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1275	12-7-60	N.Y. Letter to LA Third Party	4	4	NO	
1276	12-7-60	NY ~~letter~~ to BS	7	0	NO	
1277	12-8-60	N.Y ~~letter~~ to AL	10	0	YES	NY file 100-109849
278	12-8-60	From SA to SAC MEMO	4	0	YES	NY file 100-109849
279	12-8-60	SA to SAC Memo	4	4	NO	
280	12-8-60	SA to SAC Memo	2	0	YES	NY file 100-109849
281	12-9-60	SA to SAC Memo Third Party	2	0	NO	
1282	12-14-60	SA to SAC Memo	2	0	NO	
283	12-15-60	SA to WFO (Letter)	2	0	NO	
284	12-16-60	N.Y to AL (Letter)	2	0	YES	See N.Y. File 100-109849
285	12-19-60	SA to SAC (Memo)	1	0	YES	NY file 100-109849
286	12-19-60	SA to SAC (Memo)	14	0	YES	NY file 100-109849

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4287	11-2-60	BS to HQ Report	12	12		
4288	12-19-60	SA to SAC MEMO	8	7		
4289 A	12-20-60	N.Y to HQ (letter)	1	1		
4289	12-20-60	N.Y to HQ (letter) Enclosure to Serial 4289A	2	0		
4290	12-21-60	SA to SAC MEMO	1	0		
4291	12-21-60	From HQ to N.Y. (AIRTEL)	1	1		
4292	12-22-60	From SA to SAC (MEMO)	2	0		~~Proceed~~ 10-3-78 FI268 ~~NY file~~ 100-37158 b1
4293	12-16-60	Appeal letter to the President	3	0		
4294	12-16-60	Appeal letter to the President	2	0		
4295	12-16-60	From HQ to PH Report Enclosure to Serial 4297	5	5		
4296	12-23-60	From HQ to PH MEMO Enclosure to Serial 4297	1	1		
4297	12-30-60	PH to HQ (Airtel)	2	0		

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298	12-27-60	SA to SAC NY (MEMO)	1	1		
299	12-20-60	NY STAR JOURNAL (NEWSPAPER) enclosure to Serial 4301	1	1		
300	12-20-60	LI STAR JOURNAL (NEWSPAPER enclosure to Serial 4301	1	1		
301	11-28-60	PASTOR-CHURCH OF NEWTOWN LETTER TO SA NY	1	1		
302	12-5-60	NY LETTER to PASTOR CHURCH OF NEWTOWN	1	1		
303	12-29-60	NY to HQ (Cintel, PE)	1	1		
304	1-21-61	TRANSFER SHEET IDENTICAL WITH Serial 9308	1	1		
305	12-27-60	HQ to PH (Cintel)	1	1		
306	12-23	SA to LA (Letter)	1	1		
307	12-23-60	PH letter to NY	1	1		
308	12-29-60	PH to HQ (Cintel, PE)	1	1		
309	12-29-60	SA to WFO (Letter) Third Party	8	0		

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310	12-29-60	SA to SAC WFO (Letter)	3	3		
311	12-29-60	SA to SAC (N.Y. (Letter)	4	0		
312	1-3-61	News Articles (enclosure to serial #313) (Glos Ludowy N.Y.)	1	1		
313	12-30-60	DE to NY (Letter) Thrust party	1	1		
314	12-30-60	WFO to AL (letter)	12	12		
315	1/17-61	SA to SAC N.Y. (Memo)	2	0	Yes	NY File 100-109849
316	12-23-60	N.Y. SA Informant Report to File	1	0	Yes	See N.Y. File 109849
317	12-23-60	N.Y. SAC Informant Report to File.	1	0		
318	12-23-60	N.Y. SAC Informant Report to File	1	0		
319	12-23-60	N.Y. SAC Informant Report to File	1	0		
320	12-23-60	N.Y. SAC Informant Report to File	1	0		
321	12-29-60	AT to HQ (Letter)	1	1		

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322	12-30-60	SA to N.Y (Letter) Third Party	3	0	yes	NY File 100
323	1-4-61	N.Y to CG Letter	2	2		
324	1-4-60	SA to N.Y. Letter	2	2		
325	1-6-61	WFO to HQ Letter	2	1		
326	1-6-61	SA to WFO Informant (Report)	5	0	yes	NY File 100-109849
327	1-9-61	N.O to N.Y (Letter)	1	1		
328	1-9-61	N.Y to N.H (Letter)	2	0		
329	1-9-61	SA to N.Y (Letter)	2	0		

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-20263) 12/7/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-21)

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The following article appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of November 15, 1960, on page 3, columns 1-2-3:

Morton Sobell - Ten Years Behind Bars

(The intensified fight for his liberation. - National Conference in Washington this Saturday. - A Chat with Morton Sobell's mother in Los Angeles.)

by SARAH FEL-YELLIN (Los Angeles)

It is frightful to think that this victim of raging reaction and the cold war, Morton Sobell, has languished behind prison bars for ten years, first in Alcatraz, and recently in Atlanta, for a crime he never committed. Morton Sobell, a forgotten person!

It is true that there are committees here and there in the country. From time to time there is an action, but public opinion in the country is far from sufficiently aroused. They have gotten accustomed to the idea. But there are things we dare never become accustomed to, and which it is a sin to forget for even one minute!

Morton Sobell has aged not by ten years, but by many times ten. The Sobell family - Helen, his wife, Mark, his son, and Rose, his mother, every day, every minute, they experience the hell of insecurity, of hope and anxiety and disappointment. His old mother wanders around the country and arouses and pleads for aid for her son, for her dear, innocent

4-Los Angeles (100-20263) (RM)
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son - he must be saved. He has been away for ten unhappy years, sitting and waiting. Helen Sobell does not rest. Her cries of anguish, her appeal to wipe out the shame of conviction should reach every heart.

Morton is very brave - his dear ones report - he tries to console us. He has not lost his faith in people. He knows that outside the jail walls there are many friends. He has already studied the entire jail library. Today/would be a scientist, a researcher, which he dreamed about. In the jail he is working in a weaving plant. It helps him pass the time.

A proud, suffering mother sits near me. She says not enough is being done. People forget - that a person is behind bars. She takes a few letters out of her purse and reads:

"Mark! (his son) In the sixth grade already. I recall when I was his age. 1928-1960. Who could have predicted such a change in the world. When a plane flew by people would rush to the windows. Now look at Asia and Africa. Who would dream this. Three wonderful decades. And one of them I languished behind bars! It is unbelievable, Mark! It is difficult to draw this picture for him. When I was in Alcatraz I didn't even see him. It is often difficult to conceive reality.

Once a month - his mother says - we can see him. So we take turns, Helen and I. Mark is 11 already. He is beginning to understand the explanations. In Atlanta Penitentiary he is permitted to enter. He sees Morton, but it is difficult to tell what a child is thinking. He is 11 years old, but he matured before his time. He does a great deal of thinking.

The Sobell mother suffers for the whole family. She doesn't give up even when her feet give out. But when she is surrounded by friends and active workers, she is rejuvenated. Recently she came to Los Angeles as a guest of the local Morton Sobell Committee. The organization in this city represents the entire States of California, Arizona and Nevada. It is quite active. At the banquet in honor of

Rose Sobell, it was stated that the broad "clemency action" for Morton Sobell will come to a climax with a big mass meeting of delegates from the whole country in Washington, on November 19th, 20th and 21st. The President will be visited and a petition submitted.

Christmas is the traditional amnesty period and it is hoped that after 10 years in jail Morton Sobell deserves to be freed. Morton Sobell, the innocent victim, who is still young enough to serve his country and his people with knowledge and faithfulness! After all, they have just freed people who confessed to their guilt (Klaus Fuchs and Allan Nun May).

Prominent Americans, of all walks of life, are working for Morton's liberation. Among them are: Norman Thomas, Rodger Baldwin, Reverend Fritchman, Dr. Harold Urey, Carlton Bills, innumerable rabbis, civic and union leaders, and others.

It was learned, recently, that the fight for Sobell's liberation was joined by the well-known Negro Minister and courageous fighter against racism, Dr. Martin Luther King.

Morton Sobell is well-informed about everything that happens outside the jail walls. His is deeply concerned over the fact that fascism, the swastikas are not viewed with the necessary alarm. They are too lenient with former fascists. They try to white-wash them, to justify their acts and even to picture them to the American people as patriots of their country. Here is what Morton Sobell wrote in a letter to his mother:

"I see that they are making a movie about the fascist von Braun. They are making a hero of the creator of the German "V-2" rocket. Von Braun's explanation was: Germany was his fatherland and it was his duty to help her! Such is the moral standard of society today. The murder of six million Jews is not included in the picture. Germany was his country and this explains everything. The time will come when such morality will no longer be acceptable and people will live with a morality which will not justify barbarism because of the accident of birth!"

I reread this paragraph. I listened to the patient believing mother and I believed that Morton Sobell, the victim of the frightful period of McCarthyism, will soon be free. Together with his wife and child, with his wonderful mother and all his friends throughout the country and throughout the world, with joy and faith, he will work for a new life, with a new, humane morality of justice and peace.

The clemency action, on November 19th, 20th, and 21st, and the gathering in Washington, D.C., dare not remain the activity of a committee or committees - it must permeate organizations, unions, clubs and rearouse the need for significant action - visit Congressmen, write to the President, invite speakers from the local Morton Sobell committees and raise as much financial support as possible - in order to advertise widely the new possibilities for the freeing of Morton Sobell.

The above was translated from the Yiddish and is being submitted for your information. Translated by [redacted] b7c
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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK [redacted] b7d

DATE: 12/3/60

FROM : SA [redacted] b7c

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7d

Dates of Contact

12/2/60

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative

☒ Positive

1 - [redacted] b7d

1 - New York (100-117944) (MARK LANE CAMPAIGN FUND) (424)

1 - New York (100-107111) (COMM. TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL) (41)

1 - New York (100-935/2) (NATIONAL GUARDIAN) (41)

1 - New York (100-107[illegible]) (NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD) (41)

1 - New York (134-842) (INV)

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[redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, made available to SA [redacted] bank records concerning the account named in the attached FD 302 on which pertinent information was recorded.

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Information herein obtained confidentially; source's name is not to be disclosed in report or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely that he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing.

The information herein is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained.

The officer to be subpoenaed is [redacted]

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The original FD 302 is maintained in [redacted]

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FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 8, 196

The following checks were among those drawn against the bank account of [redacted] b7c

Check#	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorse
[redacted]				

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Amalgamated Bank of New York

On 12/2/60 at 11-15 Union Square, NYC File # NY 100-18633

NY 100-78633

A review of the [redacted] Special Account reflected no pertinent activity among checks issued. Deposits were as follows: b7c

Deposits [redacted]

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
BOSTON, MASS.	NEW YORK	12/19/60	11/2-22/60

TITLE OF CASE

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Report made by

SA [redacted] b7c rab

CHARACTER OF CASE

IS - C;
ISA of 1950

Synopsis:

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated June 16, 1960 at Boston.

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INFORMANTS:

Identity	Location
[redacted] b1	[redacted] b1
[redacted] T-2 is anonymous b7d	

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INFORMANTS: (CONT.)

Identity	Location
[redacted]T-3 is [redacted] b7d (By request)	[redacted] b7d
[redacted]T-4 is [redacted]	
[redacted]T-5 is [redacted] b7d (By request)	[redacted] b7d
[redacted]T-6 is [redacted] b1	

The informants mentioned in the details of this report furnished information orally as follows:

[redacted]	11/17/60	SA [redacted]
[redacted]	11/15/60	SA [redacted]
[redacted] b7d	11/15/60	SA [redacted]
[redacted]	11/18/60	SA [redacted] b7c

The sources mentioned in the appendix concerning the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, pertaining to the Boston area, are identified as:

[redacted] b7d

BS 100-27290

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols and they were used only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be protected.

No information has come to the attention of the Boston Office which would indicate any recent activity on the part of or concerning the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Boston area.

However, informants, bank officials and State Police officials interested in subversive activity have been alerted to advise this office immediately in the event that any such information indicating activity on the behalf of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL comes to their attention.

Dissemination of this report has been accomplished on the local level to OSI, DIO and G-2 because of their interest in this matter. Also furnished have been copies of the evaluation memorandum pertaining to this report.

This report is being marked CONFIDENTIAL because of information furnished by BS T-1, ~~BS T-3~~, BS T-4, ~~BS T-5~~ and BS T-6 which, if divulged, could reasonably result in the disclosure of their identities. It is also being marked CONFIDENTIAL because of information furnished by BS T-2, which if divulged, could reasonably result in the disclosure of a confidential investigation technique. This would all be detrimental to the defense interests of the United States.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: OSI, Westover AFB, Mass. (RM)
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Report of: SA [redacted] bre

Office: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Date: 12/19/60

File Number: Boston 100-27290 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

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DETAILS:

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RAE BUCKMAN, 23 Abbott Street, Dorchester

BS T-2 advised on February 2, 1947 that RACHEL BUCKMAN, Dorchester, was a member of the Codman Square Branch of the Communist Party (CP); and also was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" in 1947.

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

The "Daily Worker" is a former East Coast communist newspaper which ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

BS T-3 advised on February 5, 1958 that RACHEL BUCKMAN was one of the leaders of the Dorchester group of the CP and was active therein as of March, 1957.

SALLY CHRISTIANSON, 117 Gladstone Street, East Boston - 20

BS T-4 advised on February 28, 1956 that SALLY CHRISTIANSON was then a current member of the Boston Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), but due to family responsibilities, she attended branch meetings infrequently. BS T-4 advised on July 29, 1958 that as of July, 1958 SALLY CHRISTIANSON was a member of the Boston Branch of the SWP.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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JEANNE LANDSY, 26 Norfolk Place, Sharon

[redacted] advised in 1949 that JEANNE LANDEY was then a [redacted] b7c b7d

BS T-3 advised on February 28, 1958 that as of that date, JEANNE LANDEY had remained an active member of the [redacted] b7c

LILLIAN SHUBOW, 15 Van Roosen Road, Newton - 59

[redacted] in February, 1953, identified LILLIAN SHUBOW as one of a group of persons known to him to be "a member of or associated with the [redacted] Party in Massachusetts." b7c b7d

LARRY TRAINOR, 27 Vineland, Brighton 35

BS T-4 advised on October 13, 1955 that LAWRENCE TRAINOR was the Organizer of the Boston Branch of the SWP, and was also a member of the National Committee of the SWP.

[redacted] b1

The name of the Rev. JOHN PAUL JONES, D.D., Ashfield, Massachusetts, appeared on a brief for Amici Curiae filed on September 9, 1960 in the Supreme Court of the United States in the case, "Communist Party of the United States, Petitioner, versus, Subversive Activities Control Board, Respondent."

[redacted] b1

BS T-5 advised on October 31, 1960 that the West Ballroom of the Shoreham Hotel, Connecticut Avenue and Calvert Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., had been reserved for the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL for November 18, 19 and 20, 1960.

BS T-5 furnished a brochure which dealt with the weekend of November 18, 19 and 20, 1960 and was entitled, "A Convening of Americans United in the Request that MORTON SOBELL be Granted a Commutation of Sentence During the Traditional Christmas Amnesty Period."

In the above mentioned brochure, it was shown that one Reverend JOHN PAUL JONES, Ashfield, Massachusetts, was listed as one of the honored speakers.

The Boston Sunday Herald, a weekly newspaper published in Boston, Massachusetts, on page 12, carried the following article:

"Ashfield Minister Joins Plea to Free Atom Spy Sobell

"Washington (AP) - A Massachusetts clergyman said Saturday the release of MORTON SOBELL could be a work of healing and redemption for America."

"The Rev. JOHN PAUL JONES, Ashfield, Mass., was one of the speakers at a banquet attended by persons urging commutation of sentence for SOBELL, now in the 11th year of a 30-year sentence after conviction on the charge of conspiracy to commit espionage.

"SOBELL, tried in 1951 with atom spies JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, has maintained innocence. He is now in the Atlanta federal prison.

