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[REDACTED] advised on January 28, 1959, that the president of the SC was at that time HELEN L. SOBELL and that JENNIE RATNER was Secretary-Treasurer.

The information furnished by [REDACTED] is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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[REDACTED] identified on February 2, 1944,
HELEN GUREWITZ (Helen Sobell, Mrs. Morton Sobell) as a member
of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in
Washington, D.C. as of February 1, 1944.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that JENNIE
RATNER had stated publicly [REDACTED]
on various occasions that she (RATNER) was a member of the
CP.

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that HAVEN
PERKINS- resigned from the CP of St. Louis

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that a
SWP open forum was held in New York City on [REDACTED]
and that among the SWP members in attendance was
DOUGLAS GORDON. (Re SWP see above)

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that by mimeographed letter dated December 10, 1958, the National Headquarters of the CSJMS advised all local affiliates that the members of the National Committee were:

New York Area

1. ROSE SOBELL
2. HELEN SOBELL
3. TED JACOBS, national staff
4. AARON KATZ, New York Committee
5. LEAH SCHNEIDER, national staff
6. JUDY SWETSKY, National staff

Affiliated Committees

7. WARREN K. BILLINGS, San Francisco, California
8. JEAN BRUST, Minnesota
9. PEARL CHERTOV, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
10. VIOLA GABRIEL, Fresno, California
11. JOHN GILMAN, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
12. IRVING GLICKER, St. Louis, Missouri
13. DOROTHY MAYR, Los Angeles, California
14. WIDGE NEWMAN, Los Angeles staff

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The characterizations for persons listed as being on the National Committee from areas other than New York City may be found in the section designated to their committees.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that LILLIAN KEIZEL was elected to the Executive Committee of the New York local branch of the SWP [REDACTED] b7d

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D. FINANCES

T-4 advised on the indicated date that the balance of the SC bank account, as of the indicated date, was as follows:

<u>Balance Date</u>	<u>Date Furnished</u>	<u>Amount</u>
July 30, 1958	July 30, 1958	\$559.05
August 27, 1958	August 27, 1958	243.22
September 26, 1958	September 26, 1958	361.33
October 30, 1958	October 30, 1958	360.43
November 25, 1958	November 25, 1958	434.26
December 29, 1958	December 29, 1958	286.77
January 28, 1959	January 28, 1959	185.54

The information furnished by T-4 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that in a report made available by the CSJMS on [REDACTED] was a special section entitled "Finances", which reflected that in a special fund raising drive toward a goal of \$15,000, which was to be finished by December 31, 1958, the amount collected, as of December 1, 1958, was \$3,266.00. b7d

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E. ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW YORK COMMITTEE

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On page 2, columns 1 and 2 of the August 22, 1958, issue of "Morning Freiheit" is an article entitled "Successful Concert by 'Sobell Committee' in Far Rockaway", which news article reports that the "Committee to Free Morton Sobell" sponsored a concert attended by over 100 persons on August 16, 1958, in Far Rockaway, and that \$365.00 was collected.

A characterization of the "Morning Freiheit" may be found on page 104 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (And Appendix)", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. (See Appendix Section)

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[redacted] advised on November 26, 1958, that a church meeting for the SC was held in Brooklyn, New York, on November 19, 1958, at which approximately 25 persons were in attendance. [redacted] advised that excerpts from the trial of the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL were read and the trial was described as a "great miscarriage of justice." b7d

[redacted] that one of the Bronx members of the CP said that the Bronx SC was organizing a New Years Eve party [redacted] the Northeast Bronx section of the CP was active in selling tickets for this party. b7d

[redacted] advised on December 16, 1958, that a house party was held on December 13, 1958, in Brooklyn, New York, under the sponsorship of the Brooklyn SC, at which food and drink were sold and a collection solicited, with all funds being donated to the CSJMS. b7d

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[REDACTED] advised on January 27, 1959, that on January 26, 1959, he attended a social evening at an apartment on Riverside Drive, New York City, for the benefit of the SC. [REDACTED] said that approximately 100 persons were in attendance; that an admission charge of \$15.00 was made; that a collection was taken up; that no speeches were made; and, the program for the evening was largely musical entertainment. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on February 11, 1959, that the New York area SC was composed of: JUDY SWETSKY of Manhattan, AARON KATZ of Brooklyn, BEN RATNER and JENNIE RATNER (Treasurer) from the Bronx, LEAH SCHNEIDER and TED JACOBS from the national staff, and LILLIAN KEIZEL of the SWP.

F. PUBLICITY IN THE NEW YORK AREA b7d

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

A characterization of the "National Guardian" may be found on page 105 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (And Appendix)," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. (See Appendix Section)

On page 2 of the August 4, 1953, issue of the "National Guardian" is a letter to the editor signed by TED JACOBS, in which JACOBS asks for assistance in the task of gathering signatures to the executive clemency petition and for financial assistance for the various Sobell Committees.

On page 8, columns 2 and 3, of the October 5, 1958, issue of "The Worker" is an article entitled "Carleton

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"Beals reads Sobell transcript: Finds trial was worst miscarriage of justice," which quotes a lengthy letter from CARLETON BEALS, described in the article as a noted author, lecturer and authority on Mexico, in which he describes the trial of MORTON SOBELL as a "miscarriage of justice."

On page 8 of the October 6, 1958, issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled "Beals Attacks Sobell Conviction", which reports that CARLETON BEALS, author, lecturer, and former consultant to the United States Government on Mexican affairs, attacked the SOBELL conviction as a "miscarriage of justice."

On page 6 of the October 13, 1958, issue of the "National Guardian" is an editorial type article summing up the first ten years of the publishing history of the paper and in which it lists as an accomplishment its part in the efforts to free MORTON SOBELL.

On page 2 of the October 20, 1958, issue of the "National Guardian" is an "Editorial Statement" by the editors, which reads as follows:

".... We shall continue to fight to free political prisoners such as Morton Sobell...."

On page 11 of the October 20, 1958, and October 27, 1958, issues of the "National Guardian" are box advertisements for a halloween evening party to be held in New York City on October 25, 1958, with all contributions being donated to the SC.

On page 15, column 1, of the November 23, 1958, and page 15, column 5, of the December 21, 1958, issues

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of "The Worker" is a column entitled "What's On", in which are listed future social functions of interest to the reader and in which is listed a New Years Eve party to be held at the Allerton Center, Bronx, New York, under the sponsorship of the Bronx SC.

On page 11 of the November 17, 1958, November 24, 1958, December 1, 1958, December 8, 1958, December 15, 1958, December 22, 1958, and December 29, 1958, issues of the "National Guardian" are advertisements for a New Years Eve party to be held at the Allerton Center, Bronx, New York City, under the sponsorship of the Bronx SC.

On page 4, of the December 15, 1958, issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled "The Super-Secret: Spy Revelation Seen Aimed At Sobell Amnesty," which accuses the Government of the United States of making false spying charges against the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL in order to defeat any efforts to obtain executive clemency by MORTON SOBELL.

On page 9 of the January 5, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a news article entitled "Chicagoans Petition President - New Clemency Appeal For Sobell," which reports that more than 100 Chicagoans signed an appeal asking the President of the United States to commute his sentence and free MORTON SOBELL.

G. ACTIVITY OF AFFILIATED ADJUNCTS

[REDACTED] made available on March 3, 1958, a mimeographed form letter with the letterhead "Syracuse Sobell Committee", and signed "Lillian E. Reiner (Mrs. Howard L.), Chairman, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, telephone GR 2-2406."

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[REDACTED] advised on March 11, 1951, that LILLIAN REINER, although not known as a member of the CP, was closely associated with CP members and was at that time Chairman of the American Labor Party (ALP) locally. b7d

A characterization of the ALP may be found on page 11 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (And Appendix)," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.. (See Appendix Section)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on December 5, 1952, that JANE ANDERSON and ELIZABETH ALLEN were long time CP members at Syracuse, New York, as of that date. b7d

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[REDACTED] advised during early 1958 that [REDACTED] SARAH HAMMOND of Newark, Delaware, had presided over a National Conference of the CSJMS held in New York City during December, 1957, and added [REDACTED] that HAMMOND was at the time attempting to organize a SC in Baltimore, Maryland. b7d

WF T-1 made available on December 28, 1957, a "List For Exchanging Information," which list was attached

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to a letter on the letterhead of the CSJMS. WF T-1 said that two of the names on this "list" were:

SARAH HAMMOND
158 East Main
Newark, Delaware

JULIA SAMUELS
2454 Callow Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

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Boston

[REDACTED] advised on April 16, 1958, that as of that date the temporary address of the Boston SC was in care of SALLY CHRISTIANSON, 117 Gladstone Street, East Boston, Massachusetts. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on April 28, 1958, that SALLY CHRISTIANSON was Secretary-Treasurer of the Boston branch of the SWP as of that date. b7d

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] SUE KORITZ was the Boston, Massachusetts, Section Organizer of the CP, USA, New England District. b7d

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised on January 7, 1959,
that the Chicago SC had renewed the yearly lease on
Room 1301 in the Great Northern Office building at that
address during September, 1958. [REDACTED] said that
this lease was co-signed DAVID SALTNER and SYLVIA LEVINSON.

[REDACTED] advised during January, 1959, that a
bank account for the Chicago SC was maintained at the
Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago, and that
the officers of record for the Chicago SC were:

RUTH ROTHSTEIN, Chairman
DAVID SALTNER, Secretary

The information furnished by [REDACTED] is not to
be made public except in the usual proceedings following the
issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

[REDACTED]
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PERKINS was not associated with the SC either
nationally or regionally any longer; PERKINS separated
himself from the SC "amicably" because of "tactical
differences" with some of the persons engaged in SC
work locally; and, that DAVID SALTNER was the person
to be contacted regarding SC business.

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DAVID SAITKER is one of a group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programming in Chicago; none of the Chicago volunteers have national positions or titles; the SC locally maintains an office, but has no full-time employees; and, Mrs. HELEN SOBELL in New York City directs the activities of the committee and all inquiries should be directed to her in New York City.

On August 1, 1951, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he knew RUTH MERSON (RUTH ROTHSTEIN) to have been a member of, and active in, the affairs of the CP, specific dates not able to be furnished. b7d

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A characterization of the Lightfoot Defense Committee is found in the Appendix Section hereto.

[REDACTED] advised on March 17, 1949, that SYLVIA LEVINSON was at that time the Vice Chairman of the Congress of American Women. b7d

The Congress of American Women has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on June 30, 1958, that on June 28, 1958, a Chicago SC function honoring HAROLD C. UREY, Physicist and Nobel Prize recipient, was held in Chicago, Illinois, which 100 persons attended. [REDACTED] b7d

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said that MALCOLM SHARP, a professor at the University of Chicago, HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, and STEPHEN LOVE, Chicago attorney, were the main speakers, and added that HAVEN PERKINS, Executive Secretary of the Chicago SC and Midwest Organizer for the NCSJMS, took no active part in the program.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former Editor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, advised during 1951 that MALCOLM SHARP was a Communist in the early 1940's. BUDENZ said at that time that SHARP, if questioned, would probably deny CP membership, but added that SHARP cooperated with the CP in various front activities and in Chicago political affairs.

CG T-3 advised on April 7, 1958, that STEPHEN LOVE was a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild may be found on page 64 in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (And Appendix)," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. (See Appendix)

[REDACTED] made available on October 9, 1958, a leaflet printed by the Chicago SC which advised that on October 25 and 26, 1958, the Chicago SC would be the host to a National Work meeting on the SOBELL case and that SC leaders from several cities would meet in Chicago. b7d

[REDACTED] ISIDORE WARWAK, an SWP member, stated that both he and his wife, also an SWP member, have done a lot of work with the Chicago SC. b7d

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[REDACTED] advised during September, 1958, that the Cleveland SC is composed mainly of a Steering Committee

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that the Detroit branch of the SWP was endeavoring to influence and infiltrate other organizations and to further this end had sponsored a meeting at which the main speaker was HELEN SOBELL, who spoke concerning her husband's case.

