Sullivan County area calling for the transfer of MORTON SOBEL from the U.S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz to another federal penitentiary. The informant believes that this is being sponsored by the Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case.

In the informant's 6/7/54 report he relates on suggestions by HELEN LEONARD to one J. MAZURSKY of Jeffersonville that this person advertise in the "Daily Worker" for guests for his twenty-room summer resort house.

The information contained in this report should be not disseminated outside the Bureau unless paraphrased so as not to compromise the informant.

The original reports are filed as Serials _____, _____ of [REDACTED].

COPY

"3 June 1954.

"From: [REDACTED]"

PHILIP BOY R: (Not sure of correct spelling)
Will come to City Slicker Farm to work as general handman-
dishwasher etc on or about 25 June. He applied to job from an
ad in the GUARDIAN. (newspaper). He comes from Baltimore, Md.
Is somehow connected with the Progressive Party in the State
of Maryland.

"Daniel Boone" Sharnes: (Also not sure of spelling.)

Believe he is at present a fugitive, wanted in Boston, etc.
His wife, either Peggy or Betty, expects to visit the City
Slicker Farm this summer. Not sure. Leonards stopped in to see
her while they were in Boston in April of this year.

Christine C. Christie [REDACTED]

At present she is a guest at Mauds Summer Ray. Will stay about
two and half more weeks. Believe connected with a Greek
Progressive Newspaper etc. Friends of Friends of Leonard's."

"4 June 1954.

"From: [REDACTED]

Re: Petition to the Chief of Federal Prisons in Washington, D.C.

A Petition is being circulated by 'The Leonards' which most likely comes from Dave Jaffe of Glen Wild to the effect of securing signatures from the public requesting that Morton Sobel, who at present serving time in Alcatraz, to be transferred to any other Federal Prison. The reason is that Alcatraz is full of Criminals etc.

The Petition is put out by: The Comm. To Secure Justice in The Rosenberg Case.

Donations are also requested."

copy

" 7 June 1954.

"FROM [REDACTED]"

Re: J. MAZURSKI (of Jeffersonville, New York) Ad in the New York Daily Worker;

Mr. Mazursky runs a rooming house of about 20 rooms.

FOLLOWING ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO PLACING THIS AD:

Mr. Mazursky has been complaining to 'The Leonards' who are neighbors that he has rented only about five rooms, and if they have any idea of what he should do. They suggested that he place an ad in 'The Daily' as the ads usually are quite effective.

Mr. Mazursky, is about 80 years of age and not active in anything. He is not a 'left winger'. Did vote for Wallace when he ran for President on the Progressive Ticket.

Will follow on results;

P.S. He rents on rooms on the basis of a full season's occupancy."

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 7/15/54

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

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MORTON SOBELL
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CSNY-48, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. This building is occupied by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all of which have been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to fall within the purview of Executive Order 9835. In addition, other Communist Party front groups and individual Communist Party members or sympathizers occupy offices at this address. Prior to 2/1/53 the State and National Offices of the Civil Rights Congress were located at this address. Subsequent to that date space in the building has been occupied by SRT Publications, Inc., publishers of "New World Review" formerly known as "Soviet Russia Today" which has been cited as a Communist Front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 6/25/42 and 3/29/44.

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Description of Exhibit: A letter, issued by the NY Committee To Secure Justice For MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case, denoting the beginning of a campaign to present the facts in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case to offset any plans by persons in the present administration to use this case as a base for a new rash of spurious espionage cases; stating that the NY Committee is separating itself completely from the National Office in order to carry out a broader program of

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education and will continue to make every effort to assist the National Office financially; and stating that presently, in addition to HELEN SOBELL, three full-time persons, one of whom is a secretary, and in addition, one part-time secretary, make up the staff of the National Office.

Dear Friend:

There can no longer be any doubt of the widespread interest and activity of the Rosenberg-Sobell case. The activities during the anniversary period have proven that there are a good many people who see in the continued injustice to Sobell a threat to the lives and liberties of an enormous number of men and women. Within a relatively short period of time funds were raised to pay for a number of large ads in daily newspapers, and eight very well attended memorial meetings were organized.

These prior successes should dispel any lingering doubt of the importance of the Sobell case, or doubt of interest when the issues are properly set forth.