"Backers of the appeal for SOBELL say 1,200 U.S. clergymen are urging a commutation of sentence for him. Representatives of the clergy group will take an appeal to the White House Monday asking a presidential commutation for SOBELL during the traditional Christmas amnesty period."

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Rabbi JEROME S. BASS, Natick, Mass.

The files of the Boston Office fail to reflect any information pertaining to this individual.

Dr. PAUL I. LEHMANN, Cambridge, Mass.

The name of Prof. PAUL LEHMANN, Cambridge, Massachusetts, appeared on a brief for Amici Curiae filed on September 9, 1960 in the Supreme Court of the United States in the case, "Communist Party of the United States, Petitioner, versus Subversive Activities Control Board, Respondent."

[redacted]

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on July 3, 1957 advised that PAUL LEHMANN, A.B., Th.D., D.D., formerly of Princeton University on July 1, 1956 was appointed Parkman Professor of Theology at Harvard. On February 1, 1957, the appointment was changed to FLORENCE CORLISS LAMONT, Professor of Divinity. b7D

Rabbi JOSEPH LUKINSKY, Brookline, Mass.

The files of the Boston Office fail to reflect any information pertaining to this individual.

Rev. SIDNEY G. MENK, Boston, Mass.

The files of the Boston Office fail to reflect any information pertaining to this individual.

Rabbi BURTON L. PADOLL, Brookline, Mass.

The files of the Boston Office fail to reflect any information pertaining to this individual.

Rabbi M. DAVID WEISS, Sharon, Mass.

The files of the Boston Office fail to reflect any information pertaining to this individual.

Rev. ELLIOT WHITE, Arlington, Mass.

The name of Rev. ELLIOT WHITE, Arlington, Mass. was listed in a brief for Amici Curiae filed on September 9, 1960 in the Supreme Court of the United States in the case, "Communist Party of the United States, Petitioner, versus, Subversive Activities Control Board, Respondent."

LOUIS BUDENZ, a former member of the Communist Party, in his book, "Men Without Faces" on page 217 identifies one Reverend ELLIOT WHITE as a Communist Party member who was recruited by BUDENZ. BUDENZ also states that Rev. WHITE was the author of a letter asking thousands of Protestant ministers to contribute to the Red Defense Funds.

HERBERT PHILBRICK, a former member of the Communist Party, while testifying on July 6, 1953 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, named Reverend ELLIOT WHITE as a member of the Communist Party.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, reviewed by Investigative Clerk [redacted]. on November 17, 1960, reflected no record for this organization. b7c

Informants, who have knowledge of phases of Communist Party activity in the Boston area, advised in November, 1960 that they had no information pertaining to any recent activity on the part of this organization.

APPENDIX:

Committee to Secure Justice forMORTON SOBELL

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on March 11, 1953 that the Boston Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case had its inception in June, 1952.

Another source stated on February 8, 1954 that during the fall of 1953 the Boston Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case changed its name to the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee. This same source stated on March 5, 1954 that the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was last active in the Greater Boston, Massachusetts area in July, 1953.

A third source advised in February, 1958 that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was activated during the first part of 1958 in Boston.

This third source stated that the aims and purposes of the above-captioned committee were to gain the release from Alcatraz of MORTON SOBELL, to gain his freedom and cancellation of the remaining years of his sentence and to protest the conviction and confinement of MORTON SOBELL.

The first source stated on March 11, 1953 that the Boston Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case had been dominated and controlled by the Communist Party since the inception of this committee in June, 1952.

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The third source indicated in February, 1958 that the Communist Party had ignored MORTON SOBELL and referred to his appeal as "too hot for them to handle" lest their public support of his case cause embarrassment to the Communist Party.

This third source advised in January, 1959 and again in January, 1960 that the last meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL took place in Sharon, Massachusetts on July 12, 1958.

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Boston, Massachusetts
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Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference: Report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated
December 19, 1960 at
Boston, Massachusetts.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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"About 250 people attended the cocktail party and it was noted that everyone seemed to be drinking although no one appeared to be drinking to excess. The cocktail party was social in nature and the banquet in the West Ballroom of the Hotel Shoreham was scheduled to commence at 7:00 P.M., but did not start until about 7:30 P.M. About 300 people attended the banquet and the seating area consisted of a head table for the Chairman and speakers and circulars tables for the other guests, which tables accommodated about 10 people each.

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"There were four women representatives from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom from Philadelphia, Pa., present at the banquet, but their identities were not known.

"GERHARD VAN ARKEL, Attorney, Washington, D.C., was listed in the program as Chairman, but he was not present and it was announced that he had sent a telegram stating that important legal work conflicted with his attendance at the banquet. He was replaced as Chairman by an attorney from Chicago who is affiliated with the National Lawyers Guild and whose name is STEPHEN LOVE.

"The following individuals were listed on the program as speakers but did not speak:

"BURNS CHALMERS, American Friends Service Committee, Washington, D. C.

"HAROLD A. CRANEFIELD, Attorney, Detroit, Michigan, who was not present.

"Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN, National Chairman of the Committee for Labor Israel, Chicago, Illinois, who was not present.

"LOVE stated that he was very familiar with the MORTON SOBELL case and he feels deeply that SOBELL was innocent of the charge of conspiracy to commit espionage. LOVE said that if he had the slightest doubt of SOBELL's guilt he would not have associated himself with the SOBELL case.

"LOVE then introduced prominent clergymen who are among the sponsors of the National Committee for Clemency for MORTON SOBELL. He introduced about 15 or 20 ministers, among whom was Rev. PETER MC CORMICK, who was Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz Prison when SOBELL was a prisoner there. Each of the ministers stood up and acknowledged his introduction.

"It was noted that there were no Negro ministers introduced and it was further noted that only about four or five Negroes were in attendance at any of the affairs over the weekend of November 19, 20 and 21, 1960.

"Chairman LOVE then introduced the principal speaker, Rev. JOHN PAUL JONES of Ashfield, Massachusetts, whom the Chairman referred to as a great religious leader.

"JONES said that he has been following the MORTON SOBELL case very closely although he does not know MORTON SOBELL personally and, in fact, has never seen SOBELL. JONES continued that he did not believe that SOBELL was guilty of conspiring to commit espionage as had been charged by the United States Government.

"JONES recalled that he had been stationed in Brooklyn, New York, at the time of MORTON SOBELL's arrest, and that HELEN SOBELL, the wife of MORTON SOBELL, contacted him and asked his opinion as to how she should arrange for her husband's legal defense. He added that he helped her in securing legal aid and also said prayers on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

"Mrs. HELEN SOBELL was the last speaker of the evening. She said that she wanted to contact President EISENHOWER and persuade EISENHOWER to grant executive clemency to MORTON SOBELL so that he may be home with his family for Christmas and eventually have his name cleared completely.

"Mrs. HELEN SOBELL also said that she wanted to thank the wonderful people who had attended the banquet from such places as Massachusetts, New York City, Buffalo, New York, Cleveland, Ohio, and San Francisco, California, and she particularly wanted to thank the Washington, D.C., Sobell Committee, which was the host committee, in arranging the National Appeal for Freedom for MORTON SOBELL. The banquet ended at approximately 11:00 P.M.

"Arrangements had been made for Attorney LOVE to appear on STEVE ALLISON's radio show during the last evening of November 19, 1960, and, accordingly, LOVE left the banquet before it was over and Mrs. HELEN SOBELL acted as Chairman for the balance of the banquet.

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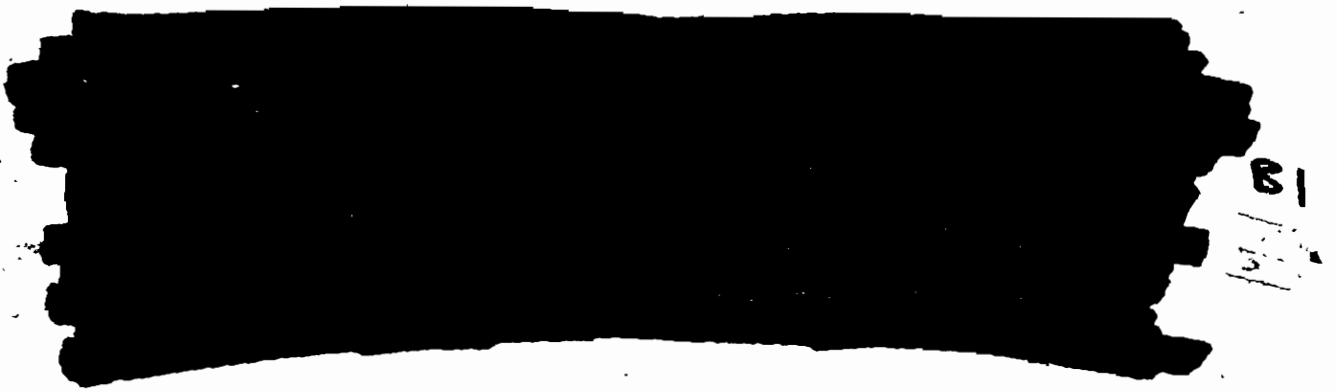
"At 2:00 P.M., Sunday, November 20, 1960, a panel on the 'Facts and Issues in the Sobell Case' was scheduled in the West Ballroom of the Hotel Shoreham. This was the same room in which the banquet had been held the previous evening. Approximately 200 individuals were present at this affair and chairs were arranged in rows to accommodate those in attendance.



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"Although the program described the Sunday afternoon affair as a panel, it actually consisted of a talk by Professor THOMAS EMERSON of Yale University Law School.

"The Chairman of the Sunday afternoon session was a minister from Seattle, Washington, whose identity was not learned.

"EMERSON, in his opening remarks, said that he did not know MORTON SOBELL personally and did not know enough about MORTON SOBELL to decide whether or not SOBELL was guilty of conspiracy to commit espionage as charged. EMERSON added, however, that he disagreed with the method employed by the United States authorities to return MORTON SOBELL from Mexico for prosecution.

"He said that MORTON SOBELL had been in Mexico on vacation with his family and had rented an apartment in his true name. While SOBELL and his family occupied this apartment, Agents of the Mexican Government broke into the apartment, beat up SOBELL, and hauled him off to prison. Subsequently, the Agents of the Mexican Government turned over SOBELL, his wife, and children to the United States immigration officials in the United States - Mexico border, at which place the FBI took SOBELL into custody, handcuffed him, and took him to jail.

"EMERSON said that he disagreed with the abduction of SOBELL by the Mexican Agents and he also disagreed with the Mexican Agents physically beating SOBELL even when SOBELL did not put up any resistance.

"EMERSON continued that SOBELL has now served almost ten years in prison of his thirty-year sentence. He said that it is customary, when an individual has been a model prisoner, that he be eligible for parole at the expiration of one-third of his sentence, but in SOBELL's case, even though he has been a model prisoner, he apparently has no hope for parole.

"EMERSON said that as far as he knows MORTON SOBELL has exhausted every legal avenue to obtain his freedom and EMERSON knows of no other legal means open to SOBELL to obtain his freedom. EMERSON said that the United States Supreme Court has turned down SOBELL's plea for a retrial.

"EMERSON claimed that, even though the United States Government made a mistake in convicting MORTON SOBELL, it cannot now admit this mistake because such an admission would imply that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were not guilty of conspiracy to commit espionage for which they were executed. EMERSON said that the principal witness against SOBELL, MAX ELITCHER, was a notorious liar and that SOBELL's conviction should not be based on the testimony of such an individual.

"EMERSON talked for approximately one hour and was followed by Mrs. HELEN SOBELL. She said it was true that she and her husband went to Mexico, but she claimed that they went there on vacation and rented an apartment there in their true names. She did admit that she and her husband went to two other places in Mexico where they stayed under assumed names, but she claimed that this did not indicate guilt or flight. Mrs. SOBELL said that when she and her husband went to Mexico they did not know that they were under suspicion and that they had not been subpoenaed. She said that she and her husband were not running away because as far as they knew they had nothing to run from.

"A question and answer period followed and one of the questions was why MORTON SOBELL failed to testify at his

"trial. HELEN SOBELL answered this by saying that MORTON SOBELL, himself, wanted to testify but that his attorney advised against his testifying because of the prejudiced atmosphere of the times. She added that if MORTON SOBELL knew then what he knows now he would have insisted on testifying on his own defense.

"Following the above meeting, approximately 100 of those in attendance rode in three or four chartered local Washington, D.C., buses to the vicinity of the White House where they participated in a prayer meeting outside the White House. This meeting was led by Rev. ALVA TOMPKINS who led a prayer that President EISENHOWER would grant executive clemency to MORTON SOBELL, which was followed by a silent prayer by those present. Following the prayer meeting, those participating paraded in front of the White House for a short time. Those participating in the parade carried no signs and created no disturbance. The prayer meeting and demonstration ended at about 6:00 P.M.

"Only a few individuals planned to remain through Monday, November 21, 1960, to contact congressmen and senators on behalf of MORTON SOBELL's release.

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Re New York airtel dated 12-20-60.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
December 23, 1960

MEETING OF PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE, [redacted] b7D

On December 19, 1960, a source advised that a meeting sponsored by the Philadelphia Sobell Committee (characterization attached to this memorandum) was held [redacted] b7D the purpose of this meeting was to hear a report on the events regarding the national appeal for the freedom of Morton Sobell. There were 27 persons in attendance at this meeting [redacted]

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Helen Sobell was the principal speaker and related that the recent rally in Washington, D.C. included representatives from the entire United States. She said that during that weekend (November 19-21, 1960) eight

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ministers and two lawyers attempted to see President Eisenhower at the White House to present him with the volumes of signatures including 1500 clergymen who were requesting freedom for Morton Sobell. Since the delegation was unable to see the President they asked for a member of his staff with the result that because one of the eight ministers in the group was acquainted with the White House chaplain the group met with the chaplain and gave him the volumes of signatures, which the chaplain, Reverend Fox, said he would refer to the Department of Justice.

Helen Sobell spoke of the crowd at this Washington, D.C. rally and how inspiring it was to see them marching around the White House. She also mentioned that while in Alcatraz Morton Sobell had not been permitted to receive Christmas packages but after his transfer to the Atlanta penitentiary he was permitted to receive Christmas packages, a bible and books. Helen Sobell said that she and her two children planned to visit Morton Sobell for two hours on Christmas and two hours on New Year's.

A collection was made but the amount realized was not announced. A plea was made for volunteers to help the Philadelphia Sobell Committee in its work but no one was observed to respond.

A second source related that at the meeting described above an exhibition called "Americans Appeal for Morton Sobell" was on display [redacted] b7D This exhibit consisted of newspaper and periodical clippings, photostatic copies of appeals and letters sent by Morton Sobell to members of his family.

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PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE

On 1/23/53, [redacted] of Police [redacted] Philadelphia Police Department, advised that by letter dated 10/10/52, the Philadelphia Police Department had received notification of a meeting under the sponsorship of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case to be held in Philadelphia on 10/14/52. 62

On 4/14/53, the Supervisor, Division of Solicitations, Department of Public Instructions, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 812 Blackstone Building, Harrisburg, Pa., advised that by letter dated 2/17/53, JEAN D. FRANTJIS, as Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa., had advised the Division of Solicitations that the Philadelphia Committee was an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and that the purpose of the local committee was to solicit money to be used to meet expenses in carrying on appeals in the Rosenberg Case and maintaining the Rosenberg children.

Literature issued by the Committee on the dates indicated reflects the following variations of the names of the Philadelphia Committee which have been utilized:

2/11/53	Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
10/14/53	Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
10/19/53	Philadelphia Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
7/8/54	Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On 3/14/56, a source advised that the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case was being disbanded because of a lack of funds and a lack of activity on the part of the Committee.

On 4/8/58, this source advised that on 4/7/58, a meeting was held in Philadelphia to re-establish this Committee in Philadelphia, and that the Committee would be called the Philadelphia Sobell Committee.

Another source advised on 5/29/60, that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee continues to operate as a local affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. It is a non-membership organization which conducts its activities through a Planning Committee consisting of no set number of people, usually eight to twelve individuals, [redacted] b7D

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The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the A G of the U.S. pursuant to EO 10450.