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[REDACTED] advised on September 10, 1958, that ROSEMARY DOLINSKI attended a Midwest SC conference held in Chicago, Illinois, on June 29, 1958, as a representative of the Detroit SC.

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[REDACTED] made available during the middle of 1958 a leaflet on the stationery of the Detroit CSJMS, dated May 28, 1958, announcing a SOBELL meeting to be held June 6, 1958, which letter is signed "Dorothea Breitman, Secretary-Treasurer, Detroit CSJMS."

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that DOROTHY BREITMAN, a member of the National Executive Committee of the SWP, was very active in the SC in Detroit.

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b2 [REDACTED] advised on August 6, 1958, that the headquarters of the Los Angeles SC (LASC) were located at Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and added that the LASC was composed of five chapters:

Los Angeles Chapter, Long Beach Chapter, San Pedro Chapter, Ontario Chapter, and the West Los Angeles Chapter.

b2 [REDACTED] said that other chapters of the committee had been in existence intermittently but had not survived, although they had conducted some fund raising affairs.

b7d [REDACTED] advised on December 17, 1957, that the LASC adopted that name in the fall of 1954, and added that the committee was from its inception dominated and controlled by the CP through the assignment of CP members to direct the activities of the committee. b7d

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[REDACTED] advised on January 17, 1955 that IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN, was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) [REDACTED]

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b2 [REDACTED] advised on April 19, 1957, that ALICE HAGGERTY had been assigned to the 40th Assembly District Branch of the Los Angeles CP during 1944.

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[REDACTED] the only activity of the committee seemed to be the collecting of funds [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised during [REDACTED] that LEAH FELDMAN was a member of the Town Club Number 3 of the CP in Miami, Florida. b7d

MF T-1 made available information on December 28, 1957, which reflected that among the persons to be contacted by the CSJMS was E.A. STANDER of Miami Beach, Florida. MF T-1 said that the name of STANDER was secured from a list of names, which list contains the names of persons in various sections of the country who were members of the sectional units of the SC and who were the persons to whom the National Headquarters and other local committees could send mail and suggestions.

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The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

LA T-3 advised on November 29, 1950, that EVELYN BURKETT, as of November 29, 1950, was Executive Secretary of the Music Division of the Hollywood Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

A characterization of the Hollywood Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions may be found on page 122 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. (See Appendix)

[REDACTED] advised on June 15, 1947, that JANET GOLDSTEIN had been dropped from the CP because of "political reasons" in January of 1947, and said that at the time GOLDSTEIN had been a member of the CP for 6 years.

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The American-Russian Institute of Southern California has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on February 28, 1955, that ANN BERENHOLTZ KELLER had been a member of the CP as of approximately late 1953 and had been a CP member for approximately 18 years prior to that time. [REDACTED] also advised that part of KELLER'S CP membership had been in the states of Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky.

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[REDACTED] (STANDER) was not a "formal" member of the CP, but that he, STANDER, believed in the principles of Communism. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that the officers of the Milwaukee SC, as of [REDACTED] date, were [REDACTED]

Chairman, JOHN GILMAN
Vice President, WAYNE LEVERENZ
Secretary, BETSY STERGAR
Treasurer, CORA BERBERICH b7d

[REDACTED] advised on August 16, 1957, that JOHN GILMAN, Chairman, and CORA BERBERICH, Treasurer, were members of the CP and that the major portion of the members of the Milwaukee, SC were members of the CP.

[REDACTED] advised on July 26, 1957, that WAYNE LEVERENZ and BETSY STERGAR were members of the SWP. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on January 21, 1958, that JEAN BRUST was the Acting Secretary of the Minnesota SC, and [REDACTED]

J.H. CARROLL was appointed Treasurer. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on April 2, 1958, that JEAN BRUST and J.H. CARROLL were current members of the SWP. [REDACTED] b7d

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[REDACTED] ^{b7d} advised on [REDACTED] that as of May 14, 1958, Minnesota SC was controlled and governed locally by the SWP and added that although the committee had been organized in July, 1957, by both the SWP and the CP, the CP had become inactive, although there were CP members participating individually with the committee. ^{b7d}

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[REDACTED] advised on December 14, 1956, that as of that date JEAN FRANTJIS was a CP member in the CP Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on June 26, 1958, that ELGIN CURRY had at one time been a local chapter officer in the National Negro Labor Council. b7d

The National Negro Labor Council has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that on [REDACTED] RUTH ROZENTHAL addressed a gathering of people in Tucson, Arizona, which gathering had been assembled to collect money for the CSJMS. b7d

[REDACTED] identified a photograph of RUTH ROZENTHAL, nee Eisenberg.

[REDACTED] ROZENTHAL as a member of the CP at [REDACTED] b7d

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[REDACTED] advised on June 7, 1957, that SARA and GAYLORD SWING, husband and wife, were members of the CP in Phoenix, Arizona.

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[REDACTED] advised on November 18, 1958, that as of October 30, 1958, MILTON LESSNER was a member of the CP.

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[REDACTED] identified WARREN K. BILLINGS as the Chairman of the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on February 10, 1948, that WARREN K. BILLINGS had been expelled from the CP at a prior date not known to the informant. b2

[REDACTED] advised on August 22, 1958, that FORREST B. CRUMPLEY was Treasurer of the Northern California Council of the CSJMS, as of that date. b7d

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[REDACTED] advised on February 6, 1958, that LOU CONRAD was currently an active member of the CP Spokane Section. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that on [REDACTED] CAROLINE (KELLY) CANAFRA of Seattle, Washington, represented herself to be the representative of the Seattle Committee of the CSJMS. b7d

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[REDACTED] advised on December 9, 1958, that as of that date the following individuals were officers of the St. Louis CSJMS:

Co-chairmen - ELSIE HAUBER
IRVING GLICKER

Secretary - EUGENE TOURNOUR

Treasurer - MARY FERGUSON

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[REDACTED] advised on August 19, 1958, that ETHEL WEICHBROD appeared to be in charge of and could be considered as the local chairman of the Washington SC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that there was no actual headquarters for the committee. b7d

WF T-1 made available on December 23, 1957, information which reflected that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 93-40 Harvey Road, Silver Springs, Maryland, was one of the persons designated by the National Headquarters of the CSJMS as a person to be contacted for the distribution of mail.

b2 [REDACTED] advised on June 6, 1958, that on that date SARAH LICHTENBERG HAMMOND of the National Headquarters of the CSJMS, stated that she was working for the SC in the Washington, D.C. area with ETHEL WEICHBROD. (Re SARAH HAMMOND see above).

b2 [REDACTED] advised on June 2, 1958, that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, was at the time visiting in Washington, D.C. for the purpose of obtaining funds and to visit Senators and other government officials concerning the case.

[REDACTED] advised on February 26, 1953, that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN was, as of that date, a current member of the CP in the Washington, D.C. area.

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██████████ advised on March 20, 1953, that as of that date ETHEL WEICHBROD was a current member of the CP in the Washington, D.C. area.

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AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

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

- *1. '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.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- *2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the * * * American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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HOLLYWOOD COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. contains the following concerning the Hollywood Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, under Southern California Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:

- "1. Cited as 'one of the major Communist-dominated propoganda media on the Pacific Coast.' It is located at 7410 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1955, pp. 392 and 393; also cited in 1951 Report, p. 268.)

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice
For Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Philip H. Sheridan, dated and captioned as above at New York.

All informants utilized in the preparation of this report and in the Appendix Section thereto have furnished reliable information in the past, with the exception of [redacted], and [redacted] who are characterized as having been in a position to furnish reliable information.

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- 1-Chicago (100-25530) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Cincinnati (100-10090) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Cleveland (100-20243) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Detroit (100-20938) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Los Angeles (100-41648) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Louisville (100-4350) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Miami (100-12292) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Milwaukee (100-11982) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Newark (100-36202) (Info) (RM)
- 1-New Haven (100-14203) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Minneapolis (100-8894) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Philadelphia (100-37667) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Phoenix (100-4333) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Portland (100-9004) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Salt Lake City (100-9029) (Info) (RM)
- 1-San Francisco (100-35117) (Info) (RM)
- 1-San Diego (100-9380) (Info) (RM)
- 1-Seattle (100-22197) (Info) (RM)
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- 1-Washington Field (100-25474) (Info) (RM)
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3433	2-27-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2		
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3441	3-3-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0		
3442	3-3-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0		
3443	3-4-59	NY LETTER TO HQ	3	2		
3444	3-4-59	HQ LETTER TO WFO	1	1		
3445	3-4-59	BS LETTER TO HQ	2	2		
3446	3-5-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	3	2		
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3453	3-11-59	WFO LETTER TO NY	2	2		
3454	3-12-59	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1		
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3456	3-13-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	5	4		
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3458	3-16-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	5	5		
3459	3-17-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	4	4		
3460	3-17-59	PX REPORT TO HQ, NY	5	5		
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3464	3-18-59	AL REPORT TO HQ, NY	32	19		
3465	3-19-59	CG LETTER TO NY	1	1		
3466	3-19-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3		
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3467A	3-19-59	WFO LETTER TO HQ	4	4		
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3469		Enc to 3470	3	0		
3470	3-23-59	LA SA LETTER TO SAC	1	0		
3471		Enc to 3472	3	0		
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3474	3-23-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0		
3475	3-23-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0		
3476	3-23-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3		
3477	3-25-59	WFO REPORT TO HQ, NY	31	30		
3478	3-27-59	BS REPORT TO HQ, NY	9	9		
3479	3-27-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2		
3480	3-27-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0		
3481	3-30-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2		
3482	3-30-59	WFO Lab Report to HQ	1	1		
3483	3-30-59	NY LAB REPORT TO WFO	1	1		
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
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ReBulet, 11/14/58, instructing WFO to determine identity of the local representative of the Sobell Committee to the National Committee, and Bulet, 2/16/59, instructing WFO to determine the lobbying efforts in Washington, D. C., of AARON KATZ of the National Sobell Committee.

Concerning Bulet, 11/14/58, WFO has received no information since WFO letter 2/6/59.

Concerning Bulet, 2/16/59, WFO has received no additional information concerning the lobbying activities of AARON KATZ.

WFO letter to the Bureau, 2/6/59, requested the New York Office to furnish a current characterization of AARON KATZ. New York Office is requested to expedite this characterization and to furnish WFO any other pertinent information concerning KATZ' activities in the Washington, D. C., area.

WFO will continue to report to the Bureau every 15 days as to the progress being made in connection with the matter in Bureau letter 11/14/58. P.

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Reporting Office SEATTLE	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 2/20/59	Investigative Period 2/9-19/59
TITLE OF CASE THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		Report made by SA ROBERT E. MASON	Typed By: msc
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Reference: Report of SA Robert E. Mason dated 8/26/58 at Seattle.

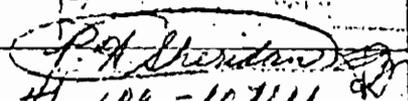
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T-symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of those sources must be concealed.

One copy of this report is being directed to the San Francisco Office. In the past the branch of the subject organization located in that city has been designated to account for any funds collected through the Seattle branch.

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Identity of Source

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T-1 is [REDACTED]
T-2 is [REDACTED]
T-3 is WF 1119-S*
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Leads

At Seattle, Washington

To continue to follow and report activities of subject organization with particular attention directed toward establishing identification of any local representative to the national committee.

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Report of: SA Robert E. Mason
Date: Feb. 20, 1959
File Number: SE 100-22197

Office: Seattle

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Title: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE 3-3-76 APL/jc

Synopsis:

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Details:

This source reported [REDACTED] that subject organization has as one of its purposes the entire release of MORTON SOBELL from prison.