A number of new developments have also occurred in this period. First is the line of investigation bearing on new evidence directly related to Morton Sobell and the draft. This, in turn, opens new lines of search for more such evidence. In due time, and under appropriate circumstances, this new material will be made public.

Second, two new attorneys have entered the case. Their background, education, their reputation, conservative, and their practice confined in the main to corporation cases. Within a very short time their names shall be made public. Meanwhile, you will be interested in knowing that they both feel deeply about the case.

In view of the foregoing a number of things demand attention.

First must come the knowledge that there is no vacation for Morton Sobell at Alcatraz, nor for those who plan to use the Rosenberg-Sobell case as a base for a new rash of spurious "espionage" cases. There is every appearance that such new cases are in the offing. The present administration seems to be moving in the direction of imitating its "old" Rosenberg-Sobell case with which to prove that it is an "anti-Communist" as Senator McCarthy.

What is required then, is a campaign of enlightenment and education. The facts in the Rosenberg-Sobell case, and action on behalf of Morton Sobell will militate against those violations of due process which alone can place the innocent in prison or worse. This education must take place before, not after, such unconstitutional attacks are made on life and liberty.

The prime requisite for the success of such a campaign is its public nature. Our recent meetings and newspaper ads are steps in that direction. Much more, however, must be done. Conferences of inquiry, letters to editors, ads, and other public forms are needed.

In addition, an approach to specialized groups is essential. We must not fail to realize that the McCarthy-Arm hearings and the Oppenheimer case have opened the minds of a great many scientists. Considering that at least two of our country's greatest scientists understand the Rosenberg-Sobell case, it would be unpardonable to ignore the thousands of scientists who are greatly concerned with every threat to their freedom, dignity and work. If the truth were known to them they would consider it intolerable that one of their number should sit in Alcatraz today.

The first thing that comes to mind when I think of the word "Introduction" is the beginning of something new. It is the first step in a journey, the first chapter in a story. It is the moment when you introduce yourself to a new world, a new group of people, or a new idea. It is the moment when you say, "Hello, my name is..." and you begin to explore the possibilities of what is to come.

Introduction is not just a word, it is a feeling. It is the feeling of excitement, of anticipation, of hope. It is the feeling of being welcomed into a new community, of being accepted for who you are. It is the feeling of being able to share your thoughts, your feelings, and your experiences with others.

Introduction is also a process. It is the process of getting to know someone or something new. It is the process of asking questions, of listening, and of learning. It is the process of building a relationship, of creating a connection. It is the process of discovering who you are and what you are capable of.

Introduction is a part of life. It is a part of every experience, every relationship, every journey. It is a part of who we are and what we do. It is a part of the human experience, of the way we live and the way we grow.

Introduction is a gift. It is a gift of new experiences, of new friendships, of new opportunities. It is a gift of the chance to learn, to grow, and to become who you are meant to be. It is a gift of the chance to make a difference in the world.

Introduction is a challenge. It is a challenge to be open, to be vulnerable, to be honest. It is a challenge to be brave, to be bold, to be true. It is a challenge to be the best version of yourself that you can be.

Introduction is a journey. It is a journey of discovery, of growth, of learning. It is a journey of the heart, of the mind, and of the soul. It is a journey that leads to the best of us and the best of the world.

At the present moment there are, in addition to Helen Sobell, three full-time persons, one of whom is secretary. There is, in addition, one part-time secretary. Although in terms of numbers this staff is entirely inadequate to handle all the above problems, they make up for it with incredible energy, devotion, and long hours. (One of these staff members may soon leave the National Office to work for the New York Committee). Were it not for the many hours of volunteer time put in by other National Committee members, the work of the National Office would be utterly impossible.

By dint of great patience and hard work this small staff will carry out its obligations in the next few months. Although it is at present a good many weeks behind in salaries,

but other obligations will not be met as easily. Funds are needed very quickly and very regularly.

We are confident that our various Committees will not turn aside from these problems. They understand too well the importance of this work to our country.

Within the very near future we hope that someone from the National Office will be able to tour the country. These trips, in the past, have always been productive, creative, and remunerative. We ask, however, that you do not wait until then.

As you can see, there is a spirit of optimism among us. It is based on many tangible and intangible factors. We know that optimism is no substitute for practical work. We can offer only so much by way of suggestion and the rest we must learn from your experience.

Let us know what your thinking is.