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Reference memorandum dated December 23, 1960, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

DATE: 27 DEC 19

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM : SA [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE
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"The Worker" edition of 12/25/60, page 11, column 1, carries the following announcement:

"Keep the Date Open. Farewell testimonial to Jennie and Ben Ratner. Saturday, January 21. At Estonian Hall, 2061 Lexington Ave. Subscription $2.50. Buffet Dinner - Entertainment. For Reservations call AL 4-9983. Auspices N.Y. Sobell Comm."

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L. I. STAR JOURNAL, TUES. NOV. 22, 1960

7 L. I. Ministers Deny Signing Sobell Plea

Seven Long Island clergymen today denied signing a petition to President Eisenhower to free convicted atom spy Morton Sobell of Flushing from prison.

They were among 16 ministers and rabbis named as signers by the Rev. Peter McCormack of San Francisco, a Presbyterian minister for 50 years and Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz federal prison during Sobell's confinement there.

The appeal, according to the Rev. McCormack, was signed by 1,200 of "America's most eminent ministers and rabbis."

Three of the clergymen named said they had signed the appeal or one similar to it. Six could not be reached.

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A MAJORITY said they had received literature from a group called The Committee for Clemency for Morton Sobell.

McCormack's statement concerning the appeal came in the wake of a weekend of activities in Washington, D. C., aimed at winning freedom for Sobell.

The former radar engineer was convicted as an accomplice of executed spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. He is serving the 11th year of a 30-year sentence in Atlanta Federal Prison.

Two hundred persons demonstrated in front of the White House Sunday in behalf of Sobell.

A group of Protestant ministers recited prayers and Biblical passages as the demonstrators marched back and forth along Pennsylvania avenue.

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DENYING they had signed the appeal were: the Rev. A. Nelson Doak, Jackson Heights; the Rev. Elbert M. Parkhurst, Woodhaven; the Rev. Frederick Reustle, Richmond Hill; the Rev. John Dykstra, Locust Valley; the Rev. H. Paul Guhse, Wantagh; the Rev. Edward W. Levin, Freeport, and the Rev. William F. Houston, Huntington Station.

The Rev. Levin said that, after seeing his name published as one of the signers, he sent a telegram to President Eisen- Sobell was justly convicted and hower stating his belief that should serve his full prison term.

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L.I. STAR JOURNAL MONDAY, Nov 21 1960, Page 3

Claim Sobell Innocent

Clergymen Ask Ike To Free Atom Spy

Sixteen Long Island clergymen and rabbis today joined an appeal to President Eisenhower to free convicted atom spy Morton Sobell.

Sobell, former Flushing-Hillcrest radar engineer, is serving the 11th year of a 30-year sentence in Atlanta federal prison.

The appeal to Eisenhower, according to the Rev. Peter McCormack of San Francisco, a Presbyterian minister for more than 50 years and Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz during Sobell's imprisonment there, was signed by 1,200 of "America's most eminent ministers and rabbis."

The Rev. McCormack stated he became convinced of Sobell's innocence while at Alcatraz.

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THE JOINT statement of the religious leaders pointed out that throughout his imprisonment Sobell has maintained his innocence.

"When a trial reflects the national tensions of the day," said the statement, "the verdict may suffer from projudice or unreason, too difficult to dismiss.

"Every American who thinks about his own freedoms cannot help but concern himself when the question of this kind of an injustic eis raised."

Sobell was convicted in 1951 with the executed Soviet atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Signers of the appeal for executive clemency or a new trial for Sobell were:

Queens: Rev. Kenneth R. Baldwin, Flushing; Rev. A. Nelson Doak, Jackson Heights; Rev. Merle W. Leak, Bellerose; Rev. John A. Lewis, Hollis; Rabbi Morris Max, Forest Hills; Rev. Elbert M. Parkhurst, Woodhaven; Rev. Frederick Reustle, Richmond Hill, and Rev. Romes G. Harris, whose community was listed only as Queens.

Nassau: Rev. John Dykstra, Locust Valley; Rabbi Abram Vossen Goodman, Lawrence; Rev. H. Paul Guhse and Rabbi Avery J. Grossfield, Wantagh; Rev. Edward W. Levin, Freeport; Rev. Frederick Mech, West Hempstead; and Rev. Max B. Mopsey, Oyster Bay.

Suffolk: Rev. William F. Houston, Huntington Station

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Elmhurst 73, N.Y.
Tel. HA 4-2280

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22-17 34th Avenue
Jackson Heights 72, N.Y.
Tel. HA 4-2839

V. A. NELSON DOAK, Pastor
34-50 80th Street, Apt. 22
Jackson Heights 72, N.Y.
Parsonage HAvemeyer 6-6899
Church Office HAvemeyer 6-7536

J. P. CHRISTGAU, Pres. Sec.
98-21 52nd Avenue
Elmhurst 73, N.Y.
Tel. HA 4-2883

November 28, 1960

Dear Sir:

The enclosed two articles were printed in the Long Island Star Journal, a local newspaper, the main office being at 42-26 28th Street, Star Square, Long Island City 1, New York. The first appeared on Monday, November 21st, entitled "Clergymen Ask Ike To Free Atom Spy" in which my name is cited as one of the sixteen Long Island clergymen who signed an appeal to President Eisenhower to free convicted atom spy, Morton Sobell.

I would like to make it a matter of record that I never signed any such appeal. My name was used without my consent and I strongly protest the above action on the part of any medium of communication. I did receive a letter asking me to endorse this appeal. I read the letter and destroyed it. I do not know the source from which the letter came or where the Star Journal received its erroneous information.

The second article was printed in the Star Journal on Tuesday, November 22nd. It was entitled "7 L. I. Ministers Deny Signing Sobell Plea." While this retraction may undo some damage, it cannot eradicate all the injury done to me personally and to the good name of the historic First Reformed Church of Newtown. Therefore, I respectfully request that it be made a matter of record with your agency that I emphatically disclaim ever attaching my name, either privately or publicly, to any statement regarding the Sobell case.

For your further information, I am unalterably opposed to Communism. I have always opposed its philosophy and, with God's help, I always shall oppose it.

Thanking you for any coutesy you may grant me in this matter, I am

Gratefully yours,

A. Nelson Doak [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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201 East 69th Street,
New York 21, N. Y.

December 5, 1960

Reverend A. Nelson Doak, Pastor,
34-50 80th Street, Apt. 22,
Jackson Heights 72, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Doak:

Reference is being made to your letter of November 20, 1960, in which you request that it be made a matter of record that you never signed an appeal to President Eisenhower to free convicted Atom Spy Morton Sobell.

In accordance with your request, this has been made a matter of record. I appreciate very much your calling this to my attention.

Very truly yours,

[redacted] b7c
Special Agent in Charge.

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12/29/60

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA OF 1950

ReBuairtel, 12/21/60, and NYairtel, 12/20/60, captioned as above.

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[redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] on 12/23/60, and advised that the name HOLDMAN (PH) was unknown to her. [redacted] was alerted to the need to identify HOLDMAN (PH). b7c b7d

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1-Supervisor #41

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Location

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Airtel

To: SACs Philadelphia (100-37667)
New York
Washington Field

From: Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau dated 12-23-50 with enclosed letterhead memorandum.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum furnished with re airtel failed to mention the reliability of the sources used. Philadelphia did not include an additional letterhead memorandum referring to the reliability of these sources. The last page of the letterhead memorandum referred to the Socialist Workers Party (SWP); however, no characterization was mentioned.

Philadelphia submit airtel including appropriate number of copies of letterhead memorandum establishing reliability of sources utilized in the above mentioned letterhead memorandum. All offices include statement at the end of the last page of the above-mentioned letterhead memorandum that the SWP is a designated organization. Philadelphia handle by return mail as dissemination is being withheld pending this corrective action.

Appropriate form error should be scored against responsible personnel.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 12/23/60

FROM : SA [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

On 11/14/60 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, but who is unavailable for recontact, furnished SA [redacted] with a letter dated 3/24/60 which was written to FRANK WILKINSON, CCPAF, 617 North Larchmont Boulevard, Los Angeles by TED JACOBS. JACOBS made reference to one "WIDGE" and it is believed she is identical to ERNA WIDC NEWMAN of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee. The letter is set forth herewith in its entirety. b7c

"March 24, 1960

"Dear Frank,

"Widge suggested I write to check something with you. She says you might know more specifically that exact origin of a report that the National Council of Churches appealed to President Eisenhower about numerous matters, including the Sobell case, which should be cleared up before the Summit. We checked with the Council here, but could find no indication that such was the case. Would you know what report this was, and who made it?

"We all send you our very best wishes.

"Sincerely,

"Ted Jacobs"

ACTION:

No further action is being taken in this matter.

cc: [redacted] New York (REGISTERED) [redacted] b7c

[redacted] b7c 100-107111 (COMMITTEE TO SECU JUSTICE FOR MORT SOBELL)

JST:SAM
(6)

Read By [redacted] b7c

[redacted] b7c

100-107111-4306

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

December 23, 1960

Title MEETING OF PHILADELPHIA SCHELL COMMIT[redacted] b7D

Character

Reference memorandum dated December 23, 1960, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

12/29/60

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A I R T E L REGISTERED MAIL

TO: Director, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL; IS - C

Remyairtel 12/23/60. Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia, 12/27/60, requesting letterhead memorandum be submitted disclosing the reliability of the sources used in myairtel.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of letterhead memorandum dated 12/23/60 for the Bureau, two copies for New York and one copy for Washington Field to be attached to letterhead memorandum forwarded with re airtel.

FROMBOSE

3 - Bureau (RM) (100-387835) (Encl. 5)
2 - New York (RM) (Encl. 2)
1 - WFO (RM) (Info.) (Encl. 1)
4 - Philadelphia
1 - 100-37667
1 [redacted] b7d
1 [redacted]
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Ans. ~~100-107111-4304~~

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FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 4309 DATE 12-9-60

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

TO: SAC, WFO (100-[illegible]4)

FROM: SA [redacted] b7c

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Date received	Received from (name or symbol number)	Received by
11/19/60	[redacted] b7d	[redacted] b7c

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☐ in person ☒ by telephone ☐ by mail ☒ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated _____ to _____

Transcribed By SA [redacted] 11/20/60

Authenticated by informant 12/27/60 b7c

Date of Report 11/19/60

Date(s) of activity 11/19/60

Brief description of activity or material

Sobell Committee function at Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

File where original is located if not attac

[redacted] b7d

Remarks:

This informant has furnished reliable information in the past.

11 - WFO

[redacted] b7c

157-1 American Nazi Party

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(4) - New York (100-107111) (RM)

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1 - Seattle (RM)

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"November 19, 1960

"On November 19, 1960, at about 3:45 P. M., Aaron Katz and Ted Jacobs of the National Headquarters of the Sobell Committee in New York City were observed at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., making preparations for the Sobell reception and banquet to be held later during the day. Milton Andrews of Seattle, Washington, was also present. [redacted] b7D

"The Sobell Committee has a room at the Shoreham which is being used as their headquarters. Ted Jacobs is using this room and possibly Aaron Katz.

[redacted] b7D

"A number of buses are expected to arrive soon, especially from New York City, transporting persons to this Sobell affair. There have been a great deal of cancellations in connection with this affair, but there have also been some additions.

[redacted] b7D

the record 'Prisoner's Song,' which depicts Sobell's life in prison. This record was being sold for $1.00 [redacted] b7D

"Ted Jacobs was very much disturbed because of picketing of the Sobell function by members of the American Nazi Party. Jacobs left the Shoreham Hotel with the idea of preventing this picketing.

[redacted] b7d

[redacted]

This memorandum has been compared with the original statement and it is correct in substance.

All necessary action which should be taken in connection with this information has been taken.

FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 4311 DATE 12-29-60

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK DATE: 12/30/60

FROM: SAC, Detroit (100-1549-Sub A)

DSH 2023

SUBJECT: "GLOS LUDOWY"
("People's Voice")
IS - C

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory, Translation Unit

The _____ edition of the Polish language newspaper, "Glos Ludowy" is enclosed for translation by the Bureau. The translations should follow suggestions previously furnished. Original newspaper should be returned to Detroit with the translations.

X The 11/26/60 issue of "Glos Ludowy," Page 12, Column 4-5*, of the English Section, contained an article which reflects information pertaining to individuals or organizations within your jurisdiction.
* continued P. 11, C. 5.
A Photostat of the article is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action you deem necessary.

The attached is a summary of information translated from the Polish Section of "Glos Ludowy," issue dated _____, Page _____, Column _____.

The information which pertains to individuals or organizations within your division is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action deemed appropriate.

Translated by: Bureau Translator _____

Detroit Translator _____

On December 20, 1960, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (protect identity), advised that the "Glos Ludowy" is a Polish-English language weekly newspaper published in Detroit which closely follows the Communist Party line. The entire editorial policy of this newspaper is dominated by CP members.

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Clergy and Lawyers Appeal To Ike to Release Sobell

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An appeal to President Eisenhower to free imprisoned scientist Morton Sobell before leaving office was made on Monday by spokesmen for 1200 clergymen of different faiths who have joined in the request. A similar request was made previously by 600 lawyers and educators.

The appeal to the President, signed by many of America's most eminent ministers and rabbis, stated:

"Whenever human beings are involved in matters of judgment and justice there does exist the possibility of human error. Most particularly, when a trial reflects the national tensions of the day, the verdict may suffer from prejudice or unreason, too difficult to dispute. Every American who thinks about his own freedoms cannot help but concern himself when the question of this kind of an injustice is raised.

"It is impressive, therefore, that throughout his imprisonment, Morton Sobell has proclaimed his innocence. Moreover, thirty years is a lifetime sentence that the mother, wife and children of Morton Sobell share with him.

"It is the quality of mercy that insists that we, who feel the conscience of the United States as a particular responsibility, address you, Mr. President, to ask that you use your great office to urge a new trial for Morton Sobell, as great [illegible] by commutation of his sentence."

The appeal was made public by a delegation of representative clergymen who had come to Washington to speak with government officials about the request for action in Sobell's behalf. It had been initiated on the West Coast by Reverend Peter McCormack of San Francisco and other California clergymen.

Reverend McCormack, a Presbyterian minister for more than 50 years, was Protestant Chaplain of Alcatraz during Morton Sobell's imprisonment there, and became convinced of his innocence. He has since been seeking to arouse the conscience of the country to obtain Morton Sobell's release.

During the past weekend a National Appeal for Freedom was held in Sobell's behalf in Washington. It featured an exhibit on the Sobell case at the Hotel Shoreham, a banquet addressed by nationally known speakers which was attended by more than 250 persons, a prayer at the White House on Sunday, and a panel discussion on facts and issues concerning the search-discussed imprisonment of Sobell.

The Washington weekend

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program was sponsored by such nationally known individuals as Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr and Dr. John C. Bennett of the Union Theological Seminary in New York; Roger Baldwin, chairman of the International League for the Rights of Man; Norman Thomas; and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Last week another independent appeal—one by 600 educators, lawyers, writers and other Americans — was made public. Asking the President to free Sobell were such individuals as Clarence Pickett of the American Friends Service Committee; Harold Cranefield, attorney and general counsel for the International Union, United Auto Workers; author James T. Farrell; Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize scientist, and Alexander Meiklejohn, civil libertarian.

Morton Sobell is now at the Atlanta Federal prison ending the 11th year of his 30-year sentence. Last week David Greenglass, who had pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy in commit espionage, was released from prison after serving 10 years. Many who have studied the record have criticized the 30-year sentence imposed against Sobell as being far out of proportion to sentences given to such persons as Greenglass, Klaus Fuchs and Allan Nunn May in England, and to Francis Powers in the recent U-2 episode.

A special inquiry into the Sobell case was made by an independent group that included Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, and Professor Edmund Cahn of the New York University Law School. The group called the case against Sobell "vague in content and slender in proof," and recommended a commutation of sentence.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY (100-13260) DATE: DEC 30 1960

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C
ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)

Re New York airtel, 11/21/60, requesting WFO to check hotel records at "Hotel Emery." This lead has been covered and is reported later in this letter under New York City.