Source: T-1, 5/24/58

Source T-2 on [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

This source advised that JOHN CAUGHLAN of CAUGHLAN and OPENDACK, Attorneys-at-Law, Seattle, Washington, wrote a letter to Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, which was dated June 18, 1958, and was on the stationery of the law firm of CAUGHLAN and OPENDACK. The contents of the letter

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reflected that four letters had been sent to senators and congressmen from the State of Washington concerning the case of MORTON SOBELL. A copy of a letter to one of the senators was then attached to the above communication and carried as signature the name of JOHN CAUGHLAN. In it appears the statement, "But regardless of the merits of the case, the continued imprisonment of MORTON SOBELL cannot be justified on any basis."

Source: T-3, 12/5/58

On June 16, 1954, while testifying under oath at Seattle before the U. S. House of Representatives, Committee on Un-American Activities, Mrs. BARBARA HARTLE identified JOHN CAUGHLAN as a person she knew personally to be a former Communist Party member in the years 1944 and 1948, during which time she served as a functionary on a district level within the Communist Party, USA, and Communist Political Association.

This source advised

Source: T-4, 12/15/58

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SE 100-22197

Seattle, Washington
February 20, 1959

RE: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-66050)

DATE: 2/20/59

FROM: SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (42)

SUBJECT: ROSE SIMINOW
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Identity of Source

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable info in the past (conceal)

Description of Info

Meeting held at home of ROSE SIMINOW presided over by JACK FONER

Date Received

1/30/59

Received by

SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (written)

Original Located

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January 29th, 1959

On Tuesday, January 27, 1959, a meeting was held at the home of Rose Siminow, 1607 Avenue "K" - Brooklyn, presided over by Jack Foner, about 25 people being present including

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The first part of the meeting continued readings of Mikoyan's visit and comments on same. Then followed a brief reading of an excerpt as to Frondizi's visit to the U.S. and an outline given as to its purpose. Frondizi was described as being a traitor to his people since he had been elected by them after writing a book advocating "liberal" policies and promising all sorts of social reforms, as well as extolling the virtues of nationalism and those present were told that he had reneged on this school of thinking by sending troops to break up a strike, and seeking aid from the U.S. for Latin America economy rather than within his own country. Frondizi's brother was alleged to have turned on him and called him "traitor" as well as the people who crowded about him at the time of his departure hurling insults at him before he boarded his plane.

Following intermission, a lengthy description of Chinese Communes today by an author named Crossman, who was published in an English periodical, was given and comments followed. Three different communes were described and their great "leaps forward" described. After this, a review of the Cuban situation was given - and Castro was said to have replied to the question "What if you are assassinated?" "Then another rebel will take my place, probably stronger than I - perhaps my brother". Castro's brother was described as being even more of a violent insurrectionist type than Castro himself. Cuban living

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conditions were described and the causes analyzed. A great deal of blame was put on the American financial interests in Cuba. It was repeated that U.S. policy backed the dictator Batista and now sought a way to again gain secret control without returning Batista which the people of Cuba would never tolerate. It was suggested a type might be selected to become Castro's rival, somewhat on the type of Frondizi - who would not mean what he promised the people! A collection was taken for the family of Morton Sobell by M. Neuberger. S. Starr announced a Nuclear meeting for February 6th, place as yet undecided and those present were invited. Meeting adjourned around 11:30.

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On 2/24/59, [redacted] and [redacted] each of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA RICHARD W. HANSEN that a meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was held at the residence of ARCHIE COLEMAN, 821 West Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pa., on the evening of 2/22/59. Chairlady was PEARL CHERTOV who spoke at some length regarding the guest speaker, WILLIAM A. REUBEN. She said REUBEN had worked diligently for MORTON SOBELL. She said that SOBELL has spent nine years in prison, and spoke of some of his troubles while a prisoner as well as the fact that he was placed in a maximum security Federal prison which was usually reserved for only the most hardened criminals. She stated MORTON SOBELL had never even received a parking ticket in his life.

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CHERTOV then said the Sobell Committee was beginning to meet in some of the outlying areas of Philadelphia and trying to get active.

WILLIAM A. REUBEN then spoke, stating that the Government had never really proven its case against MORTON SOBELL, and that neither DAVID GREENGLASS nor KLAUS FUCHS was convicted of giving secrets to Russia. REUBEN explained how there were many persons in Canada taken into custody and kept for four to six weeks without even being advised of the charges against them. This procedure of arrest and imprisonment without being allowed legal counsel was followed in the United States, in Canada, and in Great Britain. KLAUS FUCHS was arrested and convicted for breaking the espionage law of Great Britain when all he did was write letters to his father who was living in a country friendly to Russia.

REUBEN related that in Canada after a certain Russian had left with many records, the Parliament of Canada passed a bill under which they could convict almost anyone who was a liberal or left-wing, with the result that 25 or 30 liberals were arrested, convicted, and sentenced to prison.

After the FBI had questioned FUCHS, the Greenglass Case was opened but there was absolutely no connection between FUCHS and GREENGLASS or the ROSENBERGs. The Government and the newspapers in America tried to give the public the idea this was all one big spy ring but REUBEN said this certainly was not true.

In 1945 after the first atom bomb was dropped, the newspapers and scientists of America tried to get across to the people that there were no secrets to the atom bomb but that the only difficulty lay in assembling various parts of the bomb and housing these parts in a normal size chassis. After the arrest of the ROSENBERGs, the newspapers led the people to believe that Russia had obtained the secrets of this bomb from these people (GREENGLASS, FUCHS and the ROSENBERGs). The FBI Agent named REX SCHROEDER, who swore out the warrant for the arrest of MORTON SOBELL, never entered

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into the case again and was never heard from since the warrant of arrest was issued for MORTON SOBELL.

SOBELL was tried for a crime other than the crime he was charged with when he was arrested.

A collection was taken up from the 40 to 45 people present but the results of the collection were not announced. Two books by REUBEN were offered for sale and a few copies were sold. These books were entitled "The Atom Spy Hoax" and "The Honorable Mr. Nixon."

The report of the meeting described above was verified by the reports of the following, each of whom has furnished reliable information in the past: [REDACTED] 2/24/59 to SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE (written); and [REDACTED] on 2/24/59 to SA WILLIAM S. BETTS (written).

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-59884)(421)

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SA EDWARD M. ANCIN (416)

BEN RATNER
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Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info 2/11/59 photographic identification of BEN RATNER

Date received 2/11/59

Received by SA EDWARD M. ANCIN (written)

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On this day I viewed of picture of a white male who I identified as Ben from the Bronx, a Chairman of the N.Y. Sobell Committee. The picture appeared to be 15 to 20 years old. He is still active with the Sobell Committee as presently acts as co-chairman of the N.Y. Sobell Committee.

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On 2/11/59, [REDACTED] observed a photograph of BEN RATNER, 100-59884-1A1. This photo was displayed by SA EDWARD M. ANCIN.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(#41) DATE: 2/27/59

FROM : SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (#42)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Identity of Source [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal) *b1*

Description of Info [REDACTED]

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The flyer mentioned by the informant advertises a St. Valentine's Dance and party to be held under the auspices of the Sobell Committee at 325 East 17th Street (WEISSMAN) on 2/14/59, at 8:30 P.M. This flyer has been directed to the 1B section of 100-107111.

It is noted that the current NYC Telephone Directory lists one GEORGE L. WEISSMAN residing at 325 East 17th Street, NYC (OR 4-1033).

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SAC, PHOENIX (100-4333)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Phoenix letter to the Bureau dated 12/24/58.

Additional contacts with the Security Informants of the Phoenix Division have failed to disclose any additional information concerning activity in the State of Arizona to select a representative to the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL.

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- 1 - Phoenix

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
IS-C

ReWFOlet to the Bureau, dated 2/6/59, and Bulet to WFO, dated 2/16/59, concerning the activities of AARON KATZ of captioned committee and his activities in the Washington, D.C., area.

The 2/23/59 issue of the "National Guardian" on page 2, column 1, contains a "Letter to the Editor" entitled "The Lee Case and Sobell" which is datelined "Brooklyn, NY" and is signed "AARON KATZ" giving the views of KATZ concerning the similarity between the case of an "Ex-GI" and SOBELL and pointing out the possibility that SOBELL was convicted of "wartime" espionage when he should have been tried and sentenced for "peacetime" espionage.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" may be found on page 105 of the "House Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (and Appendix)", dated 1/2/57.

On 2/14, 15, and 11/28/58, AARON KATZ was observed by Special Agents of the FBI to meet with and lunch with, in Washington, D.C., VALENTIN MIKHAILOVICH IVANOV, a Soviet National attached to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C.

- 3 - Bureau [REDACTED] (RM)
- (1- [REDACTED])
- 2 - Baltimore ([REDACTED]) (RM)
- (1- [REDACTED])
- 1 - St. Louis (100-11726) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-25474) (RM) b7c
- (1- [REDACTED])
- 1 - [REDACTED]
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- ① - New York (100-107111) //

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[REDACTED] advised at various times during 1958 and 1959 that AARON KATZ was active in a leadership capacity in the CSJMS during 1958 and 1959. b7d

A characterization of the CSJMS may be found on page 60 of the "House Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (and Appendix)", dated 1/2/57.

[REDACTED] b1

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

[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED]

b1

SAC, Washington Field (100-25474)

March 4, 1959

Director, FBI (100-397835)

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

Bulet 2-20-59.

Information has been received at the Bureau indicating that Aaron Katz of the National Sobell Committee may actually operate from the New York City area in his program of lobbying on behalf of Morton Sobell in the Washington, D. C., area. Nonetheless, you should continue your efforts to determine Katz's present activities and remain particularly alert to information indicating which Senators or Congressmen he contacts in this program. Any information developed should be handled in accordance with the instructions set forth in Bulet 2-16-59 in captioned matter.

You are instructed to discontinue the program instituted by Bulet 11-14-59 concerning the determination of a local representative of the National Sobell Committee as it applies to the submission of a letter concerning progress being made every 15 days. You should, however, remain alert to information indicating that a representative to this Committee from the Washington area has been selected.

1 - New York (100-107111)

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SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

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

Re Boston letter to Bureau dated February 9, 1959.

The following informants, when contacted, advised that they had no knowledge relative to a delegate being appointed from the Boston group to the National Committee of the above-captioned organization:

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[REDACTED] - SA LEO M. MC GINN - orally

These informants also advised that they would notify the Boston Office if any information came to their attention regarding this matter.

Mr. JAMES A. SHANNON, Attorney, 1159 Hancock Street, Quincy, Mass., on August 30, 1955, furnished the Boston Office a communication that he had received by mail from the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. On February 17, 1959, Mr. SHANNON advised SA WALTER M. BRADY that he has had no contact with this organization since receiving the above-mentioned communication. Mr. SHANNON stated that he would advise the Boston Office at once regarding any contact by this organization with him.

Mr. HENRY H. CHMIELINSKI, JR., Attorney, 1372 Hancock Street, Quincy, Mass., on August 29, 1955, furnished the Boston Office a communication that he had received by mail from the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. On February 16, 1959, Mr. CHMIELINSKI advised SA WALTER M. BRADY that he has had no contact with this organization since receiving the above-mentioned communication. Mr. CHMIELINSKI also stated that he would advise the Boston Office of any contact by this organization with him.

2- Bureau (100-387835)(RM)
2- New York (100-107111)(RM)
1- Boston (100-27290)
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In regard to efforts to establish neighborhood sources concerning the most likely prospects for Boston delegates to the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, the following is noted:

[REDACTED]

The owner of the building located at this address [REDACTED]
The files of the Boston Office failed to reflect any references to this individual. To date it has not been possible to approach him or his wife under secure conditions.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] appears to be in the best position to observe the neighborhood activities of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] To date it has not been possible to approach [REDACTED] under secure conditions. The files of the Boston Office are negative regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The owner of the building located at this address [REDACTED]
The files of the Boston Office are negative regarding [REDACTED]
To date it has not been possible to approach him under secure conditions.