Sincerely,

Joseph Brattin
Joseph Brattin

David Altmann
David Altmann

For the Committee

SAC, New York

7/21/54

ARTHUR P. HEALY, SA (100-107111)(#6)

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Attached hereto is a copy of a report dated [REDACTED],
furnished to the writer by [REDACTED] on 5/18/54.

The information contained in this report should not
be disseminated outside of the Bureau unless it is paraphrased.

The original report is filed as serial 572 of [REDACTED]

The informant in this report advised of the plans
of the "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell
in the Rosenberg Case" to hold the first Rosenberg Memorial
meeting in NY on 6/17/54 at the Chateau Gardens.

The informant advised that the captioned organization
is dominated by the CP in those areas where the CP has a strong
and active membership. The informant further advised that
those members of the above committee who are not CP members, are
for the most part CP sympathizers.

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Memorial Meeting
for the Rosenbergs

Norman Kessler told me that the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case is calling "the first Rosenberg Memorial meeting" in New York on June 17th, 1954 at the Shatto Gardens-on Houston St. He said that the Bronx Communists will take an active part in this meeting: selling tickets, distributing literature and collecting funds for the case of Morton Sobell.

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AUSA LEONARD SANDS, SDNY advised that on 6/18/54 HENRY and ESTHER JASIK testified before Federal Grand Jury, SDNY. The information furnished by the JASIKS was received on a confidential basis from SA/RS for investigative purposes and under no circumstances should any of their testimony appear in any report.

Investigation concerning JASIK was predicated on the fact that MAX ELITCHER advised that HENRY JASIK was acquainted with MORTON SOBELL, while in Washington, D. C. about 1939-1940. Further MORTON SOBELL had known ESTHER JASIK, nee: GERSON in NYC prior to the time that SOBELL went to Washington, D. C. in late 1938 or early 1939. ESTHER JASIK, while in Washington, was active in "progressive activities and was possibly a member of the CP." SOBELL later advised ELITCHER that ESTHER had married HENRY JASIK. ELITCHER has also advised that during the summer of 1949 the JASIKS visited the SOBELL residence in Flushing, NY. ELITCHER did not know whether SOBELL had ever approached JASIK to recruit him into espionage work, but felt that it was a distinct possibility that he had done so, particularly because of the CP sympathies of ESTHER JASIK. Further, ESTHER is a sister of SIMON GERSON, a leading figure in the CP of NY State for many years. ELITCHER stated that no inquiries had ever been made concerning JASIK, but advised that there would have been no necessity to inquire about JASIK, since he was known to SOBELL. In the late 1940s, while both ELITCHER and SOBELL were employed at the Reeves Instrument Co., NYC, SOBELL asked ELITCHER if he knew any young engineers, whom he might approach for possible recruitment into espionage.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is a photostatic copy of the Grand Jury testimony of ESTHER and HENRY JASIK. One copy is being retained in the NY files. This information has been reviewed for investigative purposes and the following items, which appear of interest, are set out below:

During this investigation, information has been developed reflecting CP activity on the part of ESTHER JASIK. A review of her testimony before the Grand Jury appears to indicate that she was not completely truthful in answering questions concerning past CP activity on her part. ESTHER JASIK acknowledged attending CP meetings; for information; however, the wording of her answers to the Grand Jury appears to preclude the possibility of proving perjury, it being noted that she acknowledged attending CP meetings, but it does not appear as though she discussed the full extent of her knowledge.

When interviewed by Bureau agents, the JASIKS were questioned at great length concerning all contacts they have ever had with MORTON SOBELL. It should be noted that MORTON SOBELL, on 4/5/51, was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. In the course of interview with agents, they outlined their series of contacts with SOBELL, indicating that the last time they had any contact whatsoever with the SOBELLs was at the SOBELL home in Flushing sometime in the spring or early summer of 1950. Their visit on this occasion was purely social. The JASIKS made no further mention of any subsequent contacts with the SOBELLs, either in person, by phone or by correspondence and indicated that they had absolutely no further contact with the SOBELLs subsequent to this time. The foregoing information is interesting in view of ESTHER JASIK'S testimony before the Grand Jury, which in effect [redacted] which she had not previously discussed with agents. The substance of these contacts is as follows:

[redacted]

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It is noted that the conversations with the SOBELLs, relating to their alleged trip to Florida was not fully explored by the AUSA in questioning HENRY JASIK, due, as the AUSA said, to lack of Grand Jury time.