By airtels, 11/20/60 and 11/21/60, the Bureau and New York were furnished letterhead memoranda about the "Freedom Week End" of subject organization at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., 11/19-21/60.

corrected per WFO A/S dated 1/9/61

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2 - Albany (RM)
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This letter is to advise interested offices where individuals from their territories were connected with the activities and where WFO files do not show that the offices have been otherwise advised.

On 10/31/60 [redacted] Shoreham Hotel (conceal by request), furnished a brochure containing the program for the Freedom Week End. This brochure described the week end as a "Convening of Americans United in the Request that MORTON SOBELL be Granted a Commutation of Sentence during the Traditional Christmas Amnesty." b7d

The brochure listed the program for the week end as:

Exhibit, open to the public from 11/18/60 to 11/20/60, Shoreham Hotel.

Reception for visitors and honored guests, Saturday, 11/19/60, 5:30 p.m., Shoreham Hotel.

SOBELL Freedom Banquet, Hotel Shoreham, 7:00 p.m., 11/19/60.

Panel, Hotel Shoreham, 11/20/60, 2:00 p.m.

White House Prayer, White House, 6:00 p.m., 11/20/60.

Delegations - a day of visiting government representatives, 11/21/60.

The names listed below as coming from the brochure were not necessarily at the Freedom Week End.

New York has been furnished a copy of the brochure previously.

On 11/21/60 [redacted] United States Department of Justice, advised SA [redacted] that seven people had visited him on 11/21/60 to appeal for the release of MORTON SOBELL. They gave him a mimeographed copy of a petition which they said was being delivered to the White House. The petition bore sixteen pages of names, single spaced, all of which were preceded by the title Reverend or Rabbi, except for a very few who were preceded by the title Doctor or Professor. These people will be identified below where the name [redacted] is listed as the source. b7d

The brochure also contained a statement by a group of people who concurred in the plea for SOBELL's freedom and called upon their fellow citizens to help. The signers of this statement will be identified below by the phrase "Appeal for Freedom."

On 11/21/60 [redacted] and [redacted] of the White House Police, assigned to the West Gate, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that eleven people, led by Rev. ALVA THOMPKINS, 1625 North Orchard St., Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. ROSE SOBELL and HELEN SOBELL, visited the White House on 11/21/60 to request permission to present a petition to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL. About an hour and a half after the group came to the West Gate, Rev. THOMPKINS and MILTON ANDREWS from Seattle, Washington, were chosen from the delegation to see Rev. FREDERICK FOX of the White House staff to present the petition to him. The petition asked that the President use his office to urge a new trial for MORTON SOBELL or grant him clemency by commutation of his sentence. The people of this delegation will be identified below by the use of the names [redacted] and [redacted] as the source.

On 11/23/60 [redacted]

The following persons by offices were recorded to be connected as indicated with the Freedom Week End. As stated above, all of these people were not reported to be in attendance in Washington, D. C., at the time.

Albany, New York

The brochure contained a statement by U.S. Congressman WILLIAM MEYER of Vermont urging a new trial for SOBELL.

Atlanta, Georgia

Name	Source	Remarks
Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia	[redacted]	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

Baltimore, Maryland

Name	Source	Remarks
Dr. EDWARD D. KORN, Bethesda, Maryland	[redacted]	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

Boston, Massachusetts

Name	Source	Remarks
Rabbi JEROME S. BASS, Natick, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
WALDO FRANK, Truro, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
RUSSELL JOHNSON, Petersham, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
Rev. JOHN PAUL JONES, Ashfield, Mass.	[redacted]	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
	[redacted]	Listed as honored speaker at the banquet 11/19/60

Charlotte, North Carolina

Name	Source	Remarks
DAVID ANDREWS, Boone, N. C.	[redacted]	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

Chicago, Illinois

Name	Source	Remarks
LEO BERMAN, Chicago, Ill.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
Dr. WILLIAM C. DAVIDON, Chicago, Ill.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
Professor DALE PONTIUS, Chicago, Ill.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
Professor MALCOLM SHARP, Chicago, Ill.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
	Brochure	Appeal for freedom
Rev. ALVA TOMPKINS	Brochure	Leader of White House Prayer 11/20/60.
	[redacted] and b7d	In group who presented petition at White House 11/21/60 TOMPKINS was of two people who went in to see White House representative
Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN, Chicago, Ill.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
	Brochure	Listed as honored speaker at banquet [redacted] b7d

Cincinnati, Ohio

Name	Source	Remarks
Rev. JOHN E. EVANS, Columbus, Ohio	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

Cleveland, Ohio

Name	Source	Remarks
Rev. SAMUEL H. CASSEL, Cleveland, Ohio	Brochure	Appeal for freedom
LOWELL WELLMAN, Cleveland, Ohio	[redacted] and b7d	White House ~~official~~ [illegible]

On 12/2/60 [redacted] b7D Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] that b7C his company had been hired to set up the SOBELL exhibit at the Shoreham Hotel on 11/18/60. He stated that his company had now taken down the exhibit and had crated it for shipment to JEAN ROBBINS in Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted] advised on 11/21/60 that a Rabbi HOROWITZ (ph) had called him from Cleveland, Ohio, on 11/21/60, and said that he was to have been to see [redacted] on 11/21/60 but that his plane had been grounded and he had been unable to make it. b7d

The brochure contained a statement ay the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators, Paper Hangers, Local 867, Cleveland, Ohio, asking President EISENHOWER "to take necessary action to secure ultimate justice" in the SOBELL case.

Detroit, Michigan

Name	Source	Remarks
HAROLD CRANEFIELD, Detroit, Michigan	Brochure	Appeal for freedom
	Brochure	Listed as honored speaker at banquet [redacted]

b7d

Professor ANATOL RAPAPORT, Ann Arbor, Mich.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

Houston, Texas

Name	Source	Remarks
Rabbi AVERY J. ~~GRASEFIELD~~, Grossfield Port Arthur, Texas	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

Indianapolis, Indiana

Name	Source	Remarks
Professor LLOYD H. DONNELL, Chesterton, Indiana	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

Kansas City, Missouri

Name	Source	Remarks
Dr. GARDNER MURPHY, Topeka, Kansas	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

Los Angeles, California

Name	Source	Remarks
Rev. GROSS W. ALEXANDER, Lucerne Valley, Calif.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
Rev. ERWIN A. ~~GADDE~~ GAEDE, Los Angeles, Calif.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
[redacted]	and	Petition White House Petition

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Rev. ASHTON JONES (who said he had no known address)	[redacted] and b7d	White House Petition
Rev. ASHTON B. JONES, 3640 Denton Avenue South, San Gabriel, Calif.	[redacted] b7d	Petition

Minneapolis, Minnesota

The brochure contained a statement that the Central Labor Union Council of Minneapolis called for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

Name	Source	Remarks
KENNETH BECK, St. Paul, Minn.	[redacted] and b7D	White House Petition
Rev. KENNETH BECK, 2500 Hudson Road, St. Paul, Minn.	[redacted] b7d	Petition

Newark, New Jersey

Name	Source	Remarks
Rabbi MORRIS FISHMAN, Margate, New Jersey	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

The brochure contained a "Statement by Distinguished Theologians and Law Professors After Independent Inquiry into the Facts in the SOBELL Case." This statement was signed by those who believed that the sentence of MORTON SOBELL should be commuted. [redacted] -communists. Their statement said they are not connected with any organization, committee or group of any kind concerned with the ROSENBERGs or with SOBELL. They stated after study of the case, certain considerations warranted the commutation of the very heavy sentence SOBELL is serving.

[redacted] signed this statement along with six New York people.

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New Haven, Connecticut

Name	Source	Remarks
Professor THOMAS I. EMERSON, Yale Law School	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
	Brochure	Appeal for freedom
	Brochure	Leader of panel 11/20/6 on "Facts and Issues of the SOBELL Case"
	[redacted] b7d	Petition
Rabbi ROBERT E. GOLDBURG, Hamden, Conn.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

b7c On 11/22/60 [redacted] b7D WFO Panel Source, advised SA [redacted] by written report, dated 11/20/60 [redacted] that Professor THOMAS EMERSON was the b7D principal speaker at the panel discussion on 11/20/60. He reviewed the case of MORTON SOBELL and was non-committal about the guilt or innocence of SOBELL. He said at the outset of his talk that it was based on the evidence as he found it. Discussing this evidence fully, he told the audience that there was room for doubt as to the charge of conspiracy which jailed MORTON SOBELL.

New York, New York

On 11/22/60 Panel Source [redacted] furnished SA [redacted] a written report, dated 11/20/60 [redacted], that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL spoke at the panel discussion on 11/20/60 and denied any complicity on the part of her husband and said that "time would prove him innocent." She, like Professor EMERSON, went into detail describing the evidence against SOBELL. b7c b7d

On 12/6/60 [redacted] Emery-Georgia Hotel, 1812 G Street, N. W., advised SA [redacted] that a LEAH SCHNEID[illegible] telephoned from New York on about three occasions for reservation[illegible]

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for a group on 11/19/60. [redacted] stated that about eleven or twelve were in the group, and a search of his records reflected the following names. He stated that the registrations are now filed alphbetically and do not contain the time of registration. [redacted] from memory, stated he thought all of those listed were in the group. He was not sure about GAMBINO and only listed her because she registered on 11/19/60. He was ~~fully~~ pretty sure that the rest were in the group. He stated that he was aware that the group was here for a conference at the Shoreham Hotel. He stated that AARON KATZ often stays at the Emery-Georgi; in fact, he was there on 12/6/60. He stated that ROSE SOBELL also stays there but was last there in the Summer of 1960. Add

[redacted] stated that although he is not sure of all of them, the following names were in the group from New York to the best of his recollection and from a review of hotel records. All registered on 11/19/60:

MARGARET BLAU, 627 West 164th Street, New York City
MARIAM CHESMAN, 985 Waring, Bronx, New York
ESTHER FREISTADT, 220 West ~~42nd~~ 26th Street, New York City
VERA GAMBINO (?), 33 Elm St., Mt. Vernon, New York
SYLVIA GLONSTEIN, 281 Crown St., Brooklyn, New York
MURIEL GOLDING, 592 16th St., Brooklyn, New York
M. HANDMAN, 20 Stuyvesant Oval, New York City
AARON KATZ, 1440 54th St., New York City
TOBY KRAUSS, 2255 Boxwood, Bronx, New York
Mr. and Mrs. B. RATNER, 1911 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, New York
STABAKOFF-R. WEISNER, 72 West 95th St., New York City (This is the way the registration card is made out.)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Name	Source	Remarks
CLARENCE PICKETT, Philadelphia, Pa.	Brochure	Appeal for freedom

Richmond, Virginia

Name	Source	Remarks
Rev. WILLIAM E. BASOM, Alexandria, Va.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

BENJAMIN GINZBURG, Arlington, Va.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
DAVID SCULL, Annandale, Va.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

Salt Lake City, Utah

Name	Source	Remarks
Professor FRANCIS D. WORMUTH, Salt Lake City	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End

San Diego, California

Name	Source	Remarks
HELEN M. BEARDSLEY, La Jolla, California	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, La Jolla, California	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
	Brochure	Appeal for Freedom

San Francisco, California

Name	Source	Remarks
Professor ROBERT FINN, Palo Alto, California	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
RICHARD GATCHEL, Palo Alto, California	[redacted] and b7d	White House Petition
Rev. RICHARD H. GATCHEL, Palo Alto, California	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
Rev. RICHARD GATCHEL, 2290 South Court, Palo Alto, Calif.	[redacted] b7d	Petition

Rev. PETER McCORMACK, Daly City, Calif.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
Dr. ALEXANDER MIEKLEJOHN, Berkeley, Calif.	Brochure	Appeal for freedom
Rev. DRYDEN L. PHELPS, Berkeley, Calif.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
Rev. SAMUEL A. WRIGHT, San Rafael, Calif.	Brochure	Sponsor of Freedom Week End
SAMUEL WRIGHT	[redacted] and b7d	White House Petition
Rev. SAMUEL A. WRIGHT, 636 Woodbine Drive, San Rafael, Calif.	[redacted] b7d	White House Petition

Seattle, Washington

Name	Source	Remarks
MILTON ANDREWS, Seattle, Washington	[redacted] and b7d	White House Petition. (ANDREWS was one of two who went to see the White House representatives.)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) 12/29/60

SAC, ATLANTA (100-4953)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet, November 10, 1960, authorizing an interview with Rabbi JACOB ROTHSCHILD.

This is to advise that during the initial 30-day period of authorization for interview it was impossible to effect same as it was determined that Rabbi Rothschild was out of the continental limits of the United States and not expected back until around December 15, 1960.

Every effort will be made to interview Rabbi ROTHSCHILD prior to January 15, 1961.

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1 - New York (100-107111) (RM)
1 - Atlanta

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530) January 4, 1961

[redacted] b/c

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On December 8, 1960, [redacted] provided the writer with a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of November, 1960. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It should be noted that the information furnished by this informant is no longer in his possession.

The report is filed in [redacted] b/c

The report, as it relates to the captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

1 - New York (RM)
1 - 100- (Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)
2 - Chicago
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Chicago Sobell Committee
Nov. 1960

Date	Checks		Deposits	Balance
				$813.75
4	30.00			783.75
9	50.00		147.00	880.75
10	93.50			787.25
16			82.50	869.75
17	72.49			797.26
17	50.00			747.26
18	93.28			653.98
21	200.00	20.00		433.98
29			109.00	542.98

Amount	Payee	Cleared Through
		Us
$ 50.00	Cash	Continental Ill. Natl - Chicago
30.00	Lang-Veise & Cella	Merchandise Natl - Chicago
93.50	Cro-Ad Mail	American National - Chicago
72.49	Harvey Vineberg (Travel Wash. D.C.)	
		Us
50.00	Cash	1st National - Chicago
93.28	Capital Airlines	Chemical Bank - New York
200.00	Committee Secure Justice M. Sobell	
20.00	Committee Secure Justice M. Sobell	

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) DATE: 1/4/60

FROM : SA [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

Identity of Source [redacted] b7D

Description of info [redacted] b7D

Date Received 12/31/60

Original located [redacted] b7D

A copy of informant's report follows:

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12-23-60

The Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell (CSJMS) held a "Clergy Rally" in Washington, D.C. 11/19-20/60.

[redacted]

A report concerning the "Clergy Rally" was furnished by PSI on 11/21/60 and was disseminated [redacted]

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 4325 DATE 7-6-61

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SAC, NFO (100-25474)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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(GD:NY)

On 1/4/61, [redacted] furnished information that SYDNEY GURWITZ, the daughter of HELEN SOBELL during her marriage to CLARENCE GURWITZ prior to her marriage to MORTON SOBELL, was in the Washington, D. C., area to visit her b2 father, CLARENCE GURWITZ.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111) DATE: 1/9/61

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (100-14871)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

(OO: New York)

Enclosed for New York is a letter dated 12/15/60, and a leaflet headed "A National Appeal for Freedom," received by [redacted], New Orleans. b7D

[redacted] b7D has been very cooperative with the New Orleans Office and furnishes any information received by him concerning this and similar organizations.

The enclosures are being furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate by you.

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1 - NEW ORLEANS
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4337	1-26-61	LA REPORT	32	25	
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4339	1-26-61	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
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NEW HAVEN	NEW YORK	1/11/61	12/15/60 - 1/9/61

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL	SA [redacted]	acg

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES:

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/24/60, at New Haven.
Bureau letter to New Haven, dated 7/22/60.

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This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because information reported from [redacted] through [redacted] could reasonably result in identification of security informants and sources of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof. b7D

Copies of this report have been furnished to intelligence agencies interested in activities of subject organization in Conn.

Information furnished by [redacted] b7D can be made public upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted] City Trust Company, Bridgeport, Conn. b7D

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Informants utilized in the characterization of the National Guardian Readers Club are as follows:

Paragraph 1: [redacted]

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Paragraph 3: [redacted]

Paragraph 4: [redacted]

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NEW HAVEN:

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization in Connecticut.