The Boston Office will continue efforts to identify a representative from Boston to the National Committee of captioned organization or information that no representative is to be appointed. -P-

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Identity of Source	[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal)
Description of info	Sobell Valentine Party, 2/14/59
Date Received	2/20/59
Received by	SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK
Original location	[REDACTED]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

A copy of informant's written report follows:

NY 100-107111

February 17, 1959

The proposed Valentine's Day party given by the Sobell Committee at the home of a Mr. and Mrs. Weissman -who are Trotskyites by Mr. Weissman's own admission- 325 E. 17th street, came off as scheduled on Saturday, February 14, beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 a.m. As the place of gathering comprised three complete floors of the house, an approximate number of the party guests is impossible.

[REDACTED]

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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.

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3/6/59

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)

ReBulet, 2/16/59, instructing WFO to institute an investigation of the activities of AARON KATZ in relation to his lobbying efforts on behalf of the Sobell Committee in Washington, D. C.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding the above. In accordance with Bureau instructions in reBulet, a copy of this letter is being directed to the Bureau file on KATZ [REDACTED] b7c

Information concerning KATZ' contacts with VALENTIN M. IVANOV, First Secretary of Soviet Embassy, was furnished to the Bureau in letterhead memorandum form by letters dated 12/3/58 and 2/16/59 in the IVANOV case [REDACTED]. The pertinent information concerning KATZ' contacts with IVANOV, contained in the above-referred to memoranda, dated 12/3/58 and 2/16/59, is included in instant memorandum to prevent duplication of effort at the Bureau should an inquiry be made by a Congressman regarding AARON KATZ. b7c

The enclosed memorandum was classified "confidential" because data furnished by the following informants could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof: [REDACTED] b2

Informants used in the enclosed memorandum are as follows

[REDACTED] b1 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b1 [REDACTED]

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P. J. [Signature]

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b7d NY T-1 [redacted] [redacted]

NY T-2
NY 1219-S*

WF T-1 b1 [redacted]

b7d WF T-2 [redacted] [redacted]

The administrative data regarding SAs of WFO who observed KATZ and IVANOV on 11/28/58 and 2/11/59 has been previously furnished the Bureau and is not being set forth in instant letter.

b7d [redacted] U.S. House of Representatives, and [redacted] YMCA, referred to in enclosed memorandum, both furnished information to SA CARROLL M. GARNETT.

Identity of informants furnishing information on Washington Area Forum are as follows:

b7d [redacted] 12/14/55, 2/8/56, 6/11/56, 5/10/57

[redacted] 12/17/55

b1 [redacted] (protect identity) 3/13/56

WF 990-S* 5/14/58

b7d [redacted] (protect identity) 1/31/55

Description of SCRF: [redacted]

WFO 100-25474

Description of Washington Sobell Committee:

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[REDACTED]

5/25/57 and 5/27/58

[REDACTED]

5/26/58

Bureau will be furnished any additional information received regarding possible lobbying activities engaged in by AARON KATZ.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
March 6, 1959

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A description of the above organization is included in the description of the Washington Sobell Committee, which is attached.

[REDACTED]

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It is noted that NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised On February 11, 1959, that Aaron Katz was at that time employed as an organizer by the National Headquarters of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York, New York.

On February 24, 1959, [REDACTED] Office of the File Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., advised that Aaron Katz has not registered with that office under the provisions of the Federal Registration of the Lobbying Act.

It is noted further that NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 27, 1944, advised that Aaron Katz was a member of the Communist Party for six years and had been transferred into the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party on December 23, 1943. According to the informant, Katz in 1944 held Communist Party membership book Number 31250.

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**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

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



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The "Diplomatic List," published by the United States Department of State, for the month of December, 1958, lists Valentin M. Ivanov as a First Secretary, Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Washington, D. C.

On November 28, 1958, Special Agents of the FBI observed Aaron Katz enter the Soviet Embassy shortly before twelve noon; at approximately 12:05 p.m. Ivanov was observed to depart from the Soviet Embassy accompanied by Katz.

Special Agents of the FBI subsequently observed Ivanov and Katz enter Ivanov's car, a 1958 silver blue Chevrolet with 1958 District of Columbia license DPL 1268, which was parked at the intersection of 16th and M Streets, N. W. They then drove to and parked on the ellipse, south of E Street and just west of 15th Street, N. W. Ivanov and Katz were observed to depart from the above car and walk to the National Press Building, 14th and F Streets, N. W., and enter the elevator in this building after 12:30 p.m.

At approximately 3:50 p.m., Special Agents of the FBI observed Ivanov and Katz standing in the vicinity of the Soviet Embassy at which time they shook hands and parted company.



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**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

b1 [REDACTED]

On February 11, 1959, Special Agents of the FBI observed Aaron Katz enter the Soviet Embassy shortly before 12:00 noon; at approximately 12:02 p.m. Ivanov was observed to depart from the Soviet Embassy accompanied by Katz. Special Agents of the FBI subsequently observed Ivanov and Katz walk to and enter the Good Earth Restaurant, 1117 17th Street, N. W., at approximately 12:06 p.m. Shortly after 1:30 p.m. Ivanov and Katz were observed to depart from this restaurant and return to the vicinity of the Soviet Embassy at which time they shook hands and parted company.

b1 [REDACTED]

It is noted that the current Washington, D. C., telephone directory lists the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), 1736 G. Street, N. W., as the subscriber to telephone number National 8-0250.

b7d [REDACTED] On March 3, 1959, [REDACTED] YMCA, 1726 G Street, N.W., made available records that Aaron Katz of 307 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, rented a single room, number 959, of this YMCA from February 23, 1959, to February 27, 1959.

b2d [REDACTED] WF T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [REDACTED]

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**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL**



Descriptions of the Washington Area Forum and Southern Conference Educational Fund are attached.

Concerning Anne Braden, it is noted that Alberta Ahern, 2311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, on December 11 and 13, 1957, testified that Anne Braden was known to her as a member of the Communist Party, Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND,
INCORPORATED (SCEF)

An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), which has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front, changed the name of the organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., and listed its purposes as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A confidential informant advised on June 29, 1956, that during the time the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was in existence, Communist Party members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, INC., rank and file Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. Informant stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years certain Communist Party members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further Communist Party principles.

Informant considers JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, as a Communist Party member because he follows Communist principles, but he is not under Communist Party discipline. Many prominent people who are officials and members of the organization, while liberal in their views, are by no means communist.

This confidential informant advised on May 22, 1958, that the status of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., remains unchanged.

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

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WASHINGTON AREA FORUM, also known as,
Washington Area Citizens Forum,
Washington Citizens Forum

An informant reported on December 14, 1955, that the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PPDC) would be dissolved and a new organization formed from the PPDC in order to have a voice in civil rights matters and political campaigns in Virginia and Maryland. Another informant advised on December 17, 1955, that the PPDC was to be dissolved because of the stigma attached to the name of the Progressive Party and it was hoped that the new organization replacing the PPDC would be more acceptable to persons not previously participating in PPDC activity. An informant reported on February 8, 1956, that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

Another informant reported on March 13, 1956, that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was formed on March 12, 1956, at a meeting of the defunct Executive Committee of the PPDC. This informant reported on May 10, 1956, that the name of the Washington Area Citizens Forum was shortened to that of Washington Citizens Forum at a meeting held May 3, 1956. On June 11, 1956, an informant made available information revealing that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was at that time being called Washington Area Forum.

An informant on May 14, 1958, reported that the Washington Area Forum continues to function in Washington, D. C.

Regarding the PPDC, it is to be noted that an informant on January 31, 1955, identified the leaders of the PPDC as of that date as either CP members or CP sympathizers. Informant added that the PPDC has never opposed the CP on any issue or program.

Regarding the Progressive Party, nationally, the "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released on January 2, 1957, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on page 74, states;

- "1. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the Progressive Party. ** ** The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p.91)"

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WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE

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An informant advised on May 25, 1957, that the Washington Sobell Committee is the current affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case.

This informant, on May 27, 1958, reported that as far as this source knows the Washington Sobell Committee remains in existence in Washington, D.C., but that this organization has been inactive since April, 1957.

An informant, on May 26, 1958, reported that as far as this source knows, the Washington Sobell Committee remains in existence in Washington, D. C., but has been inactive since early 1957.

The National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case is cited by the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities, dated January 2, 1957, as follows:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case—a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States—was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
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ReBulet 2/9/59, and NY let 3/4/59, concerning the
National Committee of captioned organization.

Further inquiries concerning captioned organization
are being made discreetly by [REDACTED] and the results
will be furnished the Bureau and interested offices when
obtained. [REDACTED]

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2-Bureau (100-387835)
1-New York (100-107111)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-18469)

DATE: MAR 11 1959

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-22834)

SUBJECT: AARON KATZ
SM-C
(OO:NY)

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On 2/27/59, [redacted] who has supplied reliable information in the past, furnished the following to SA DAVID P. HURLEY. The informant's original report is filed in WFO file [redacted]

[redacted]

b7d [redacted]

The informant's original report is maintained in WFO file [redacted]

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- 3 - New York
- 2 - [redacted]
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- 2 - [redacted] (RM)(INFO)(100-197)(SCEF)(RM)(INFO)
- 1 - New Orleans(100-759)(SCEF)(RM)(INFO)
- 4 - WFO
- 1 - [redacted]
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On March 3, 1959, [REDACTED] YMCA, 1726 G Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., made available records which showed that the subject rented a room at the YMCA from 2/23/59 to 2/27/59. b7d

Concerning ANNE BRADEN, it is noted that Alberta Ahern, 2311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the CP, on December 11 and 13, 1957, testified that ANNE BRADEN was known to her as a member of the CP, Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951 to December, 1954.

On April 27, 1944 NY 1219-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that AARON KATZ was a member of the CP for six years and had transferred into the Waterfront Section of the CP on December 23, 1943.

Both Louisville and New York have been furnished documentations of the Washington Area Forum in the past. The above is for the information of offices receiving copies of this letter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: March 12, 1959

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

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

There is enclosed a clipping from the 3-9-59 issue of the "National Guardian," page 2, reflecting that a store has been opened at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York, to facilitate the sale of goods to raise funds for the campaign to free Morton Sobell.

// You are instructed to advise the Bureau by 4-10-59 of the results of your investigation to determine the background of this latest move to obtain funds for Sobell. Determine who made the necessary legal arrangements to set up the store; whether it is properly licensed in New York City and, if so, to whom the license is issued; and attempt to determine whether effective means exist to combat this current venture of captioned organization in its efforts to raise funds for Sobell.

You should follow this matter closely and keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-38735)

FROM SAC, WFO (100-25474)

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)**

ReBulet, 3/4/59, concerning covering the activities of AARON KATZ while in WDC.

On 3/10/59, [redacted] Capital Hotel, 1016 I Street, N. W., WDC, advised SA DAVID P. HURLEY that on Sunday, 3/8/59, at 4:45 p.m., A. KATZ, 307 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y., registered at that hotel for period of one week and is assigned to Room 45. 67d

WFO fisurs on AARON KATZ on 3/10,11,12/59 revealed that on each day KATZ visited the Old Senate Office Building where fisur was discontinued because of existing Bureau instructions.

In view of KATZ' daily visits to congressional buildings, and considering Bureau instructions prohibiting fisur in these buildings, WFO will not conduct further fisur on KATZ at this time, UACB.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-37667)

DATE: 3/13/59

FROM: SA RICHARD W. HANSEN

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On 2/24/59, [redacted] and [redacted] who have furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished a written report to SAs RICHARD W. HANSEN and HARRY C. BELK. This report is maintained in [redacted]

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"Feb. 23, 1959

"MORTON SOBELL Committee,
821 Roosevelt Blvd. Phila. Pa.
ARCHIE COLEMANs Residence
8:30 Pm - Feb. 22, 1959.