It should be noted that in the summer of 1953, when ESTHER JASIK was interviewed by Bureau agents regarding her contacts and her husband's contacts with the SOBELLs, she was given ample opportunity to disclose the nature of each of their meetings, as well as the times when these meetings occurred. At no time did she mention of the fact that she or her husband had received telephone calls from the SOBELLs almost immediately prior to their departure for Florida. It is interesting to note, however, that one year subsequent to this interview, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ESTHER JASIK [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] From the information available to date, it appears these calls were made within two months prior to SOBELL's arrest in Mexico. It might be a fair assumption that she related this information to the Grand Jury, since she and her husband now feel that their relationship with the SOBELLs is known to the Bureau. Also their relationship prior to his fleeing was also known. The possibility is that they may have speculated that the FBI had tapped the SOBELLs' telephone and knew of the calls, and wished to offer some sort of an explanation.

Assuming that the JASIKs had no connection with SOBELL in espionage and assuming that the nature of their relationship with SOBELL was as casual as described, there appears to be no substantial reason why HELEN SOBELL should initiate a telephone conversation as outlined above. Assuming the JASIKs did have a connection with SOBELL's activities, the phone calls could be explained as follows:

First, the phone call would put the JASIKs on notice that they, the SOBELLs, were fleeing, thus serving as a warning. Secondly, if the JASIKs were questioned by the authorities, they could offer the information that the SOBELLs had indicated to them that they were going to Florida for a vacation and this would be misleading to the authorities. However, would serve to assist the JASIKs

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in offering an explanation when the SOBELLs were discovered to be missing. At this point it should be noted that MAX ELITCHER, who refused to cooperate with JULIUS ROSENBERG, the executed agent, but who was in daily contact with the SOBELLs, had received no advance notice from SOBELL that he intended taking a vacation or was going any place. ELITCHER and SOBELL were in a daily car pool, traveling to Reeves Instrument Co. It was only by accident that ELITCHER learned that the SOBELLs were going to the country.

It should be further noted that MAX ELITCHER, shortly before SOBELL fled the U.S., had observed the JASIKs visiting next door at the SOBELLs'. SOBELL had reason to expect if he was missing, authorities would contact ELITCHER for information and in turn ELITCHER would mention the fact that he had recently observed the JASIKs visiting at SOBELL's residence and the JASIKs would be questioned for information concerning his whereabouts.

WILLIAM DANZIGER, it will be recalled, testified that on the night the SOBELLs were departing for Mexico, he called at the SOBELL residence, subsequent to making a phone call to pick up a drill which he said he needed to repair a bed in his home. DANZIGER also testified that after the SOBELLs arrived in Mexico, he received several letters from MORTON SOBELL, under assumed names, these letters to be delivered personally or mailed by him to people designated by SOBELL.

The report of SA EDWARD J. CAWILL made at NY, 8/11/53 in the above captioned matter, reflects the results of interview with ESTHER JASIK. On page 18 is mentioned information concerning her arrival in Washington, D. C. in May, 1940. She advised of having been met at the train by MORTON SOBELL and her cousin. However, she refused to identify the cousin. In her testimony before the Grand Jury, ESTHER testified as follows concerning this matter:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The indices of the NYO reflect that URIK FUNAROFF was subject of investigation captioned "IS-R, MAIL FRAUD, THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY," Bufile 100-305830. At the time the Newark Office was origin, 100-28626. A review of the NY files failed to indicate his relationship with ESTHER JASIK or SIMON GERSON. However, from the information available to the NYO, FUNAROFF could be a cousin of ESTHER JASIK.

The following is a brief outline of the FUNAROFF investigation:

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A review of URIE FUNAROFF's file in the NYO failed to disclose any information indicating that he was acquainted with MORTON SOBELL.

The following is an outline of the above-mentioned investigation:

FUNAROFF was born in Cletzk, Russia on 2/18/12. He attended City College of New York School of Technology, February 1930 to April 1934, and the College of Liberal Arts, February 1936 to June 1936. He has had numerous employments indicating the following:

National Bureau of Standards
Washington, D. C.
1939

United Technical Services
New York City
1940 to date

Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company
Bloomfield, N.J.
1942-43

Thomas A. Edison Industries
West Orange, N.J.
1944

Engineering Organizing Council
1945

On his employment application at Westinghouse Electric he listed the name of WILLIAM A. MALISOFF, Professor and Bio-Chemist, as a reference.