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: NEW HAVEN
Date: January 11, 1961

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Field Office File #: 100-14203 Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) reported in July 1960, to have affiliate in New Haven, Conn. Conn. clergymen supported appeal to President of U.S. in November 1960, to either free MORTON SOBELL or grant him new trial. THOMAS I. EMERSON, Yale Law School Professor, New Haven, Conn., principal speaker at panel discussion held during CSJMS National Appeal for MORTON SOBELL 11/19-21/60 at Washington, D.C. [redacted] b7D

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DETAILS:

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

This report contains information concerning the activities in Connecticut of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the activities of individuals residing in Connecticut on behalf of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Sobell Committee will be referred to in this report by the initials CSJMS and SC.

The CSJMS is characterized in the Appendix Section of this report.

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I. GENERAL ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTICUT

A. Affiliate of CSJMS in Connecticut

[redacted] advised that there were functioning affiliates of the CSJMS in many cities in the United States and that the Eastern Region was composed of affiliates in a number of cities, including New Haven, Connecticut. b2

B. Finances

On June 2, 1960 [redacted] advised that ~~On May 14, 1960, JACOB~~ GOLDING issued a personal check in the amount of $200 made payable to the Morton Sobell Committee. According to [redacted] this check is endorsed "Morton Sobell Committee, HELEN SOBELL, pay to the order of the Corn Exchange Trust Company, Sobell Committee". b7D

The information furnished by [redacted] can be made public only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. b7D

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

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Date	Amount	Payee	Endorsement
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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C. Distribution of CSJMS Literature in Connecticut

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II. SUPPORT BY CONNECTICUT CLERGYMEN OF APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF MORTON SOBELL

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The November 24, 1960, edition of the "Hartford Times", a daily newspaper published at Hartford, Connecticut, contains an article on page 49, entitled, "15 Clergymen in Area Back Clemency for Sobell", which states that fifteen greater Hartford clergyment were among the 1,200 clergymen who had appealed that week to President EISENHOWER to free imprisoned scientist, MORTON SOBELL, who this article stated was convicted as an atomic spy and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. According to this article, the petition signed by the 1,200 clergymen asked President EISENHOWER to either urge a new trial for MORTON SOBELL or grant

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him clemency by commutation of his sentence. This article listed the 15 clergymen from the Hartford, Connecticut area as follows:

Reverend CHARLES H. MILTON, Hartford, Connecticut
Reverend DONALD E. SMITH, Hartford, Connecticut
Reverend JOHN EDWARD THOMAS, D.D., Hartford, Connecticut
Reverend CRAIG G. WHITSITT, Hartford, Connecticut
Reverend RICHARD B. HARDY, West Hartford, Connecticut
Reverend CHARLES W. LANHAM, West Hartford, Connecticut
Reverend EDWIN H. CARTER, Cromwell, Connecticut
Rabbi SHALOM LEYB EISENBACH, Storrs, Connecticut
Reverend VICTOR FORD, Newington, Connecticut
Reverend HAROLD H. HARRISON, Norwich, Connecticut
Reverend EVAN R. JOHNSON, Thompsonville, Connecticut
Reverend R. RUSSELL PERRY, Middletown, Connecticut
Reverend WILLIAM H. PERKINS, JR., Kensington, Connecticut
Reverend RICHARD L. WILSON, Rocky Hill, Connecticut
Reverend A. P. WINSLOW, Manchester, Connecticut

The November 22, 1960, edition of the "New Haven Evening Register," a daily newspaper published at New Haven, Connecticut, contains an article on page 12, which states that the following seventeen clergymen in the New Haven, Connecticut area were listed on the above described petition to the President of theUnited States, asking for either a new trial or clemency for MORTON SOBELL:

Reverend GEORGE ACKERLY, West Haven, Connecticut
Reverend VAREL S. BACKLUND, Naugatuck, Connecticut
Reverend ROBERT FORSBERG, New Haven, Connecticut
Rabbi ROBERT E. GOLDBURG, Hamden, Connecticut
Reverend DAVID C. HALL, Oxford, Connecticut
Reverend GEORGE G. HILL, Cheshire, Connecticut
Reverend WILLIAM J. MC CUTCHEON, formerly of Derby, Connecticut
Reverend WALTER H. MILLINGER, East Haven, Connecticut
Reverend ROBERT M. RUSSELL, JR., New Haven, Connecticut
Reverend PETER LEE SCOTT, Hamden, Connecticut
Reverend CARL L. CHRISTENSEN, Ivoryton, Connecticut
Reverend WALTER H. EUSTON, Deep River, Connecticut
Reverend THEODORE W. LODER, Yalesville, Connecticut
Reverend ERNEST B. LOWRIE, New Haven, Connecticut

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Reverend ELMER L. PATTERSON, Milford, Connecticut
Reverend A. KARL PHILLIPPI, East Haven, Connecticut
Reverend RICHARD N. PIERCE, Yalesville, Connecticut.

III. [redacted] b7d

[redacted] advised that the CSJMS had issued a brochure outlining the events of the National Appeal for MORTON SOBELL, Washington, D.C., November 19-21, 1960, under the auspices of the CSJMS, which brochure listed that a panel discussion would be held by Professor THOMAS I. EMERSON, Yale Law School, at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., at 2:00 PM, November 20, 1960, on the topic, "Facts and Issues in the Sobell Case". b7D

[redacted] corroborated the information furnished by [redacted] concerning THOMAS EMERSON, Yale Law School, being listed in the above described brochure. b7D

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IV. [redacted] b7D

The National Guardian Readers Club is characterized in the Appendix Section of this report.

V. SUBVERSIVE AFFILIATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN CSJMS IN CONNECTICUT

THOMAS I. EMERSON
Professor, Yale University
Law School, New Haven, Connecticut

Sponsored nation-wide appeal for release of MORTON SOBELL.

(Source: 10/30/60, edition of "Bridgeport Sunday Herald," a weekly newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut)

Name appears as signer of statement calling for freedom of MORTON SOBELL, contained in CSJMS brochure issued in connection with National Appeal for MORTON SOBELL, November 19-21, 1960.

[redacted] b7D

Name appears as signer of petition to President of the United States, delivered to the White House, November 21, 1960, asking for a new trial or clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

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Name appears in CSJMS brochure as sponor of the Freedom Week End, Washington, D.C., November 19-21,1960.

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[redacted] b7D

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Identified as one of eleven Vice-Presidents of National Lawyers Guild in 1959, a characterization of which appears in the Appendix Section of this report.

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RABBI ROBERT E. GOLDBURG

Sponsored nation-wide appeal for release of MORTON SOBELL.

(Source: 10/30/60 edition of "Bridgeport Sunday Herald", weekly newspaper published at Bridgeport, Connecticut)

Name appears in CSJMS brochure as sponsor of Freedom Week End, Washington, D.C., November 19-21, 1960.

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Identified as sponsor of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in 1952.

[redacted] b7D

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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LOUIS ZEMEL

Issued checks payable to CSJMS on June 1, 1960; September 16, 1960, and November 16, 1960.

(Source: [redacted] 6/30/60; b7D
10/3/60; 12/1/60)

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(Source: [redacted]
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APPENDIX

CHARACTERIZATIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL - SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN READER's CLUB,
(NGRC), aka. National Guardian
Readers Group, National Guardian
Club, National Guardian Group

An informant advised on March 12, 1954, that the NGRC was organized in 1953, by PAUL MAC LEECH, identified by this informant as a Communist Party (CP) member in Connecticut [redacted] b7D

Individuals identified by informants as being active in the NGRC during the period [redacted] have been identified as either CP members or CP sympathizers during the period [redacted] by some of these informants, and by [redacted] and [redacted] b7D b7D

During 1958-1959, according to an informant, the NGRC centered its activities around the obtaining of new subscribers to the "National Guardian", and the raising of funds which were turned over to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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The "National Guardian", and the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell mentioned above are characterized separately.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.

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

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-73516) 1/12/61

SA [redacted] 87C

CHAIM SULLER
SM-C

Identity of Informant	NY 2471-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	1/10/61

The informant advised that JACK STACHEL was in contact with CHAIM SULLER on 1/10/61, to remind SULLER that "we" have a meeting Thursday night (1/12/61) at 7:30 p.m. "uptown". According to STACHEL, the meeting is going to be "quite a big one. We want to discuss the 61 business." STACHEL requested that SULLER bring his "friend" along.

Concerning the "61 business" mentioned above, it might be noted that the January, 1961 issue of "Jewish Currents," page 11, lists 61 Rabbis who signed an appeal for MORTON SOBELL.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 1/11/61

FROM : SA [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE (LASC)
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed. b7d	Leaflet captioned "Act Now to Free MORTON SOBELL from Prison" quoting "examples of what America's conscience says about the Sobell Case' issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, NYC.	1/5/61	Writer	[redacted] b7d

Informant furnished the above described item:

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

CC: 1 - New York (Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell) - REGISTERED

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C- [redacted] furnished evidence to S[redacted] indicating ALGER HISS' most recent address was 202 West 4th Street, New York City 14, New York.

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TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
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Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/26/60, at Los Angeles.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report the activities of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES, aka. Northern California Council of Sobell Committees — [redacted] b7D (conceal by request); [redacted] b7D (conceal by request); [redacted] b7D

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL — [redacted] b1 b7D

HOLLYWOOD ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
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Synopsis:

As of 1/17/61, the headquarters of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC) were located at Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. LASC composed of four chapters: Los Angeles Area; Long Beach-San Pedro; West Los Angeles; and Valley. [redacted] Officers set forth in details. [redacted] Major campaign is clergy appeal to President for executive clemency for SOBELL. Subversive ramifications indicated through connections with Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party. b1

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DETAILS:

For the purpose of brevity, the Los Angeles Sobell Committee will be hereinafter referred to as the LASC and the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as the CSJMS.

The Communist Party (CP), United States of America, and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. HEADQUARTERS

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As of January 17, 1961, the headquarters of the LASC were located at Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

II. CHARACTERIZATION

[redacted] b2

The LASC (see Appendix) is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of the CSJMS (see Appendix).

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953; and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta.

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III. SCOPE

[redacted] the LASC was composed of the Los Angeles Area Chapter, also known as the Metro Chapter; the Long Beach-San Pedro Chapter; West Los Angeles Chapter; and the Valley Chapter. Informant stated the Los Angeles Area Chapter was the only regularly active chapter. b2

[redacted] further advised that during part of the past six months, the Fresno Sobell Group, the Fresno, California, affiliate of the CSJMS, had worked intermittently with the LASC but considered themselves as a separate Sobell organization whose avowed purpose is to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL.

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Informant learned that activity on the part of the Fresno Sobell Group is now taken up with the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC)(See Appendix) in San Francisco, while formerly the Fresno group corresponded with and worked with the LASC.

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IV. OFFICERS

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DOROTHY MAYR

[redacted]

As of January 17, 1961, DOROTHY MAYR was the Chairman of the Northeast Club, 24th CD Section, Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP).

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EVELYN BURKETT

[redacted] b2

As of November 29, 1950, EVELYN BURKETT was the Executive Secretary of the Music Division of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council (see Appendix).

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IRMA WIDGE NEWMAN

b2 [redacted]

IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) while attending New York University, New York City.

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[redacted] NEWMAN was a National Organizer for the CSJMS with headquarters at Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, the headquarters of the LASC. b2

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ANNE KELLER

b2 [redacted]

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[redacted] ANNE KELLER, who had been the Chairman, resigned as Chairman of the LASC. b7D

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b2 [redacted] b7D

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EDYTHE MARGOLIS, nee.
COHEN

b2 [redacted]

EDYTHE COHEN was a member of the CP in the Chicago, Illinois, area in 1939.

b2 [redacted]

[redacted] MARGOLIS was the Recording Secretary of the Los Angeles Area Chapter, LASC. b7D

CAROL BEAN

b2 [redacted]

[redacted] CAROL BEAN [redacted] the staff of the LASC in charge of publicity matters. b7D

No other pertinent information concerning CAROL BEAN is located in the files of the Los Angeles Office.

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JANET GOLDSTEIN

b2 [redacted]

[redacted] JANET GOLDSTEIN was considered by the Los Angeles Local - Socialist Workers Party (LAL-SWP) to be a member of that organization. b7D

JEAN LOGAN SINCLAIR

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On October 10, 1959, JEAN SINCLAIR attended the 40th Anniversary celebration of the CP, USA, at 847 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. Informant stated this was a general meeting, open to the public.

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F. Miscellaneous

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An LASC mass meeting was held [redacted] at the Alexandria Hotel, 5th and Spring Streets, Los Angeles. Various phases of the ROSENBERG and SOBELL trials were b7D

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discussed, as well as current LASC activities.

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RUTH BRENT

[redacted]

[redacted] RUTH BRENT was a member of the San Bernardino-Riverside County CP (SB-RCCP) committee and resided at 29-350 Pinnell Street, Elsinore, California. b7D

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C. "Morning Freiheit" (See Appendix)

Appearing in the"Morning Freiheit" of November 15, 1960, Page 3, Columns 1, 2, and 3, was an article entitled "MORTON SOBELL - Ten Years Behind Bars", which indicated the article was based upon a "chat with Morton Sobell's mother in Los Angeles."

The first sentence read as follows:

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"It is frightful to think that this victim of raging reaction and the cold war, MORTON SOBELL, has languished behind prison bars for ten years, first in Alcatraz, and recently in Atlanta, for a crime he never committed."

The article reviewed the action being taken on behalf of MORTON SOBELL, mentioned his family, and ended by urging the reader to "visit Congressmen, write to the President, invite speakers from the local Morton Sobell Committees and raise as much financial support as possible ...." to advertise the possibility of freeing MORTON SOBELL.

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[redacted] a second source advised that the BACSC, also referred to as the Northern California Council of Sobell Committees, is one and the same, and their headquarters is located at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California, [redacted] b7D

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", page 104, states:

"The 'Freiheit' has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, March 29, 1944, page 75.)

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The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, page 78, describes the American Labor Party as follows:

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City, they have been unable to win control."

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS,
SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS, aka.,
Hollywood Arts, Sciences and
Professions Council

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations" (revised January 2, 1957) page 132, stated this organization is cited as "one of the major Communist dominated propaganda media on the Pacific Coast" (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1955, pages 392 and 393).

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An informant advised [redacted] that the Los Angeles Chapter was dissolved [redacted] b7D

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a "Communist front" by the United States Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report number 1954, dated April 26, 1950.

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Los Angeles, California

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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Character

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Re: Aaron Katz

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-18469)

SUBJECT: AARON KATZ
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100 - 107111) DATE: July 27,1961

FROM : SA , [redacted] Sect 41.
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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated July 26,1961. . The review for this report was made from serial 4320 through serial 4491.

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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages Actual	No. of Pages Released	Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
4341	1/17/61	SAC, WFO MEMO TO SAC, NY CSJMS	1	1	
4342		DESTROYED	—	—	
4343	1/25/61	SA MEMO TO SAC, CHICAGO CSJMS	1	1	
4344		DESTROYED	—	—	PER CHANNELIZATION MEMO 7/27/61
4345		DESTROYED	—	—	" " " "
4346	1/27/61	REPORT FROM SAN DIEGO	14	14	
4347	1/30/61	SA to SAC, NY MEMO CSJMS	1	—	SEE NY FILE 100-109849
4348		DESTROYED	—	—	PER CHANNELIZATION MEMO 7/27/61
4349		DESTROYED	—	—	" " " "
4350	2/8/61	NY MEMO TO HQ CSJMS	4	2	
4351	2/8/61	COVER AIR-TEL FOR NY MEMO OF #4350	1	1	
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4354	2/3/61	SA TO SAC, NY MEMO CSJMS	9	—	SEE NY FILE 100-109849
4355	2/9/61	SA to SAC, BALT MEMO INFORMANT REPORT	3	1	
4356	2/9/61	SAC, ATLANTA TO HQ CSJMS	3	3	
4357		DESTROYED	—	—	PER CHANNELIZATION MEMO 7/27/61
4358		DESTROYED	—	—	" " " "
4359	2/8/61	HQ MEMO TO SAC, NY CSJMS	1	1	
4360	2/16/61	REPORT FROM CHICAGO	40	40	
4361	2/14/61	ALBANY MEMO TO HQ CSJMS	2 ENC 1	3	
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-10711) DATE: 1/17/61

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)

Remylet to Albany, 12/30/60, carbon copies to NY and LA, containing information about the SOBELL Freedom Weekend 11/19-21/60.