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"At about 8:45 Pm, the chairlady of the evening opened the meeting. The chairlady was rather tall and on the plump side, with a rather pleasant face. She answered to the name of PEARL, her other name I never did learn, even though she made herself known to us. Her talk was rather lengthy about BILL RUEBENS and the working of the MORTON SOBELL Committee. Touching on MORTON SOBELS 9 years of imprisonment, his troubles within the jail and also the fact that where he was serving time, was a place usually reserved for only harden criminals, MORTON SOBELL had never even received a parking ticket.

"The chairlady then spoke of the activities of the SOBELL committee, and how they were starting to meet on the outskirts of the city, even in suburban areas.

"Mr. & Mrs. ARCHIE COLEMAN was then thanked for the use of their lovely home for this occasion.

"Mr. BILL RUEBEN was finally introduced. BILL RUEBEN is a very good speaker, his material was well prepared, and he also asked for a watch, so that he would not speak too long. BILL RUEBENS started speaking about the government never really proved their case against the SOBELS, that neither GREENGLASS, or FUCHS were

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"convicted on giving secrets to Russia.

"In world war one the espionage was limited only to giving speeches about the government, These people were establish as enemies of the U. S. Government.

"BILL RUEBENS then explained how many persons in Canada were taken in custody and kept 4 - 6 or more weeks, without telling them the main charges against them.

"The procedure of arrest and being kept in prison without being allowed Legal Counsel was a pattern that was followed here in U. S. In Canada & Britain. KLAUS FUCHS was arrested and convicted for breaking the law of only writing to his father in a country that was friendly to Russia, where his father was living.

"In Canada after a Russian left Russia with many records, the parliament of Canada, passed a bill to convict almost any one who was a liberal or left winger, 25 - 30 liberal, were arrested and convicted and sentenced to prison.

"After the F.B.I. had questioned KLAUS FUCHS, the GREENGLASS case was opened, but there was absolutely no connection, between FUCHS and the GREENGLASS case or the ROSENBERGS. The government and the papers here in America gave the public the idea this was all one big spy ring, which according to BILL RUEBENS, was certainly not true.

"In 1945 after the Atom Bomb was dropped, the papers and the scientists of America tried to get across to the people, that there was no secrets to the atom bomb. The only difficulty was assembly these counterparts and storage in a normal size chassis.

"Later after the arrest of the ROSENBERGS, the papers made the people believe that Russia had obtained

"secrets of this bomb from these people which of course was not true. The F.B.I. Agent name REX SCHOREDER who swore out a warrant for the arrest of MORTON SOBEL, never entered into the case again, and was never heard from since the warrant of of MORTON SOBEL arrest. MORTON SOBEL was tried for another crime, then what he was arrested for.

"BILL RUEBEN as I said before is an excellent speaker and, I am sure each of the 40 persons present, who heard him speak enjoyed every word of it. The speech took close to one hour to make. The chairlady then took over the meeting and offered up, BILL RUEBENS two books for sale. One book was a large volume called, 'The Atom Bomb Hoax.' The other book was a small blue book, that looked at a distance to have a picture of Vice President NIXON on it. This I am not too sure about. However these two books together cost the terrific bargain price of \$10.00, I really didn't even dare to look too hard after hearing the price.

"Five dollar collections and lesser amounts were then taken up to which, I shelled out another \$2.00 dollars. There was no announcement of the amount collected, or turned in. I am sure about \$100.00 dollars was collected or turned, into the chairlady.

"The chairlady then announced that on W.D.A.S. Radio Stationed on Monday night, BILL RUEBENS & another committee member would have a chance to ask & answer questions. The time would be 11 PM. All were urge to listen in. A dull question and answer period followed. Just as refreshments were being readied to serve



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TO: SAC (100-37667) 3/13/59
FROM: SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On 2/24/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD of the following. This information was dictated on 2/27/59 into statement form, typed by Stenographer KATHLEEN GALLIGAN on 2/27/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 3/6/59. It is maintained in [redacted]

"Philadelphia, Pa.
February 22, 1959

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"On February 22, 1959, a meeting of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case was held at the home of ARCHIE COLEMAN, 821 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pa. This affair was attended by approximately 25 persons, started at 9:00 P.M., and ended at 11:15 P.M.

"ARCHIE COLEMAN greeted all the invited guests to this meeting with an abundance of enthusiasm. The principal speaker was one BILL REUBEN reported to be a writer from New York.

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"REUBEN stated that because the ROSENBERGS were condemned and found guilty there is no reason why MORTON SOBELL should be in jail at the present time. He stated that the fight to get MORTON SOBELL released from prison is making considerable headway. REUBEN stated that he had received time on the local Radio Station WDS on February 24, 1959.

"It is noted that there is no Radio Station in Philadelphia by the name of WDS.

"REUBEN and ARCHIE COLEMAN advised all those present to make contributions to the Committee for Justice for MORTON SOBELL. It was not announced how much money was collected [REDACTED]

"Chairman of this affair was one PEARL LNU.
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"Sun, February 22, 1959

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"Sunday evening, February 22, 1959 [REDACTED] arrived at the home of ARCHIE and DORA COLEMAN, 821 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Phila, Pa. [REDACTED]

"A young lady whose name sounded like PEARL CHERNOFF (ch. sp.) opened up the evening's subject. She spent a long time praising WILLIAM A. REUBEN, the guest speaker for the evening. She emphasized the fact that he deals with the truth and only the truth.

"Mr. WILLIAM A. REUBEN is the author of 'The Atom Spy Hoax' and 'The Honorable Mr. Nixon.' The latter is published by ACTION BOOKS, 550 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. J. This firm is owned and operated by W. A. REUBEN to the best of our knowledge.

"Mr. REUBEN was formerly publicity director of the American Civil Liberties Union. His speech was based mostly on what he had written in the two above mentioned books plus newspaper articles he has written. He quoted numerous passages from his book 'The Atom Spy Hoax.'

"He stated hypothetical cases and unrealistic material to prove or try to prove that the Communist or espionage agent is harmless or practically non-existent in this country. From the impression he conveyed to the audience a Communist is just another person with different views which the First Amendment to the United States constitution protects him and gives him full latitude to do what he pleases.

"Mr. REUBEN stressed the fact that not one atom spy was proven to be a member of the United States Communist Party. He said that all or most all of them were indicted and charged with crimes of association rather than harmful acts. He also went on to say that one witness in the case against MORTON SOBELL was given a choice of being a defendant or a witness by an agent of the F.B.I. According to Mr. REUBEN the man chose to be a witness. KLAUS FUCHS was tried and convicted on the basis of fact that he corresponded with his father in East Germany.

"He stated that what he says adds up to the truth.

"In his discussion he cited the Espionage Act of 1917 of the U. S. Government. He also mentioned the background of similar laws of England and Canada. He stated that this covered a wide lattice. The real interest or 'scare' as he called it was when the IGOR GOUZENKO case broke in Canada.

"Mr. REUBEN cited the 130 purges of the Soviet Union as an example of getting confessions without evidence. He went on to say that not one shred of evidence was even proven against the atom spies in the legal way of thinking. MORTON SOBELL was convicted because of his Socialist views rather than being a spy or accomplice. He went down the line cited all the mistakes made in the trials. He said that all facts presented to the courts was everything but espionage. As far as the Philadelphia chemist, HARRY GOLD was concerned he was interviewed by the F. B. I. 20 days before Americans had a chance to interview KLAUS FUCHS. This also proved the point that KLAUS FUCHS had no connection with the Americans according to Mr. REUBEN.

"Mr. REUBEN stated the time each espionage agent was confined in prison before their actual trial. From Mr. REUBEN's viewpoint each man confessed before he was even tried.

"Mr. REUBEN stated that the United States court house and justice McGRANNERY in Philadelphia were very cooperative with him. He was here in Philadelphia to look up facts on the HARRY GOLD case.

"Mrs. JEAN DeFRANTZES closed the meeting by appealing for donations. She started off by asking for 10 dollar donations. In return the donar would receive two copies of Mr. REUBEN's books. That is one copy of each. A collection of smaller sums was made. A plate was on a radiator near the door for admission donations. No amount of money collected was made public.

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"ARCHIE COLEMAN was selling the 'Jewish Currents,' magazine.

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[REDACTED] orally advised 2/24/59 that about 20-25 people attended the affair at ARCHIE COLEMAN's on 2/22/59.

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[REDACTED] advised on 2/23/59 that WILLIAM S. REUBEN and TOM JACOBS of the New York Sobell Committee were scheduled to speak on the Joe Pyne Show, Philadelphia Radio Station WDAS (1480), between 11:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., 2/23/59. JACOBS had previously appeared on the Joe Pyne Show on 2/20/59, according to ARCHIE COLEMAN.

[REDACTED] advised that he listened to WILLIAM REUBEN on the Joe Pyne Show 2/23/59 (about 11:30 p.m.) and REUBEN said substantially the same as he did at ARCHIE COLEMAN's house.

The writer attempted to listen to the above radio show but could not tune in the station.

[REDACTED] furnished to SA WILLIAM S. BETTS on 2/24/59 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also furnished a 1-page reprint of "The Detroit News" editorial page, 5/30/58, entitled "The Commentator," by W. K. KELSEY and issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York City. The above items were obtained at the above reported meeting and are being retained as exhibits in PH 100-37667-1B-31(35).

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-37667)
FROM : SA JOSEPH E. SPIVEY
SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE
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DATE: 3/17/59

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On 2/26/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a written report to SA JOSEPH E. SPIVEY. This report is maintained in [redacted]

"Date of writing 2/25/59 Feb. 22, 1959
821 W. Roosevelt Blvd. Phila. Pa. Home of ARCHIE & DORA COLMAN. Time 9 PM Till 10 P.M. Meeting of SOBELL Committee to raise funds to help free MORTON SOBELL. Guest speaker WM. A. REUBEN, author of 'Atom Spy Hoax.'

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① - 100-107111 (SOBELL COMMITTEE)

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"The chairlady name was PEARL. She is about 5'7" wght. 235 lbs. black hair, dark eyes age 30 or 35. Her age could be older because she has a pretty face and youthful looking.

"She introduced REUBEN. She spoke a few words about SOBELL and the ROSENBERGES. She said that an innocent man was in prisoned and two people murdered. PEARL said that they were convicted on lies. Next REUBEN spoke.

"He spoke along the same line that the ROSENBERGS were innocent and were murdered. He also said that SOBELL was innocent.

"He said their trial was the biggest hoax ever put over on the American people.

"REUBEN said that it was not proven that they made contact with any Russian Agents. He said that there was no atom bomb secret to begin with. REUBEN said that the American scientist said it would just be a matter of 3 or 4 years that Russia would have a bomb. That was based from time America dropped first bomb on Japan. He also said that it was never mentioned or proved that ROSENBERG or SOBELL or any of other involved were members of Communist Party. REUBEN said FBI England & Canada just made up these charges. He said it was the starting of cold war. REUBEN said it started with CHURCHILLS speach at Missouri. He said that FBI went to England to talk to FUCHS and came back and started to try to make a case against them.

"REUBEN was critical of U. S. espionage act & Englands.

"REUBEN said U.S. act was use in 1918 to put people in jail for speaking out against war and people who did not want to buy bond. (Government bonds).

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"He repeated that ROSENBERGS and SOBELL was convicted on lies through out his entire speech. He also said he filed a libel suit against Look magazine for an article about the ROSENBERGS that appeared in Look about 1 year ago.