The report of SA THEODORE G. KIRSCHER, made at New York, 9/28/45, captioned URIE FUNAROFF, identified WILLIAM MALISOFF as a subject of an [REDACTED] investigation at which time

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MALISOFF was regarded as a key figure by the New York Office. This report reflects MALISOFF's contacts with Soviet nationals.

The investigation of FUNAROFF in 1944 was predicated upon the fact that information was received that he was trying to secure information regarding certain operations of the Westinghouse Company either for the purpose of selling it to a competitor or to a foreign power. In this connection, the report of SA HARVEY RATH made at New York, 1/13/45, on page four sets forth details of a letter directed by FUNAROFF to U. S. Signal Corps, Camp Evans, Belmar, N.J., which letter was dated 11/6/44. In this letter FUNAROFF outlined information to which he had access. On page four of this report specific mention is made to the fact that he had information concerning various Western Electric tubes. Included in these tubes are #s 723 and 726.

In view of this the Bureau's attention is directed to New York letter to the Bureau, dated 7/31/52, captioned "JOEL BARR; ESPIONAGE-R", Bufile 65-59453. The investigation of BARR has previously been conducted inasmuch as he has been identified as a member of the ROSENBERG espionage network. Further, MORTON SOBELL was also a member of the same network. The information set forth in the letter of 7/31/52, may be of interest since ESTHER JASIK indicated that a URLIN FUNAROFF was known to SOBELL in 1940. Possibly FUNAROFF may have been the source for the information concerning the Western Electric radio tube 730 mentioned in the letter of 7/31/52.

A review of FUNAROFF's file reflects that on 3/2/45 a highly confidential source, whose identity is known to the Bureau, made available photographic copies of certain materials maintained by FUNAROFF at his office, 220 West 40th Street, New York City. Among the items were 34 blueprints and engineer's drawings of electronic tubes belonging to the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company, Bloomfield, New Jersey. At the time the drawings were identified as unclassified industrial tubes, some having a confidential application. The possibility exists that URIE FUNAROFF having known MORTON SOBELL in 1940, may have been acquainted with JOEL BARR and may have assisted in obtaining information concerning the above-mentioned 730-A radio tube from Western Electric Company.

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A review of the FUNAROFF file reflects that he also collected information from war plants in the Newark Area; that he had developed a multitude of contacts in war plants, most of which contacts appeared to have access to confidential information. FUNAROFF's background is strictly Communistic. FUNAROFF has succeeded in the past in obtaining Government contracts which give him access to still more confidential information.

JOHN LENHARDT, District Intelligence Officer, 3rd Naval District, New York, on 7/9/54, advised that FUNAROFF had been employed by the Consultants and Designers, Inc., 251 West 42nd Street, New York City. This firm handles secret material. In December 1953, according to LENHARDT, FUNAROFF was discharged by this firm since they had discovered that he was operating his own firm while employed by them. He had no information concerning his present employment.

Assistant United States Attorney LEONARD SAND advised that he is presently reviewing the Grand Jury testimony of HENRY and ESTHER JASIK to determine whether it is necessary to recall them for further questioning. The Bureau will be advised of his decision.

The Newark Office is requested to review their files concerning URIAH FUNAROFF, NKfile 100-28626 for any information indicating a relationship of the subject with ESTHER and HENRY JASIK; SIMON GERSON, aka GERSHON; MORTON SOBELL; JOEL BARR; and ALFRED SARANT.

SAC, NY

July 26, 1954

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The following announcement appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of May 29, 1954, on page 2, columns 4-5:

Memorial For Martyrs Ethel and Julius Rosenberg June 17th

The first anniversary of the execution of martyrs Ethel and Julius Rosenberg will be marked by a big memorial meeting on Thursday, June 17th, at 8:00 P.M. at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, near Second Avenue.

The meeting is sponsored by the National Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell In The Rosenberg Case. The slogan for the memorial meeting will be: "Remember the Rosenbergs - Justice For Morton Sobell!" And the meeting will demand that the young scientist be transferred from Alcatraz and should be given a new trial.

Similar memorial meetings will take place throughout the country, including Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco and Baltimore.

Admission for the New York meeting \$1.00, tax included, obtainable at the office of the National Committee, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York.
Telephone Longacre 4-9585.

Translated by SE HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ

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