Enclosed for LA are three photographs taken at the White House Prayer on 11/20/60 by [redacted] b7d

The January, 1961, issue of "Jewish Currents," Page 13, contained one of these photographs and identified the man with ROSE SOBELL as Rev. RICHARD H. GATCHEL of Palo Alto, California.

Documentation of the photograph is contained in relet.

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530) January 25, 1961

SA PAUL H. KELLERMEYER

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On January 10, 1961, CS [redacted] b7D provided the writer with a handwritten report containing the results of [redacted] the bank account of the captioned organization for the month of December, 1960. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. b7C

It should be noted that the information furnished by this informant is no longer in his possession.

The report is filed in [redacted] b7D

The report, as it relates to the captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

Date	Checks		Deposits	Balance
				$542.98
7	$ 30.00			512.98
8	19.50	$300.00		193.48
9	34.50			158.98
15			$ 36.00	194.98
29	1.25			193.73
30			22.00	215.73

Amount	Payee	Cleared Through
$ 30.00	Long Weise and Cella	Continental Illinois National - Chicago
19.50	Cre -Ad. Mail	American National - Chicago
300.00	Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
34.50	Praga Press	Central National - Chicago
1.25	Service Charge	

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 7/29/60, San Diego.

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LOS ANGELES (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished to Los Angeles for information.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY LETTER
SLIP [illegible] 2/11/78

SAN DIEGO DIVISION

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the San Diego Sobell Committee which is an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	File Where Located
SD T-1 is [redacted] b7D	100-9380-318 [redacted] b7D Orally instant report
SD T-2 is [redacted] b7D [redacted], Convair-Astronautics, San Diego, California (conceal per request)	100-9380-321
SD T-3 is [redacted] b7D	[redacted] b7D
SD T-4 is Former [redacted] b7D	Orally, instant report
SD T-5 is [redacted] b7D	[redacted] b7D
SD T-6 is PSI [redacted] b1	[redacted] b1
SD T-7 is [redacted] b1	b1
SD T-8 is [redacted] b7D	[redacted] b7D

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T-symbols were used in this report only in those instances where the identity of the informants must be concealed.

This report is classified "Confidential" since data reported from SD T-1 through SD T-8, if revealed, could resonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness thereof.

By letter to San Diego, 8/12/60, the Bureau invited attention to Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions, page 86

subdivision 3, which sets out suggested topical headings for use in reports concerning communist front organizations, and specifically pointed out that suitable topical headings should be used in the future in the submission of security-type reports. These instructions have been brought to the attention of all agents handling security matters. The nature of the information reported in instant report does not lend itself to extensive topical breakdown; thus only two topical headings are used in the report.

Sources used to characterize San Diego Labell Committee are: CS [redacted] bnd

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Copy to: 1 - DIO, 11th Naval District, San Diego (REGISTERED)
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Report of: CHARLES J. POWELL Office: SAN DIEGO

Date: 1/27/61

Field Office File #: San Diego 100-9380 Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

MILTON LESSNER is Chairman of the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC), the San Diego, California, affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. The SDSC held a breakfast in August, 1960; Dr. HAROLD C. UREY was guest speaker. According to one informant, $260.00 was collected at the breakfast; another informant said $245.00 was collected. Informants state SDSC has no organized membership and holds no regularly scheduled meetings; the SDSC announces its proposed activities at meetings of the San Diego County Communist Party (SDCCP) and meetings of the San Diego Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SDB-SWP).

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ... SLIP (S) ... DATE ... 2/16/78

DETAILS: General Activities

SD T-1 advised on December 16, 1959, that the San Diego Sobell Committee is the San Diego, California, affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

On [redacted] 670 SD T-1 advised that the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC) was scheduled to hold a breakfast on August 14, 1960, at the Community Unitarian Fellowship Hall, San Diego. The purpose of the breakfast is to raise funds for the SDSC; as a consequence each person in attendance will be charged $1.00. Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, Professor-At-Large, University of California at La Jolla, is the scheduled speaker at the breakfast.

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SD T-5 advised on [redacted] that the SDSC was scheduled to hold a breakfast on August 14, 1960, at the Community Unitarian Fellowship (CUF) hall, San Diego. [redacted] b7D

The SWP has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

SD T-1 and SD T-8 advised on August 18, 1960, that at a meeting [redacted] b7D announced that the SDSC was giving a breakfast at the CUF hall, San Diego, on Sunday, August 14, 1960, and that Dr. HAROLD C. UREY would be guest speaker at the breakfast.

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The August 15, 1960, issue of The San Diego Union, a daily newspaper published at San Diego, California, carried the following article entitled "Sobell Conviction Scored by Urey":

"The 1951 trial and conviction of MORTON SOBELL for atomic espionage is an example of 'petty childishness and hysteria' the United States should avoid in the cold war struggle for equilibrium, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist and atomic bomb-maker declared here yesterday.

"Dr. Harold C. Urey, professor of chemistry at the University of California at La Jolla, spoke at a meeting of the San Diego Sobell Committee.

"'It is important we keep our heads in the decades of cold war to come and not go off the deep end persecuting some small individual somewhere,' he said.

"He told an audience of 75 persons, in the Community Unitarian Fellowship Hall at 4561 North Avenue, Sobell should be paroled at the proper time and steps be taken to correct judicial processes so similar situations will not arise again...

"Ways to prevent repetition of the case, declared Urey, are abolition of capital punishment, more objective judicial methods and stricter controls over newspaper court coverage.

"He criticized Federal Judge Irving Kaufman's handling of the Sobell trial and praised British jurisprudence as superior to ours in its maturity and objectivity.

"Urey won a Nobel Prize in 1934 for his discovery of the hydrogen atom with an atomic weight of two, and was a research director in the atomic bomb-making Manhattan Project."

SD T-2 advised on August 15, 1960, that on August 14, 1960, a meeting was held under the auspices of the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC) at 4561 North Avenue, San Diego. The main speaker at this affair was HAROLD C. UREY of the University of California who spoke at length on the injustice of MORTON SOBELL's conviction on espionage charges. The chairman of the meeting was MILTON LESSNER, who also spoke with his main theme being a defense of Cuba's FIDEL CASTRO. A third speaker was HOWARD GIBSON who spoke in the defense of SOBELL.

SD T-2 said that approximately sixty persons were present at the meeting, and it was announced that $260.00 had been collected through donations and pledges.

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SD T-6 and SD T-7 advised on September 6, 1960, that on August 14, 1960, the SDSC held a breakfast at the CUF hall, San Diego. ARTHUR STEVENS, [redacted] served the breakfast. Dr. HAROLD C. UREY gave a lengthy history of the MORTON SOBELL case and said that the case was one of the greatest miscarriages of social justice he had ever witnessed. b7D

SD T-8 and SD T-1 advised on September 15, 1960, that a meeting [redacted] reported on the SDSC breakfast given at the CUF hall, San Diego, on August 14, 1960. [redacted] Dr. UREY, main speaker at the event, stated that about 100 people attended and $245.00 was collected. b7D b7D

Connections with the Communist Party, Socialist Workers Party, and Communist Front Organizations

SD T-4 advised on November 18, 1960, that at the last breakfast held by the SDSC at the CUF hall, San Diego, on August 14, 1960, MILTON LESSNER, chairman of the SDSC, stated that he hoped SOBELL would soon be released from prison and then the SDSC would not have to function any more.

SD T-4 advised on December 2, 1960, that he had received no information concerning any activity by the SDSC since the committee held its breakfast at the CUF in August, 1960.

SD T-4 advised on January 24, 1961, that he could furnish no information concerning recent activity on the part of the SDSC. SD T-4 stated that to the best of his knowledge, the SDSC has no regular membership and holds meetings only on occasions when the SOBELL movement needs to raise funds or when someone such as SOBELL's wife comes to San Diego for a speaking engagement. He said it is his understanding that announcements of pending activities of the SDSC are usually made at the CUF meetings or meetings of the SDCCP.

SD T-1 advised on December 2, 1960, that MILTON LESSNER is chairman of the SDSC. SD T-1 said that it is his understanding that the SDSC has no regular membership but that it announces any scheduled activities through meetings of either the CUF or of the SDB-SWP. SD T-1 further said that the SDSC holds no regularly scheduled meetings, but only has meetings on isolated occasions when some dignitary of the Sobell Committee comes to the San Diego area to visit or speak, or when the national Sobell Committee needs additional funds. On January 16, 1961, SD T-1 advised he could furnish no information concerning recent activity on the part of the SDSC.

SD T-3 advised on January 23, 1961, that he could furnish no information concerning recent activity on the part of the SDSC. SD T-3 said that the SDSC is a loosely-knit organization headed by MILTON LESSNER; that the SDSC has no

organized membership, but rather announces at meetings of the SDCCP or at meetings of the CUF activities which it intends to hold. He also advised that the SDSC seldom holds any functions or has any meetings except in the event the national committee needs funds or someone such as HELEN SOBELL visits in San Diego.

APPENDIX

SAN DIEGO SOBELL COMMITTEE,
aka Morton Sobell Defense
Committee, Sobell Defense
Committee, San Diego Committee
To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell

A confidential source advised on May 1, 1957, that the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC), Aka Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, was organized on April 8, 1956, at San Diego, California, to help obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, convicted in 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. Source further advised that the SDSC is an adjunct of the National Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, Aka National Sobell Committee, New York, New York, which directs activities, policy and obtains financial support from the various Sobell committees throughout the country.

Another source on May 9, 1960, advised that as of that date MILTON HENRY LESSNER was chairman of the SDSC and that the SDSC was at that time active.

A third source on May 10, 1960, advised that as of that date MILTON HENRY LESSNER was a member of the San Diego County Communist Party (SDCCP) and past literature director of the SDCCP.

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COMMUNITY UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP

(OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

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(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, H. R. 1648 , January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 26.)

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN";
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication, launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394.)

The masthead of the "National Guardian", issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 197 East 4th Street, New York City.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Diego, California
January 27, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. SD 100-9380

Title COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference report of SA [redacted] b7c
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100-387835

New York, New York
February 8, 1961

Re: Committee to Secure Justice
For Morton Sobell

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(A characterization of the CSJMS is attached.)

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Aaron Katz, organizer for the CSJMS, planned to spend the week of February 6-11, in Washington, D.C., working for the Committee.

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

"Baltimore, Maryland
Monday, January 16, 1961

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This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

On January 16, 1961, [redacted] b1 furnished to the writer a one-page reprint from the December 5, 1960 issue of "The New Republic", reprinted by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York City, and a mimeograph reprint captioned, "The Progressive, January, 1961, Clemency for Morton Sobell". These items are being filed in [redacted]. b1

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387853) 2/9/61

SAC, ATLANTA (100-4953)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
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ReBulet 11/10/60.

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Atlanta, Ga., was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] b7C
[redacted] and [redacted] on January 9, 1961, in accordance with Bureau instructions.

A. [redacted] appeared cooperative during this contact. [redacted] b7D

B. Information furnished by [redacted] b7D generally coincides with information received from other sources.

C. [redacted] b7D

D. [redacted] b7D has no potential as a witness, informant or confidential source.

E. No further contacts are contemplated at this time with [redacted] however, he was requested to b7D furnish any information that may come to his attention regarding activities of this group.

F. [redacted] b7D is not considered dangerous to U. S. Internal Security in time of emergency.

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[redacted] He advised he could not recall whether this luncheon was held in June or July. He recalled that there were about 10 or 15 persons in attendance most of whom were ministers. He advised that nothing developed at this luncheon in the way of petitions or solicitations of funds or since then and he has not been contacted since the luncheon for any activity with the group. He recalled that an unknown person, believed to be MORTON SOBELL's local attorney, addressed those in attendance regarding certain legal ramifications of the SOBELL case. Then HELEN SOBELL spoke in behalf of her husband.

He advised that in addition to Ministers in attendance he thought there were several faculties of local colleges represented. He did not recall that anyone from Emory University was in attendance, [redacted]

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It should be noted that ROBERT WESTERVELT is, according to Agnes Scott Yearbook, a Professor in Art at Agnes Scott College, and with whom HELEN SOBELL has resided on at least one occasion when in Atlanta to visit her husband at the U. S. Penitentiary.

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[redacted] advised that due to the lapse of time since this meeting and having attended many such meetings primarily attended by men in the field of religion he could not recall who all was in attendance. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he personally was aware of no subversive connotation connected with this Committee as the Committee had been endorsed by many prominent people in the field of religion who he did think had no subversive inclinations. Likewise he advised that his feelings were further supported by representatives of this group failing to solicit funds and signatures at this luncheon or afterwards.

It is suggested that Rev. LAMAR CLEMENTS, of the Atlanta Christian Council, be contacted for further information regarding this meeting and this Committee. By separate communication Bureau authority is being requested for this authority.

On 1/10/61, [redacted] b7C
U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, advised their records identify the local attorney representing MORTON SOBELL as PAUL MAXWELL as of January 1959.

On 1/28/61, PAUL MAXWELL, Attorney, Atlanta, was killed in a local airplane crash.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: February 8, 1961

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

ReBuairtel to New York dated 11-16-60 wherein Bureau authorized a photographic surveillance at the headquarters of the captioned organization in New York City on 11-19-60.

New York is requested to advise if this photographic surveillance was conducted, how many photographs were obtained as a result, and how many individuals were identified through this procedure. New York is also requested to provide the Bureau with its views on the effectiveness of this technique.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL	[redacted] b7C	JVK
	CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

REFERENCE: Report of [redacted] b7C dated 8/19/60 at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (3): Three copies of revised thumbnail sketch.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to follow and report activities of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Chicago Sobell Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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This report has been classified confidential because it contains much information of utmost value furnished by [redacted] regarding Sobell activities in Chicago, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of this informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof. b7d

One copy of the letterhead memorandum has been made available to G-2, ONI and OSI, Chicago, with copies of attached report.

INFORMANTS

Source	Location
CG T-1	
[redacted] b7D	[redacted] b7D
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	Information regarding [redacted] b7D
	Information regarding [redacted] b7D
	[redacted] b7D
	[redacted] b7C

Information regarding Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN

[redacted] b7C

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Source	Location
CG T-2 Anonymous	Information regarding [redacted] DAVID (GENEVIEVE) SOLTKER
CG T-3 [redacted]	Information regarding [redacted] b7D [redacted] [redacted] b7D [redacted] b7D
CG T-4 NOT USED	
CG T-5 [redacted] b7D (Requested)	Information regarding [redacted] b7D
CG T-6 [redacted] b7D	Information regarding [redacted] b7D [redacted] b7D
CG T-7 Anonymous Source	Information regarding BLANCHE BRAIL PHILLIP BRAIL
CG T-8 [redacted] b7D	Information regarding [redacted] b7D [redacted] b7D
CG T-9 [redacted] b7D	Information regarding [redacted] b7D

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CG T-10 [redacted] b7D	Information regarding [redacted] and b7D [redacted]
CG T-11 ~~CG 6202-S*~~	Information regarding [redacted]
CG T-12 ~~CG 6369-S*~~	Information regarding [redacted]
CG T-13 [redacted]	Information regarding [redacted] b7D [redacted] b7D
CG T-14 [redacted] b7D	Information regarding [redacted] b7D
CG T-15 [redacted] b7D	Information regarding [redacted] b7D
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CG T-19 [redacted] b7D	Information regarding [redacted] b7D
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CG T-21 [redacted] b7D	Information regarding [redacted] b7D

DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

Source	Organization
[redacted] b7D	American Forum for Socialist Education
[redacted] b7D CG 6369-S	Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights
[redacted] b7D	Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights, formerly known as the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act
[redacted] b7D	Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship
[redacted] Anonymous Source	Chicago Sobell Committee, also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL
[redacted] b7D (Requested)	
Public Source Used	Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

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Source	Organization
[redacted] b7D	Fair Play for Cuba Committee (Chicago Chapter)
Public Source Used	Fair Play for Cuba Committee (National)
[redacted] b7D	Committee for Freedom of the Press, aka Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press
Former [redacted]	National Lawyers Guild, Chicago Chapter
HCUA	National Lawyers Guild (National)
[redacted]	Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
[redacted] b7D	Socialist Workers Party (Chicago Chapter)
[redacted]	Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives

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Report of: [redacted] b7C
Office: CHICAGO
Date: Feb 16, 1961

Field Office File #: 100-25530
Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) is an affiliate of captioned organization. As of February, 1961, the CSC operated out of Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois. Information concerning CSC officers, volunteers and finances set forth. DAVID SOLTKER, Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKER, and SYLVIA LEVINSON appeared to be the guiding forces behind the CSC fund raising and programing in Chicago. The CSC continues to circulate literature on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. The CSC in August, 1960, held an affair in Chicago to raise funds on behalf of SOBELL. Program for Freedom Week End, Washington, D.C. set forth. ALVA TOMPKINS, Chicago Minister, presented petition to secure release of SOBELL to the White House.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organizations, mentioned in this report, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB)

Communist Party (CP), USA

Congress of American Women (CAW)

National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

The following organizations, mentioned in this report, which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the Appendix Section of this report.