"REUBEN seemed that he wanted his group to believe that SOBELL & ROSENBERGES were not members of C.P. or that they ever had any connection with a bomb information because he repeated this so often in his speech.

"REUBEN said the Canadian & English and US made up the whole thing in order to get cold war going. He read a few parts from his book dealing with US & Englands espionage acts.

"He spoke about 35 mins.

"Next chairlady PEARL made apeal for money. She said any one who gave \$10.00 or more would get REUBENS books Atom Spy Hoax and another.

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& dollar bills they collected about \$100.00 dollars or more that I saw. No account was given.

"They also collected \$1.00 per head admission. There was about 45 people that attended.

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"People who attended.

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"Most of these people looked as though they
were of educated class such as teachers. [REDACTED]

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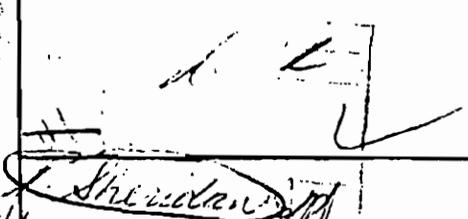
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The confidential informants who were contacted regarding the SOBELL COMMITTEE in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona are:

[REDACTED]

contacted by SA FREDERIC A. BROWNELL 2/11/59.

[REDACTED]

contacted by SA JOHN F. SHEIK 1/31/59

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contacted by SA PAUL G. TAYLOR 2/9/59.

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Report of: SA CALVIN W. EVANS
Date: MAR 17 1958

Office: PHOENIX

File Number: PX 100-4333
BUFILE 100-387,835

Title: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: RUTH ROSENTHAL reported to be the person in Tucson, Arizona whom the National Sobell Committee would contact regarding possible activity. RUTH ROSENTHAL reported to be anti-Communist Party "an independant thinker" and "socialist minded". Sobell Committees Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona have engaged in no known activities during the past six months.

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DETAILS:

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



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RUTH ROSENTHAL has always been the person in Tucson, Arizona, whom the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL would contact in the event any activity was planed or contemplated.

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RUTH ROSENTHAL is not known to be presently active on behalf of the Committee.

RUTH ROSENTHAL and her husband, SANDY ROSENTHAL, are reported to be violently anti-Communist Party at the present time and have been so disposed for the past ten years. They consider themselves to be "independent thinkers" and they are "socialist minded."

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(12-3-58)

Confidential informants who are acquainted with some of the Communist activities in the State of Arizona advised that the SOBELL COMMITTEES in Phoenix and Tucson have engaged in no known activities during the past six months.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona

THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re report of SA CALVIN W. EVANS dated and captioned
as above.

PX T-1 is in a position to furnish the information
attributed to him.

The confidential informants who are acquainted
with some of the Communist activities in the State of Arizona
have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FROM: SA JOSEPH E. SPIVEY

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE
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On 2/26/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a written report to SA JOSEPH E. SPIVEY. This report is maintained in [redacted]

"Date of meeting - Feb. 22, 1959
Date of writing - Feb. 26, 1959
Place - Home of ARCHIE & DORA COLEMAN
821 W. Roosevelt Blvd, Phila, Pa.
Time - 9 P.M. to 10 P.M.
Meeting of Sobell Committee

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"There were about 45 people present [redacted]

[redacted] collected \$1.00 admission at the door as everyone came in. [redacted]

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"PEARL opened the meeting by talking about the ROSENBERG's & SOBELL very briefly. She spoke of their innocence. She said the people who were familiar with WM. REUBENS work needed no introduction to him but that she was glad to see a few new faces tonight. So she gave a glowing description of REUBENS.

"REUBENS spoke about the way the American people were hoaxed into to believing that MORTON SOBELL & the ROSENBERGs, by the press with their glaring Red Spy headlines ----- . He said to get down to facts about the espionage law, it says that if a person transfers this countries secrets they are guilty. As far back as 1940 American scientists explained the Atom theory to the world. All that remained was to make this theory work. So therefore there was no theory or secrets to be stolen as it was made public. After the first A Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, TRUMAN said that Russia would probably perfect the bomb in about 3 or 4 years.

"When the English arrested FUCH's they held him in communicato for several weeks, then his confessed to being a spy. GOLD here in Phila. was arrested before FUCH's, he also was held incommunicato for several weeks. The FBI said that if they could go to England and talk to FUCHs they could break up the spy ring in this country. When the FBI was finally given permission to talked to him they claimed then there was a tie in with

"the Red spies in this country. Such as GOLD, the ROSENBERGs, GREENGLASS and others. But it was never proven that these men ever had any connections with Russian Agents. They never even proved that they had any Communist connections in this country. Such as smpathizers of the party or party members.

"Then he went on to criticize the English & American espionage act. That it was just used to accuse people who spoke out against the war effort.

"He spoke of SOBELL's innocence so often and that he & the ROSENBERGs were victims of the FBI and the American press. That he has filed a suit of libel against Look magazine for an article which they published about a year ago, against SOBELL & the ROSENBERGs. It was supposed to contain secret FBI information.

"To wrap it up he said that if the Atom bomb was no secret and that SOBELL and the ROSENBERGs had no connections with Russian agents. That they were not even Communist Party membes, they could not be guilty of espionage.

"Then the chairlady PEARL said that REUBENS was such a wonderful speaker. That he has worked hard and long, as has all of us on the Sobell Committee. She held up 2 of REUBENS books one was called the 'Atom Bomb Hoax.' She asked \$10.00 for them.

PEARL said that REUBENS had a great deal of money invested in the books as he had to publish them himself. She asked for more donations. Quite a few people gave \$5.00

There was no total given but I estimate about \$90 to \$100.

"FRANCIS said she had the gally prints of REUBENS next book, which she held up. But that it probably wouldn't be printed for lack of funds."

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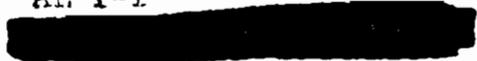
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REFERENCES: Albany report of SA ROBERT S. REA dated 9/18/58 and New York report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN dated 2/19/59.

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ALBANY OFFICE

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization and of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Robert S. Rea dated and captioned as above at Albany, New York and Confidential Informants Albany T-1 through T-8 mentioned therein.

All of these Informants have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Report of: SA ROBERT S. REA Office:
Date: MAR 11 1959
File Number: AL 100-13260 (BUFILE 100-387835)
Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, identified as affiliate of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City. Chairman identified as LILLIAN REINER and Secretary-Treasurer identified as JANE ANDERSON. Future program of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell set out. Informants advised Syracuse Sobell Committee officers made contacts at Syracuse University and made plans for raising money in 1958 and 1959.



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Literature distributed in 1958 and 1959 by Syracuse Sobell Committee set out. Informants advised Sobell case discussed and petition signatures requested at function of United Independent-Socialist Campaign Committee in 1958.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains on page 60, the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell', the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

On March 3, 1958, Mrs. NATALIE MARKOWITZ, 715 Crawford Avenue, Syracuse, New York, made available material received with the return address 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, and postmarked February 27, 1958, which contained a tabloid newspaper entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done, A Newspaper To Secure Justice In the Case of Morton Sobell," published February 1958, by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which lists the following:

National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, phone AL4-9983.

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Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland
Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 3/17/59

Mrs. ALBERT GORDON, Manlius Road, advised that on February 12, 1959, she received a letter with the return address of 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York. She advised that there was enclosed a letter signed by LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York, headed "Syracuse Sobell Committee" and signed by LILLEAN E. REINER as chairman.

Mrs. GORDON advised that she had no way of determining why she had received the above literature, that she has no interest in the organization, and that if she is known by Mrs. REINER at all, it is only superficially.

Mrs. GORDON advised that she could furnish no further information concerning the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

Interview with Mrs. ALBERT GORDON File # 100-13260
on 3/11/59 at Fayetteville, New York Date dictated 3/11/59
by Special Agent ROBERT S. REA:bs

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Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised on March 11, 1951, that LILLIAN REINER 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.

A characterization of the American Labor Party may be found on page 11 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (and appendix)" revised and published as of January 2, 1957 prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. (see appendix)

The Communist Party, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised on December 5, 1952, that JANE ANDERSON was a long-time Communist Party member at Syracuse, New York as of that date.

PROGRAM OF THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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ACTIVITIES OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised on August 22, 1958, that on August 17, 1958, at a picnic held at Cazenovia, New York, [redacted]

Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised [redacted]

Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised on July 9, 1952, that JANE FELD was elected educational secretary of the Syracuse Women For Peace on June 25, 1952.

The Syracuse Women For Peace has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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The Informant stated no proposals or plans were made at this meeting.

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HAROLD L. PARKS, Harshaw Chemical Company, Cleveland, Ohio, advised on July 17, 1950, that ROBERT JANKS exhibited a Communist Party membership card to him while they were in the United States Army in 1945.

Albany Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on May 18, 1953, that LILLIAN REINER told [REDACTED] that she had attended a meeting of the International Democratic Women's Federation at Ithaca, New York, the week ending April 25, 1953, and that HARROP FREEMAN of Cornell University was present at this meeting.

A characterization of the International Democratic Women's Federation, also known as Women's International Democratic Federation, may be found on page 91 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (and appendix)," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. (see appendix).

PHILLIP MORRISON testified before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee on May 8, 1953, at Boston, Massachusetts and admitted joining the Young Communist League at the age of 18 and the Communist Party at the age of 21. He testified that he left the Communist Party some time in 1939, to 1940.

A characterization of the Young Communist League may be found on page 97 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (and appendix)," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. (See appendix)



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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on December 29, 1951, that ELSIE COHN, a Communist Party member, attended a Communist Party meeting at Syracuse, New York on December 27, 1951.

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FUNDS OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on December 5, 1952, that ELIZABETH ALLEN was a long-time Communist Party member at Syracuse, New York as of that day.

Albany Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on September 15, 1952, that IDA KOSOFF was a member of the Communist Party as of that date in Syracuse, New York, and was a charter member of the Communist Party at Syracuse.

Confidential Informant Albany T-7 advised on November 23, 1944, that a list of names of the Communist Political Headquarters, Syracuse, New York on that date included the following information: "\$14.00, SHIRLEY APTER, SF" The source advised relative to this notation that in his opinion the "SF" indicated a sustaining fund payment to the Communist Political Association by SHIRLEY APTER.

It is noted that the Communist Party, USA, assumed the name Communist Political Association on May 20-23, 1944, and resumed the name Communist Party, USA, on July 26, 28, 1945.

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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] on February 16, 1959, furnished literature received on February 7, 1959, from 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York. This literature consisted of a letter headed "Syracuse Sobell Committee", dated February, 1959, and signed "LILLIAN E. REINER" with the designation Mrs. HOWARD L. REINER, Chairman, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York referring to a statement of Judge KAUFMAN at MORTON SOBELL's trial, a statement of Justice BLACK of the Supreme Court regarding a review of the case and a statement by CARLETON BEALS in the letter referred to previously. This letter continues with the following:

"Many of us feel that the important thing now is to get Morton Sobell out of prison. Many thousands of people have written letters and signed petitions to the President and U. S. Pardon Attorney urging clemency or commutation of sentence. Whether you can accept the contention that Morton Sobell is innocent as many of us do, or whether you agree with those who feel that whatever his crime, he has been punished enough, we hope you will care enough to write to Mr. Reed Cozart, U. S. Pardon Attorney. A suggested letter is enclosed, though your personal letter is more desirable."

The letter closed with a paragraph requesting funds.

The above letter enclosed a short form letter to Mr. REED COZART, U. S. Pardon Attorney, Washington, D.C. asking for the release of MORTON SOBELL, and the previously referred to letter signed by PAUL L. HOLMER, Professor of Philosophy, University of Minnesota.

On March 11, 1959, Mrs. ALBERT GORDON, Manlius Road, Fayetteville, New York furnished the same material referred to above received from 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York postmarked February 11, 1959, which was received by her on February 12, 1959.