American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE)

Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR)

Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR) formerly known as Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act

Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship (CCASF)

Chicago Sobell Committee, also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSC) (CCSJMS)

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS)

Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), Chicago Chapter

Fair Play for Cuba Committee (National)

Committee for Freedom of the Press, also known as Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP)

Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (ICPA)

National Lawyers Guild, Chicago Chapter (NLG)

National Lawyers Guild, National

Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB)

Socialist Workers Party (Chicago Chapter) (SWP)

I. CHARACTERIZATION

The Chicago Sobell Committee (See Appendix) is the Chicago, Illinois affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (See Appendix).

[redacted] - 2/2/61 b7d

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951 and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence in the U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) as of September, 1960 had moved their office from 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago,

Illinois to Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] - 9/27/60 b7d

The CSC which operated out of Office 1301 of the Great Northern Office Building, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, vacated their space officially on August 31, 1960, but remained at the location for a few weeks to clean up their area. The above building is operated by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] b7c
GSA, Chicago, 10/17/60

CSC Officials and Volunteers

On February 2, 1961, source, [redacted] advised that [redacted] DAVID SOLTKER, [redacted] DAVID, GERTRUDE SOLTKER, and SYLVIA LEVINSON, appeared to be the guiding forces behind the CSC program and Sobell fund raising in Chicago. They were assisted by a group of volunteers, included among whom are the following: b7D

[redacted] b7D

The CSC has no full-time employees and to source's knowledge none of these persons engaged in CSC work hold national positions or titles. Inquiries concerning national Sobell work are handled by the National Office of the Sobell Committee at New York, New York.

[redacted] - 2/2/61) b7d

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DAVID SOLTKER

The files of the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the name DAVID SOLTKER appears as a signer on the Communist Party (CP) election petition submitted to the State of Illinois, 1940.

Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKER

The files of the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the name of Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKER appears as a signer of the CP election petition submitted to the State of Illinois, 1940.

GERTRUDE SOLTKER as of 1943, was a member of the CP.

[redacted] - 1943) b7d

On August 2, 1960, GERTRUDE SOLTKER attended the [redacted] 70th Birthday celebration of PEARL M. HART, President of the Chicago Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) in Chicago. This affair was sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) and the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR).

[redacted] - August 4, 1960)

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SYLVIA LEVINSON

Information furnished in 1949 indicated that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was Vice-Chairman of the Congress of American Women.

[redacted] - 3/17/49)

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ROBERT BASKER

ROBERT BASKER was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship (CCASF) held on January 23, 1960 at Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] - 1/26/60)

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Mrs. ROBERT (HEDDA) BASKER

[redacted]

[redacted]

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BLANCHE BRAIL

BLANCHE BRAIL on February 6, 1960, attended an affair sponsored by the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP) of Chicago. This affair was held for the purpose of enlarging the circulation of "The Worker" and GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA, was present as an honored speaker.

[redacted] - 2/11/60)

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

In February, 1960, the name BLANCHE BRAIL was in possession of Dr. JOSEPH T. SHERIDAN.

(CG T-7 - 2/25/60)

As of February, 1960, Dr. JOSEPH T. SHERIDAN was Chairman of the Loop Division of the CP of Illinois.

[redacted] - February, 1960)

BORIS BRAIL

BORIS BRAIL was a CP member and a member of the Finance Committee of the CP of Illinois during 1957.

[redacted] - 2/5/58)

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PHILLIP BRAIL

PHILLIP BRAIL on [redacted] attended a function of the CCASF held in Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] - 11/16/59) b7d

In February, 1960, the name PHILLIP BRAIL was in possession of Dr. JOSEPH T. SHERIDAN.

(CG T-7 - 2/25/60)

CHARLES HERMAN FISCHER

On May 24, 1956, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that CHARLES HERMAN FISCHER worked closely with the CP in Pennsylvania in 1948 or 1949. [redacted]

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SYLVIA GORDON FISCHER

On March 17, 1951, [redacted] advised that the Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (ICPA) publication the "News" in March, 1951, contained an article which stated that SYLVIA FISCHER had been elected to serve on the Executive Board of the South Side Committee for Peaceful Alternatives, an affiliate of the ICPA.

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Dr. LEO GOLDMAN and
Mrs. LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN

[redacted]

b7d [redacted]

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IRVING NEBENZAHL

On [redacted], IRVING NEBENZAHL was in attendance at a meeting of the CCASF in Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted]

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ERWIN SALK

[redacted] b1

[redacted]

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Mrs. ERWIN (EVELYN) SALK

On [redacted] Mrs. ERWIN (EVELYN) SALK attended a CCASF meeting [redacted]

[redacted]

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ISADORE WARWAK

As of January, 1961, ISADORE WARWAK was a [redacted] member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), South Side Branch, Chicago Chapter.

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JESSIE YOUNG

[redacted]

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III. FINANCES

The CSC raises funds through sustainers, the solicitations of contributions from individuals and the holding of public affairs such as parties, picnics, public meetings and so forth.

([redacted] - 2/2/61) b7d

The following information regarding the CSC bank account maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, was furnished by CG T-17 on the dates indicated:

July, 1960

Opening balance	$613.36
Closing balance	425.94

In July, one check for $100 and another for $2.50 issued to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were cleared through the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York. In July, one check for $51 and another for $51 issued to the U.S. General Services Administration were cleared through the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-17 - 8/12/60)

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August, 1960

Opening balance	$425.94
Closing balance	296.46

In August, one check for $100 issued to ALVA TOMPKINS was cleared through the National Bank and Trust Company, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

(CG T-17 - 9/14/60)

September, 1960

Opening balance	$729.50
Closing balance	702.44

In September, one check for $30 issued to Lang, Weise and Cella (office rent # 310-2, 208 North Wells) was cleared through the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-17 - 10/13/60)

October, 1960

Opening balance	$702.44
Closing balance	813.75

In October, a check for $30 issued to Lang, Weise and Cella was cleared through the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago. In October one check for $112.69 issued to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was cleared through the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

(CG T-17 - 11/15/60)

November, 1960

Opening balance	$813.75
Closing balance	542.98

In November one check for $30 issued to Lang, Weise and Cella was cleared through the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois. In November, two checks, one for $200 and the second for $20 issued to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were cleared through the Chemical Bank, New York, New York.

(CG T-17 - 12/8/60)

December, 1960

Opening balance	$542.98
Closing balance	215.73

In December one check for $30 issued to Lang, Weise and Cella was cleared through the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois. In December, one check for $300 issued to Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was cleared through the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

(CG T-17 - 1/10/61)

Information concerning the above is no longer in possession of the source.

IV. ACTIVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. PHILLIP BRAIL were to hold the 7th Annual Garden Party on August 27, 1960 at their home in Chicago, Illinois. This party was to be held under the auspices of the CSC.

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A "Chicken Dinner" sponsored by the CSC was to be held on August 27, 1960, at Chicago, Illinois.

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The above mentioned Garden Party was held on August 27, 1960 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. PHILLIP BRAIL, 4725 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and approximately 90 people were in attendance at the party. Admission to the party was a $5 donation.

[redacted] - 8/29/60) b7d

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[redacted] the CSC had moved their office from 20 West Jackson Street to Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago 6, Illinois. [redacted] b7d

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Source furnished a letter dated August 13, 1960, with letterhead CSC and addressed to "Dear Friend". This letter made reference to the fact that the summer season is a season in which financial support for organizations such as the CSC completely lapses. It was requested that the recipient of the letter consider the financial dilemma of the organization and be as helpful as possible. The letter also made much of the fact that an opera would be presented by the Northwestern players at Northwestern University and the CSC had purchased the whole house for the evening performance of Sunday, October 30, 1960. Tickets were priced at $2 each. The above letter was signed by DAVID L. SOLTKER for the Committee.

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Source furnished a letter dated October, 1960 with letterhead CSC. This letter outlined the national appeal for MORTON SOBELL's Program for Freedom Week End, Washington, D.C., November 19, 20, 21, 1960. The letter reads as follows:

"PROGRAM FOR FREEDOM WEEKEND WASHINGTON, D.C. - NOVEMBER 19th, 20th, 21st, 1960

EXHIBIT — Specially assembled National Exhibition 'Americans Appeal for Morton Sobell'. The visual impact of Democracy in Action. Open to public Friday, November 18, thru Sunday, November 20.

RECEPTION — Gathering of visitors and honored guests. The Hotel Shoreham, Bird Cage Walk, Saturday, Nov. 19th - 5:30 P.M.

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"SOBELL FREEDOM BANQUET	The Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom, Saturday, November 19 - 7:00 P.M. Invocation by Rev. Nelson C. Pierce, Washington, D.C. Honored Speakers: Burns Chalmers - of the American Friends Service Comm., Wash., D.C. Harold A. Cranefield - Attorney, Detroit, Michigan Rev. John Paul Jones - Ashfield, Massachusetts Mrs. Helen Sobell Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein - National Chairman of the Committee for Labor Israel, Chicago, Illinois Chairman: Gerhardt Van Arkel - Attorney, Washington, D.C.
PANEL	'Facts and Issues in the Sobell Case' Prof. Thomas Emerson, Yale Law School 'Further Support for Morton Sobell's Release' Group Discussion The Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom, Sunday, November 20, 2:00 P.M.
WHITE HOUSE PRAYER	A sundown prayer for Morton Sobell's freedom at the White House Sunday, November 20, 5:00 P.M. Led by Rev. Alva Tompkins, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill.
DELEGATIONS	A day of visiting government representatives on behalf of Morton Sobell's release - Monday, November 21, 1960

Reservations for the banquet may be made at ten dollars per plate. There is no admission charge for the other events. If you are interested in attending, add a note in the return envelope."

[redacted]

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Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN

Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN's name appeared on the letterhead stationery of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) as of November, 1960 in the position of honorary chairman.

[redacted] b7d

ALVA TOMPKINS, Chicago Minister,
Acting in Behalf of MORTON SOBELL

Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS as of February 11, 1960, was Chairman of the American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE) in Chicago.

[redacted] b7d

On November 21, 1960, [redacted] and [redacted] b7D
[redacted] of the White House Police, assigned to the West Gate, b7D
advised [redacted] and [redacted] that b7C
Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS of Chicago, Illinois, was one of the individuals who led a group of people to the White House on November 21, 1960, to request permission to present a petition to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL. Reverend TOMPKINS was one of two chosen from the delegation to see Reverend FREDERICK FOX of the White House staff to present the petition to him. The petition asked that the president use his office to urge a new trial for MORTON SOBELL or grant him clemency by commutation of his sentence.

Source furnished a letter dated November 10, 1960, from CSC, 208 North Wells Street, Room 309-1, Chicago, Illinois. The letter was addressed to "Dear Friend".

The letter discussed the planned "freedom week end" scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., during the period of November 19-21, 1960. It was noted that Chicago activity in connection with the "freedom week end" involved the printing of 18,700pieces of literature and a mailing to 3,500 ministers and

rabbis in the Chicago and Illinois area. It was further noted that over 350 clergymen had joined the 'appeal to the President on behalf of MORTON SOBELL' which was the best response from any area in the U.S. It was noted that the foregoing activity had cost the committee $592 and it further noted that the expense of the delegation of clergymen and representatives to the 'freedom week end' would be $500.

It then noted that the above activities had left the committee 'strapped and in debt' and an appeal was made for funds.

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On November 16, 1960, a source furnished a letter received by the source on the letterhead of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. The letter read in part as follows:

"Dear Fellow Lawyer:

"I would like to call your attention to a Washington event of possible interest to lawyers.

"There has been an increasing belief that an injustice was done in the case of Morton Sobell, now in his 11th year of confinement and under a 30-year sentence imposed on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage in the Rosenberg case. An independent inquiry by a group that included Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of the Union Theological Seminary and Professor Edmond Cahn of the New York University Law School resulted in the conclusion that the case against Mr. Sobell was 'vague in content and slender in proof' and that the sentence should be commuted."

The third paragraph stated that Professor THOMAS I. EMERSON of the Yale Law School had made a study of the case and will present his views in a panel discussion at Washington, D.C. on November 20, 1960. It mentioned that this was part of a national appeal for freedom of MORTON SOBELL. The author of the letter, MALCOLM SHARP, Professor of Law, University of Chicago, maintains in the letter that it was a matter close to his heart and he hoped that the addressees would avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the case discussed. The source was of the opinion that the letter was sent to the attorneys on the Lawyer's Directory.

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MALCOLM SHARP

A booklet entitled "The legacy of Abner Green" was issued by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) for the 27th National Convention of the ACPFB held December 19-20, 1959 at the Hotel Belmont Plaza, New York City. The inside cover of this booklet lists MALCOLM SHARP from Chicago as a sponsor of this convention.

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ABNER GREEN

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(CG T-13 - August, 1959)

AMERICAN FORUM FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION,
Also Known as American Forum

According to an article appearing in the May 13, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 1, column 2, A. J. MUSTE, "well known pacifist," announced the formation of the American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE). According to this article, the American Forum seeks to promote "study and serious untrammeled political discussions among all elements that think of themselves as related to historic socialist and labor traditions, values and objectives. . .however deep and bitter their differences may have been."

This article reflects that a forty member National Committee had been established and, according to MUSTE, these persons served as individuals and not as delegated representatives of any group.

MUSTE, according to this article, stated that the American Forum is not a membership organization and does not propose to promote united action by various parties or groups, mergers or new organizations.

The article reflects that among other purposes, the AFSE seeks to call attention to the various publications of the groups whose people engage in discussion; to publish bulletins or pamphlets; to organize regional and national conferences; contribute to the building of new morale and ethic, a spirit of fair play, labor militancy, determination and hope among the progressive and radical forces in this country.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended operation on January 13, 1958.

On May 24, 1960, Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, Chairman of the AFSE in Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] b7E TOMPKINS stated that while the AFSE originated in New York, no guidance or control has ever been exercised by the AFSE in New York over the AFSE in Chicago; however, the AFSE in Chicago has been guided by the precepts of the New York group.

TOMPKINS stated that the AFSE is a broad forum which includes members from various "liberal groups" on its executive committee including such persons as FRED FINE and JACK SPIEGEL.

According to a source, FRED FINE is a former member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA (CP), who resigned in October, 1958, from the CP because of policy differences.

According to a second source, JACK SPIEGEL was a member of a shoe workers group in the Johnstone Section, CP of Illinois, until the latter part of 1955, at which time he officially dropped out of the Party because he had signed a Non-Communist affidavit with the National Labor Relations Board.

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CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) maintains headquarters in Room 811, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A source, on October 31, 1960, advised that the CCDBR was formally launched as an organization at a meeting held in Chicago, Illinois on October 26, 1960. Officers named at this meeting were Rev. WILLIAM T. BAIRD, Executive Director, and RICHARD CRILEY, Executive Secretary. The stated purpose of this new organization was the abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

Concerning the Rev. WILLIAM T. BAIRD, it is noted that a letterhead of the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) dated May 19, 1960, identifies BAIRD as Honorary Chairman of the MCPFB.