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ACTIVITIES IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on August 22, 1958, that on August 17, 1958, at a picnic for the United Independent-Socialist Campaign Committee, held at the home of ELIZABETH ALLEN and JANE ANDERSON, Cavanovia, New York, JANE ANDERSON talked about the Sobell case and pleaded for signatures to a petition to be sent to President EISENHOWER to review the case.

APPENDIX

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

"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." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the***American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

APPENDIX

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION

Cited as a Communist front "which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist movement." Also cited as an organization (which) frankly stated that it intended to follow the lead of the Soviet Union, 'the only country truly working for peace' and which joined in issuing the call for the World Peace Congress, held in Paris in April 1949." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1953 on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, originally released October 23, 1949, p. 1; and House Report 378 on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, originally released April 1, 1951, p. 71)

Cited as being among "international Communist fronts * * * functioning at the present time." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 93, also p. 59.)

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APPENDIX

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

Cited as a "subversive," "Communist" organization which seeks "to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means." (Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released June 1, 1948, and September 21, 1948.)

Cited as "organized and maintained under strict Communist Party control" and as having direct connections with Moscow in addition to indirect connections through the Communist Party." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report, H. R. 1476, January 3, 1940, pp. 8 and 9.)

"On October 15, 1943, a special convention of the Young Communist League was held at Manhattan Center at Thirty-fourth Street and Eighth Avenue in New York City. At this convention the Young Communist League officially transformed itself into the American Youth for Democracy." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 271 on the American Youth for Democracy, April 17, 1947, p. 2.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 3/19/59

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

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 SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
 FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Re New York letter to San Francisco dated 3/2/59.

Referenced letter stated that [REDACTED] on February 11, 1959, furnished a written report re subject organization in which on page 2 he stated, "to my knowledge" the National Committee of subject organization "would include" MALCOLM SHAP.

New York is requested to recontact [REDACTED] and determine whether or not he can say from [REDACTED] own knowledge that MALCOLM P. SHARP from Chicago, a professor at the University of Chicago, is a member of the National Committee of subject organization.

New York is further requested to furnish the results of this recontact to Chicago so that Chicago can notify the Bureau in accordance with Bureau instructions if MALCOLM P. SHARP is a member of the National Committee of subject organization.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) Date 3/19/59

FROM: SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable infor- mation in the past and whose identity should be concealed	2/28/59	3/2/59	writer	[REDACTED]

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Informant's report is quoted as follows:

"Date, February 28, 1949
 "Place 2450 Armstrong Ave, Home of Mrs. ANN KELLER
 "Time, 8-30 P.M.-11-30 P.M.
 "Feature, Lecture, by Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBENSTEIN
 "Topic Free Speech, Free Love and The Poets'.
 "Attendance 100 or more, among whom I recognized

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"Sponsor

Sobell Committee

"The chairman of the Sobell Committee, made some remarks about MORTON SOBELL, and the efforts being made to have him released from prison. He has recently been sent to an Eastern prison from Alcatraz, which she thinks is a good sign.

"Groups to campaign for his freedom, which she thinks was very unjust, because he would not squeel on his friends, are being organized in Washington, D.C.; New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and New Jersey. Twenty ministers from California are working for his release.

"The Unitarians are very helpful and Rev. GETTY has done a great deal, for the cause.

"CYRUS EATON, wrote that he would do all he could to help, but could not take any active party. 'We are writing to ministers all over the country, of all Faiths, to help him gain his freedom.

"She then introduced Dr. ANNETTE J. RUBENSTEIN. She read excerpts from one of her books, 'Shakespeare to Shaw', covering the period from the French Revolution to the Congress of Vienna.

"These poets were the Liberals of their day. BURNS & BLAKE were the only uneducated ones. SHELLY, BYRON and WORDSWORTH were college graduates. They all believed in Free Thought, Free Love. She spoke of the background of these poets. BURNS & BLAKE, came from very poor families, and had to help support their families when they were young boys. She said, 'The old Liberals Poets are the rabble rousers of today.' 'There are four liberal poets today, one was ED ROLFE, who died recently,'

"Her book 'Poets From SHAKESPEAR to SHAW', which she quoted from, is being sold at the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West Eighth St. She made a plea for money to help the Sobell Committee.

"In order to find out where Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBENSTEIN was going to speak;; -the announcement was made in 'The Guardian', one had to call HE-4-4725- for information, a voice said, 'This is the Sobell Committee, if you leave your name and number I will call you when I return.' Shortly after one receives a call from the Sobell Committee Office on S. Western Ave."

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ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could furnish no additional information.

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

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337835)

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SAC, WFO (100-25474)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MARTIN SOBELL, aka
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On 3/12,13/1959 WF 1147-S* made available in-
formation in the possession of AARON KATZ, an organizer of
captioned organization, who has been visiting Washington, D.C.,
for the purpose of contacting Congressmen in regard to the
Sobell case.

WFO, by separate communication, will furnish
the Bureau and New York a complete itemized list of material
furnished by informant.

It is to be noted however that informant fur-
nished certain material consisting of a series of numbers,
formulas, etc., which may be in code.

This material is described as follows:

1) One page sheet consisting of an equation
and mathematical expressions.

2) One page sheet of numbers in rows of five,
beginning with 1/2/4/8/16. These numbers were on the reverse
side of a letter dated 1/20/50 on stationery of "American For
Progressive Israel". A copy of this letter is attached.

3) Writing, most of which consists of Capital
letters. This writing was contained on the reverse side of
an announcement to a "Crown Heights Forum" meeting 12/14. This
announcement is attached.

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4) Sheet consisting of the number 7 and dashes.

5) Sheet containing numbers: 7375428413, divided by 125473.

6) Sheet containing two rows of numbers.

It is noted that AARON KATZ on 11/28/58 and 2/11/59 visited the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. and observed subsequently in the company of VALENTIN M. IVANOV, 1st Secretary of the Soviet Embassy.

KATZ has been identified as a member of the Communist Party in 1944.

It is noted informant made available information showing that KATZ has been an analyst and consultant in the insurance business.

The Cryptographic Section of the Lab is requested to analyze the above material to determine if the formula, described in item 1, can be applied to the sheets of numbers and letters described in items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. It is requested that the results of this examination be furnished to New York and WFO and the material be returned to New York. - P -

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

3/19/59

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
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(OO:NY)

On 3/12,13/59, WF 1147-S* made available copies of material in the possession of AARON KATZ, an organizer of captioned organization, who had been visiting Washington, D.C., for the purpose of contacting Congressmen in regard to the Sobell Case.

The film in regard to this matter is maintained WF 100-25474-1B4(1).

New York, as origin in instant case as well as in the KATZ case, is being furnished two copies of each of the following described material (itemized 1 through 31), for its evaluation and disposition. None of this material apparently relates to the Washington Sobell Committee and WFO is retaining no copies of this material. NY is being furnished one copy of item #32.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, some of the material made available by informant consisted of sheets of numbers, formulas, etc., which may be in code. By separate letter dated 3/19/59, in instant case, the FBI laboratory, Cryptographic Section, was requested to analyze this material and furnish the results to NY and WFO. Material furnished to the laboratory in this connection is identical to items 8, 9 and 32, described below. The laboratory was requested that upon completion of its examination, to furnish the material to NY.

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- 2 - New York (100-107111) (Encls. 63)(RM)
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 2 - WFO
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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The material furnished by informant is as follows:

- 1) Thirteen page "Memorandum to the Subcommittee on American Republics Affairs, Foreign Relations Committee, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. Submitted in behalf of: Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City 10, N.Y.". This memorandum alleges that Morton Sobell was kidnapped from Mexico by the U. S. Government and points out that the Sobell case is a striking example of the invasion of the territorial sovereignty of Mexico. The memorandum requests "The Senate Committee to direct a part of its deliberations and investigations to the effect that the doctrine of the KER case (KER V. ILLINOIS, 119 U.S. 436), permitting the assertion of jurisdiction over the person of a fugitive who has been kidnapped from another country, has had upon our relations with Latin American countries."
- 2) Letter dated 2/10/59 from Attorney DANIEL G. MARSHALL, 4041 Marlton Building, 4041 Marlton Avenue, Los Angeles 8, California, to the Subcommittee on American Republics Affairs, Foreign Relations Committee, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. enclosing a copy of the above mentioned 13 page memorandum. The letter states that Attorney MARSHALL is acting on behalf of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. This memorandum requests that the Committee representative be allowed to appear before the Senate Sub-Committee in support of the position urged in this memorandum.
- 3) Form letter addressed to "Subcommittee on American Republics Affairs, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.". This form letter, containing blank spaces for name, date, address, city and state, requests that the committee give careful consideration to the points raised in the memorandum submitted to that committee by the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell.
- 4) Bank statement from Lafayette National Bank, Brooklyn 1, N.Y.
- 5) Personal letter dated 1/28/59 on stationery of "The BRITTANY, 55 East 10th Street, New York 3, N.Y."

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6) "Daily Worker & The Worker" receipt, dated 2/16, for the amount of \$5.25.

7) Sobell Committee invitation for function 2/14.

8) Letter dated 1/20/59 on stationary "Americans for Progressive Israel, 112 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N.Y.". The reverse side contains a system of numbers, which appears to be code.

9) Invitation to lecture 12/14 sponsored by "The Crown Heights Forum", to hear Hy Lumer. Reverse side of this invitation contains numbers, appearing to be code.

10) Pamphlet by Harvey O'Connor entitled, "For Abolition".

11) Two page typewritten criticism of David Greenglass testimony regarding Rosenberg trial.

12) Letter to KATZ from JAMES D. EASTLAND, U.S. Senate, Committee on the Judiciary, enclosing copies of booklets "Scope of Soviet Activity in the United States", part 20, April 20, 1956 and part 21, April 27 and May 17, 1956.

13) Announcement by "Patra Travel Agency", 665 Fifth Ave., New York 22, N.Y., of plans to visit Paris, Warsaw and the Soviet Union, leaving June 16, 1959. Reverse side of announcement contains handwriting regarding the Korean conflict.

14) Two page articles by PETER NICHOLAS, 146 W 62nd St., N.Y.C.

15) Two page articles beginning with "I am Innocent - HORTON SOBELL". The reverse side of the last page contains two names and addresses.

16) Form "Twenty Questions on Civil Liberties", prepared by American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

17) Recruiting flyer of ACLU.

18) Two page typewritten articles "What are we Worried About?" and "How The People Feel About Communism and Civil Liberties", by SAMUEL A. STOPPER.

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19) Ten page booklet "Views & Comments" November-December 1955, published by The Libertarian League.

20) Traffic ticket for AARON KATZ dated 11/8/58.

21) Letter dated 12/25/56 to Harry Golden, "The Carolina Israelite", Charlotte, N.C.

22) Invitation to function 1/16/59 at home of JANICE RULE, 67 Riverside Drive, N.Y. 24, N.Y.

23) Letter from KATZ to MRS. MARTHA D. KENNEDY, 10/23/58.

24) Partial letter to Governor ROCKEFELLER regarding the Sobell case.

25) Letter dated 10/7/56 to HON. KRISHNA MENON, United Nations, NYC, N.Y.

26) Letter dated 10/7/58 to MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

27) Envelope and letter from MRS. FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT dated 10/14/58.

28) Letter dated 9/13/58 to "The National Guardian".

29) Letter dated 1/13/59 to Rev. WAYNE WHITE, 9 Second Avenue, New York City.

30) Letter dated 3/11/58 to "The National Guardian".

31) Eleven sheets of names and addresses.

32) Four separate sheets of numbers and letters which may be in code.

WFO contemplates no further action in connection with the above.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-37667) 3/20/59
FROM: SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
February 24, 1959 .