Concerning RICHARD CRILEY, it is to be noted that CARL NELSON, 3093 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on May 5, 1959, appeared before a Subcommittee of the HCUA at a hearing held on that date in Chicago, Illinois. During the course of his testimony, CARL NELSON admitted to Communist Party (CP) membership for the period from 1934 - 1949, and during the course of his testimony advised the Committee that RICHARD CRILEY was known to him as a member of the Section Committee of the CP of the Packinghouse Industry, while he, NELSON, was a member of the CP.

The first source, on October 27, 1960, advised that RICHARD CRILEY had commented that the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR) "is no more" and that soon a meeting of the CCDDR "associates" will be held and the CCDDR formally dissolved. All assets of the CCDDR will be turned over to the CCDBR and the new organization will continue to utilize the same office space, mailing address, and other facilities of the CCDDR.

A second source advised on October 28, 1960 as follows:

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CRILEY noted that for the first time since the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) there has been created a nationally co-ordinated drive against the "eroding of the First Amendment in the American way of life." The concentration point in this drive is the HCUA since it is the "arch that ties all other things together."

It is to be noted that the CP, USA and the CRC are organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS, formerly known as the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act

The Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR) maintains offices in Room 811, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago 2, Illinois.

A source advised on April 15, 1958, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956.

A second source advised on July 17, 1958, that at a working conference of the CJDC held on June 8, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois, the name of the CJDC was changed to the CCDDR. The purpose of the CCDDR, according to its "Statement of Principles and Organization" was to "....defend and extend the human rights embodied in the Bill of Rights....and to put an end to the political and racial persecutions which threaten American democracy today."

The second source further advised on May 18, 1960, that as of May, 1960, the CCDDR continued to function within the framework of its stated principles and that in accordance with its "Statement of Principles and Organization" had a number of "Working Committees" which included the Chicago Smith Act Families Committee, South Side Freedom Committee and Taft-Hartley Working Committee. The source further stated that as of May, 1960, RICHARD CRILEY was serving as the Executive Secretary of the CCDDR.

RICHARD CRILEY, according to a third source, was a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, as of May, 1960.

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

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[redacted] made available in January, 1954, the "First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated, "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF) was validated August 11, (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board."

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This same source also advised on May 25, 1960, that the CCASF remains affiliated with the NCASF for the purpose of implementing its stated aims of peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U. S. S. R., but continues to consider itself autonomous in the government of its affairs and program for achieving these aims. Although the CCASF considers itself autonomous in this regard, the leaders of the CCASF are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the NCASF.

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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, Also Known As Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

On September 27, 1960, a source stated that the address of the above captioned organization is Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Chicago Sobell Committee, which is also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was formerly known as Chicago Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, is a small group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programing in the Chicago area. The Chicago Committee, since its inception in 1952, has been an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is also known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and was formerly known as the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, with headquarters in New York.

Source said that to his knowledge this committee has no full-time employees nor any volunteers who have national positions or titles. DAVID SOLTKER and SYLVIA LEVINSON appear to be the guiding forces behind this committee and they are assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTKER, wife of DAVID SOLTKER, and former chairman of this committee who continues to be active in Sobell activities.

Another source advised during May 1960, that the Chicago Sobell Committee maintains a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, and that DAVID SOLTKER is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTKER appear as signers on the Communist Party (CP) election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

Another source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTKER, in 1943 was a member of the CP.

Another source furnished information in 1949 which indicates that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was Vice Chairman of the Congress of American Women.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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

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

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised in October, 1960, that the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was formed during the summer of 1960 at Chicago, Illinois, under the direct guidance and leadership of RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the State Committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois. The Chicago Chapter, FPCC, maintains no headquarters at Chicago, but receives mail through Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. Its meetings are held in public halls or homes of individual members.

A second source, in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled, "What is Really Happening in Cuba?", distributed by the FPCC, Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflet reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of informational bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums; providing speakers, movies and slides for meetings of interested organizations; placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

[redacted] the membership dues in the FPCC were $5 per year a [redacted]

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This same source advised that as of October, 1960, this Committee continued to exist, with the same aims and purposes and under the same direction.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960 edition of the "New York Times", a daily New York City newspaper, carried a full page advertisement captioned "What is Really Happening in Cuba?" The article maintained that the United States press has made certain charges against Cuba which are not true and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was organized to tell the truth about Cuba in the interest of fair play. The advertisement closes with a note which states "This public appeal for fair play for Cuba has the support of a group of thinking individuals holding a variety of political persuasions, representing no one but themselves, linked here by a single common concern for the overriding principle of justice, which is always an issue whenever partisan interests clash with simple truth."

COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, also known as Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press

A source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP) was formed in the latter part of November, 1951, and then, as now, was composed of a band of Communist Party (CP) members and sympathizers, who activate when fund raising drives and subscription campaigns are necessary for the welfare of "The Worker".

Another source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Committee for Freedom of the Press, also known as the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press, cannot be separated from the CP itself. It is not an organization as such with a program, elected officers, offices, etc. In fact, it is an arm of the CP and in the main is used by the CP to further the subscription drives of "The Worker" and for the CP to utilize as a name only to sponsor CP meetings which otherwise would have to be held under the announced sponsorship of the CP.

This source advised in May, 1960, that the purpose of the use of the name Freedom of the Press Committee, instead of the CP, at meetings is to increase attendance by those individuals who otherwise would not attend if the meetings were in the announced sponsorship of the CP.

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"The Worker" is an East coast Communist weekly newspaper.

ILLINOIS COMMITTEE FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES

Source, on May 20, 1960, advised that the Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (ICPA) was founded at the St. James Methodist Church, 4611 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 1950. Source stated that this committee was once an affiliate of the now defunct National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (NCPA).

Source further advised that the ICPA was composed of intellectual and religious workers and its program called for negotiated peace and for peaceful settlement of all differences between nations. The committee advocated more friendship internationally and was opposed to the so-called "cold war" aggressive foreign policy of the United States.

The same source, on January 6, 1961, advised that the South Shore Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (SSCPA), the last remaining division of the ICPA, dissolved on December 18, 1960. Source said that DOROTHY HAYES was Chairman of the SSCPA at the time of its dissolution.

During July, 1960, another source advised that DOROTHY HAYES, as of that date, was a member of the State Committee of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois.

[redacted] advised on June 26, 1957 that the NCPA was formed as a result of the Mid-Century Conference for Peace held in Chicago about May, 1950, with the initiating force being the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (CPA) of New York. According to the source, subsequently local chapters were formed in various states, including Illinois, and the NCPA became known as the CPA. This national organization continued to exist in Chicago until about 1955, when it became defunct. According to the source, the stated purposes of the organization generally were to promote peace through negotiation, to prevent atomic wars, and promote peaceful coexistence. It was a broad mass organization consisting of people interested in peace, including ministers, intellectuals, scientists, etc. The organization was infiltrated by and used, but never controlled by the CP. b7D

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised on June 22, 1960, that it was his understanding that the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) was formed around 1936 in New York City and that the Chicago Chapter of the NLG (CCNLG) was formed shortly thereafter, possibly in 1937, by a group of liberal progressive lawyers in protest against the non-liberal, non-progressive American Bar Association. The CCNLG has no established headquarters but occasionally uses the return addresses of its officials on literature. The current CCNLG President is PEARL M. HART, who is also a member of the NLG National Executive Board.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The National Lawyers Guild has been cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents".

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

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MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) maintains offices at Room 406, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago 2, Illinois.

[redacted] b7D advised that the MCPFB was founded at a conference held in Chicago, Illinois, on May 25, 1947, and that the MCPFB was to operate as the Midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB).

On May 5, 1955, a source advised that in a "Statement of Principles" issued in April, 1955, by the MCPFB, it was noted that "The purpose of the Midwest Committee shall be to seek to perpetuate for the foreign born the fundamental concepts of equality regardless of race, color, creed, nationality, political belief or place of birth, and to preserve the basic ideals of liberty and hospitality which serve as the guarantees of democracy for all Americans."

A second source, as of May 19, 1960, advised that the MCPFB continued to function as the Midwest organization of the ACPFB and still adhered to its "Statement of Principles" last published in 1955.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
CHICAGO BRANCH

A source advised on July 12, 1960, that it was his understanding that the currently active Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was one of the founding branches of the SWP at a 1938 Chicago Trotskyist Convention, and it follows the aims and principles of the SWP which maintains national headquarters in New York City.

Members of the Chicago Branch serve on the SWP National Committee and per capita membership dues and a sustaining fund quota are sent by this branch on a monthly basis to SWP National Headquarters.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Chicago, Illinois
Feb 16, 1961

100-25530

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

[redacted] Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Chicago. b7c

All confidential informants and sources used in referenced report and also those used in the Appendix Section to characterize organizations have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Albany, New York
February 14, 1961

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [redacted]. YURI SUHL was the speaker and was described on the invitation as "humorist and author of 'One Foot in America' and other books." The source stated that SUHL spoke on his trip abroad through the countries behind the Iron Curtain. The source also stated that on the Sobell case SUHL expressed optimism, stating that the KENNEDY administration is willing to listen and meet with the top Sobell Council. SUHL stated that the final push is on and letters to President KENNEDY by top people in professions and clergy are essential. SUHL also stated that money was urgently needed.

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APPENDIX

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

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APPENDIX

SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

On July 10, 1959 [redacted], furnished information that showed the Syracuse Sobell Committee was affiliated with the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and that the Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, had been formed for five years. b7D

A source advised on April 23, 1960, that the Syracuse Sobell Committee is still in existence.

On this same date, this source furnished information showing that LILLIAN REINER (Mrs. HOWARD REINER), 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, was Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

Another source furnished information on February 4, 1959, which showed that JANE ANDERSON was Secretary-Treasurer of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

Another source advised that LILLIAN REINER as of March 11, 1951, was not known as a member of the Communist Party at that time, but as Chairman of the American Labor Party was closely associated with Communist Party members.

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A fourth source advised on September 23, 1959, that JANE ANDERSON was a current member of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New York.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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OO: NEW YORK

Attached are five copies of a letterhead memorandum on [redacted] wherein the speaker, YURI SUHL, expressed optimism that the KENNEDY administration is willing to listen and meet with the SOBELL Council and that the final push is on and letters to President KENNEDY by top people in professions and clergy are essential. One copy of the letterhead memo is attached for the New York office. b7d

The source who furnished information [redacted] is [redacted]

The sources who furnished information concerning the characterization of the Syracuse Sobell Committee are [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100 - 107111) DATE: July 27,1961

FROM : [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated July 26,1961. . The review for this report was made from serial 4320 through serial 4491.

In accordance with the above, the following serials are to be destroyed:

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4370	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4371	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4372	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4373	2-20-61	NY to HQ REPORT	15	14		
4374	2-21-61	SA MEMO to SAC	2	0		
4375	2-21-61	SA MEMO to SAC	2	0		
4376	2-28-61	PH to HQ Report	29	29		
4377	3-1-61	N.Y. to HQ	2	2		
4378	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4379	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4380		Enclosure of 4381	2	0		
4381	3-1-61	N.Y. to HQ (teletype) w/ encl	1	1		

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4383	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4384	3-2-61	SA to SAC MEMO	7	0		
4385	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4386	3-6-61	N.Y. to HQ (Letter)	1	0		
4387	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4388	3-6-61	SA to SAC MEMO	1	1		
4389	3-6-61	2pg Encl to 4390	2	2		
4390	3-6-61	N.Y. to HQ (teletype)	1	1		
4391	3-8-61	SA to SAC (MEMO)	1	1		
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Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/17/60, at Minneapolis. b7C

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Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C, SWP

Synopsis:

Minnesota Sobell Committee is an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. JEAN BRUST, Midwest Representative, J. H. CARROLL, Financial Secretary, and JULIA ZUBAY, Recording Secretary, are the officers of the organization. [redacted] Principal recent activity has been the attendance of Reverend KENNETH BECK, St. Paul, Minnesota, at the "Freedom Week" at Washington, D.C., during which week clergy from various parts of the U.S. gathered in Washington, D.C. to petition SOBELL's release from prison. [redacted] Minnesota Sobell Committee continues to be controlled totally by the SWP.

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[redacted] on February 15, 1961, advised that as of February 14, 1961, the Minnesota Sobell Committee was under the general direction of the national group and that the objective of the Minnesota Committee as of all the committees, was to attempt the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison where he is presently incarcerated for espionage. b7D

B. Officers

[redacted] on February 15, 1961, advised that as of February 14, 1961, the following individuals were officers of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell: b7D

JEAN BRUST, Midwest Representative to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

JULIA ZUBAY, Recording Secretary

J. H. CARROLL, Financial Secretary

[redacted] b7D

II. GENERAL ACTIVITY

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A characterization of the Twin Cities Branch of the SWP is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

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[redacted] on [redacted] made available a brochure containing the program for the "Freedom Week" scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C. This brochure described the "Freedom Week" as a "convening of Americans united in the request that MORTON SOBELL be granted a commutation of sentence during the traditional Christmas amnesty". This brochure also contained a statement that the Central Labor Union Council of Minneapolis was on record favoring a new trial for MORTON SOBELL. b20

The November 6, 1960, issue of "The Worker" on page 12, in reporting on the "Freedom Week" stated in part as follows:

> Widespread appeals in behalf of freedom for Morton Sobell, imprisoned scientist, will be climaxed by a national gathering in Washington, D.C., Nov. 19-21.

The participants are seeking a Presidential commutation during the traditional Christmas amnesty season this year.

An appeal to President Eisenhower, signed by more than 1,000 clergymen of different faiths, will be presented at the White House.

Those joining in the weekend activities will hold a sundown prayer for Sobell's Freedom at the White House on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Monday, Nov. 21, will be spent by delegations visiting government officials to request action on Sobell's behalf.

Representative speakers will address a banquet at the Hotel Shoreham on Saturday, Nov. 19, to urge a commutation of sentence for Sobell, who is now in the 11th year of a 30-year sentence on the charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage". He was tried together with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in 1951.

There will be a panel discussion at the Shoreham on Sunday, Nov. 20, featuring a presentation of "Facts and Issues in the Sobell Case".

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication.

The "Minneapolis Morning Tribune", a metropolitan newspaper in the Twin City area, on November 17, 1960, on page 19, reported the following:

A group of 69 clergymen from the Twin Cities area have signed an appeal asking President Eisenhower to commute the 30-year sentence of convicted atom spy Morton Sobell, sponsors of the appeal said Wednesday.

The Rev. Kenneth Beck, pastor of Christ Methodist church, maplewood, will join the national delegation of clergymen who will present a national clergy appeal to the President during a Washington convocation Saturday through Monday.

The group asks for commutation, noting that Sobell "has served 10 years of a 30 - year sentence imposed during a height of national tensions in this country.

On November 21, 1960, [redacted] and [redacted] of the White House Police, advised that on that day a petition was given to Reverend FREDERICK FOX of the White House Staff asking for clemency or new trial for MORTON SOBELL. [redacted] advised that this petition was presented to Reverend FOX by a group of 11 individuals and that KENNETH BECK of St. Paul, Minnesota, was one of the individuals presenting the petition. b7c

On the same date [redacted] U.S. Department of Justice, advised SA [redacted] that a petition requesting the release of MORTON SOBELL had been given to him that date. This petition having 16 pages of names, included among the signers Reverend KENNETH BECK, 2500 Hudson Road, St. Paul, Minnesota. b7c

The December 9, 1960, edition of the "Minneapolis Star", a metropolitan newspaper in the Twin Cities area, carried in its section of letters to the editor the following letter written by JEAN BRUST:

> The Minnesota Sobell Committee would like to call to attention that Jack Soble who several years ago confessed to being a Soviet spy and the Dr. Robert Soble who is at present being accused of espionage are in no way connected with Morton Sobell.
>
> Morton Sobell, who is now in his 11th year of imprisonment of a 30-year sentence, has steadfastly maintained his innocence of the conspiracy to commit espionage charge on which he was convicted in the Rosenberg trial. Not only has he maintained his innocence of this charge, but many eminent people in the United States and the rest of the world, who have studied the trial record of Morton Sobell, have become convinced that he is innocent. One of the supporters, Dr. Harold Urey, after reading the trial transcript said, "I am astounded at how little there was about Sobell in the trial. You cannot tell what he is even supposed to have done."