"On Sunday evening, February 22, 1959, a meeting of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was held at the residence of ARCHIE COLEMAN, 821 West Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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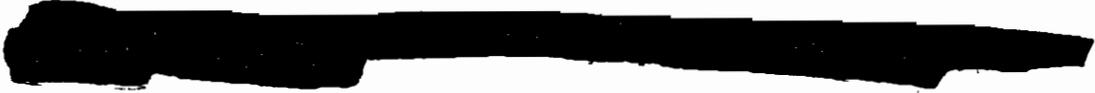
"Chairman of this meeting was PEARL CHERTOV who introduced the guest speaker, WILLIAM A. REUBEN. REUBEN talked on the injustice and unfairness of MORTON SOBELL's imprisonment. He claimed that there was no proof that SOBELL was involved in espionage against the United States and that the whole case against SOBELL was nothing but a hoax. REUBEN urged all present to work for SOBELL's release from imprisonment.

"PEARL CHERTOV and JEAN FRANTJIS were in charge of sales of REUBEN's books 'The Atom Spy Hoax' and the 'Honorable Mr. Nixon.' These two books were sold as a set for \$3.50 and about five or six sets were sold. Also, a collection was taken up, but the amount collected was not announced. In addition, an admission charge of \$1.00 was collected from each person at the door.

"Approximately 40 to 45 individuals attended this meeting, [REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-333614)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-114583)

**CARLETON BEALS, aka.
SM-C**

Enclosed are 6 letterhead memoranda. These memoranda have been classified confidential to protect the identity of the informants listed below. To disclose the information contained in the letterhead memoranda to unauthorized individuals might compromise the identity of these informants.

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The [redacted] was made available by [redacted] on 3/23/59. He obtained the statement from SORELL Committee Headquarters, NYC, by direct request.

The informants used to document the subject and the publication "Puerto Rico En Marcha", in the order in which they are mentioned, are:

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Trade Bank and Trust Co., NYC, and [redacted]

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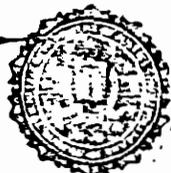
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

Re: Carleton Doals

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available an item of propaganda obtained from the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. This item has been photostated and is attached.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were

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'Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.
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'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to
Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton
Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 113 and 120;
also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House
Report 1440, January 17, 1956, originally
released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)

On May 21, 1941, the confidential source, who has
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a
Carlton Deals, a writer and author on South American subjects,
was one of the sponsors of the Harry Bridges Committee during
1940.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and
Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to
supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and
released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United
States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains
the following concerning the Harry Bridges Victory Committee:

1. Cited as a Communist-front organization operating
in San Francisco after the Communist Party became
prowar. Harry Bridges, a Communist Party member
and leader of the Communist-planned general strike
in San Francisco in 1934, was threatened with
deportation, the defense against which was almost
entirely in the hands of the Communists.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House
Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee,
March 29, 1944, pp. 90 and 94.)

On April 3, 1942, a confidential source, who was in a
position to furnish reliable information, advised that one
Carlton Deals was listed as a sponsor of the American
Committee for Anti-Nazi literature.

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The American Committee for Anti-Nazi Literature was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1943, page 354.

The February, 1952, issue number 5 of the Spanish language "Puerto Rico En Marcha" reflects under the editorial notes of this publication that one Carleton Beals has denounced the tyranny of the United States toward Puerto Rico.

On April 9, 1952, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "Puerto Rico En Marcha" is the official news publication of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SA SAM J. SHOEMAKER

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[redacted]

One copy of this document entitled "Special Memo To National Committee Representatives" and dated 12/22/58, is being forwarded to the New York Office.

ACTION:

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

cc: 1 - New York (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
(NEW YORK SOBELL COMMITTEE)

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December 22, 1958

Dear Friends:

Now that we have a substantial national committee (although additional members are still to be designated), the staff would like to submit the first problem for joint consideration. Theoretically, this shouldn't be the time for it, since this is the holiday season of good cheer. Nevertheless, we are grappling with this and feel that only a joint solution arrived at collectively will be the answer, and this solution must be found as soon as possible.

THE PROBLEM

Basically, our problem is: How can all of the groups pledged to have a national campaign for Morton Sobell guarantee the finances to keep this effort moving on a national level? As you well know, this is not a new problem, but one that has been with us for a long time. Through the past years funds have come into the national office on a fluctuating basis. Some periods were better than others. The current months are periods of our low points. The difficulty is that we have not been able to have sufficient funds contributed for national work on a consistent basis. Frankly, the situation seems to be growing worse.

At our Chicago meeting it was projected that \$15,000 should be raised nationally by the end of December. It is now Dec. 22. As of today (since Nov. 1), a total of \$5,800 have been raised. If there had been contributions from throughout the country on any kind of a reasonably substantial level, our position would be much better. However, the truth of the matter is that only a fraction of this figure (\$541) can be attributed to groups outside New York. This is where we are in trouble.

THE SOLUTION

Various attempts at better operation have been made at various intervals. One method that has been suggested in the past is that each group set a minimum guarantee for a monthly quota that will be sent for the national work. However, while some groups have met their figure, in most cases the idea has fallen by the wayside. Either a quota was never set, or once set, the quota was ignored.

Despite this record, when one looks for logical approaches, it seems as if the idea of each group setting a monthly figure that will be collected for national work is a very good one. Perhaps what is needed is not a new idea, but a much greater responsibility to this one. Should every group be asked, for example, to give first priority to this monthly financial responsibility to national work? This would mean that whatever funds are raised, each group first sets aside funds until it has saved enough for its monthly sustainer.

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Only then should it spend money on various local projects. (The one exception would be where a staff person is employed, and the first call on funds would have to go to that person's salary, with second priority allotted to the national monthly sustainer.) Thus each group would set the monthly date on which it would be certain to have that money to send to the national office, and the national office could count on receiving money on that date. This should be as certain as the calendar, as certain as each one of us pays our own rent at home. Somehow, this money must be produced.

This would be one way of tackling the problem with greater intensity. Another way would be to work out more methods of raising a larger quantity of funds to go along with our good intentions. However, there has long been a feeling on the part of the national staff, that one of the first prerequisites for solving this problem is a feeling of collective responsibility. Most of the time we are placed in the position of pleading with the various committees to send money here. If you think about it, this is the opposite of what should be happening. The various Sobell committees, on their own initiative, should collectively guarantee the funds with which to operate, so that the staff can devote its time to carrying out the program decided upon. The various committees should be breathing down the neck of the staff wanting to know whether we are carrying out program, and whether all of the money supposed to be available is coming in as pledged and is being spent in accordance with national decisions.

Now that we are moving toward a better organized national group, perhaps this problem can be solved. We submit this to you now with a request that you consider this individually, and with the groups which you represent, and write us whatever ideas you have on how to improve the situation. Perhaps out of such a discussion, there can be formulated a plan of action which can then be submitted to all of the national committee representatives for approval and action. Meanwhile, we urge that you do everything in your power to meet the immediate need by sending a contribution to the national work by January 1st.

Best wishes for the holiday season,

Ted Jacobs

Ted Jacobs, for the National Office.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA CARROLL M. GARNETT 9/25/58, at Washington, D. C., and report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, 2/19/59, at New York.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will continue to follow activities of the Washington Sobell Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The identities of Special Agents who observed AARON KATZ enter the Old Senate Office Building on

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SAs WILLIAM A. URIE and JAMES CARR MOORE observed AARON KATZ enter the Soviet Embassy on 2/11/59. SAs JOE F. HALL and HENDERSON HILLIN, JR., observed KATZ enter the Soviet Embassy on 11/28/58.

IDENTITY OF SOURCES OF ORGANIZATIONS USED IN APPENDIX

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6/11/56, 5/10/57

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Report of: CARROLL M. GARNETT
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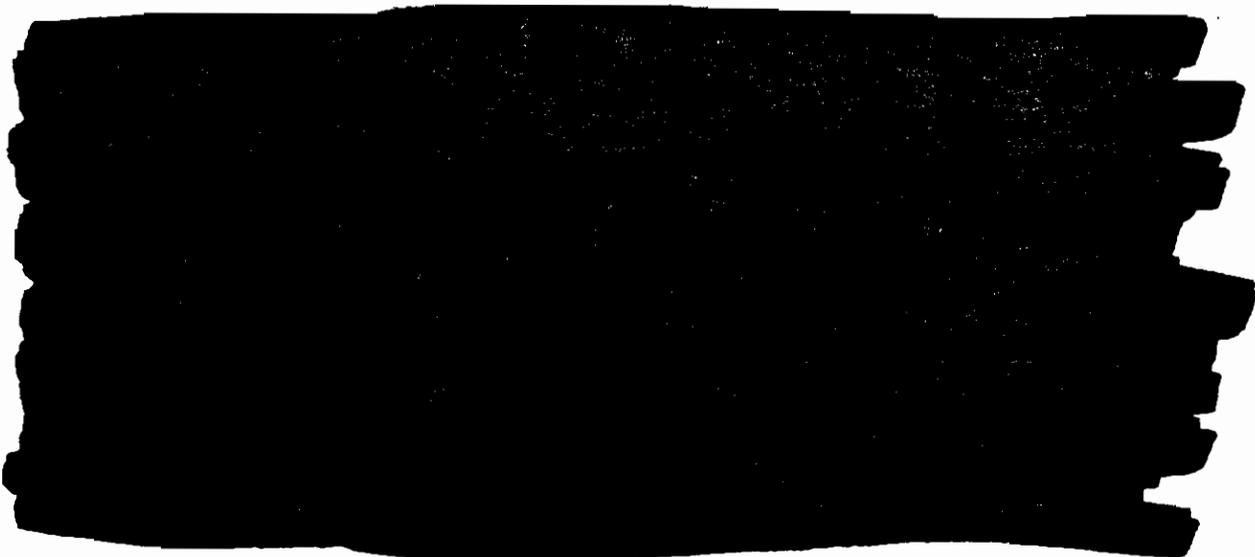
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Communist Party (CP) and the Communist Political Association (CPA) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Names of individuals designated by an asterisk (*) throughout this report will be identified in Section IX, Identification of Individuals.

I. BACKGROUND

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- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

On March 16, 1959, WF T-1 reported that the Washington Sobell Committee, an organization in existence in the Washington, D. C., area is affiliated with the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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II. AIMS

WF T-1 on March 16, 1959, advised that the objectives of the Washington Sobell Committee (WSC), are to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL, who is a prisoner in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, and to embarrass the United States Government where possible.

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The above referred to report on page 5 contains the following information:

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It is noted that on February 5, 1959, EVRON M. KIRKPATRICK, Executive Director, The American Political Science Association, 1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., made available an envelope postmarked February 4, 1959, at New York 1, New York, addressed to American Political Science Association, and bearing the return address, "Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, 2801 Turk Street, San Francisco, California." Mr. KIRKPATRICK made available the replimated letter contained in this envelope which is as follows:

"REVEREND PETER MC CORMACK
2801 Turk Street
San Francisco, California

"February, 1959

"Dear Sirs:

"Because we believe the striving for justice and moral integrity in our country is a matter which concerns each of us, we turn to you for participation in a project which we, along with many of our countrymen, believe extremely necessary to the national well-being.

"The signers of this letter have in common a conviction that the time has arrived for a thorough, independent and impartial public examination of the issues in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. With the reflection which comes with the passage of time, more and more individuals and publications are observing the need for reappraisal. Moreover,

MORTON SOBELL, maintaining his innocence, remains imprisoned under a 30-year sentence, thus giving an urgency in human terms as well as in historical necessity.

"We propose that a Commission of Inquiry be established that would meet the requirements for the kind of scholarly, independent and objective investigation necessary.

"It is not without an awareness of the sacrifice in time and energy which must be expended that we address this request to you. Yet in other vital issues of the past, citizens have traditionally come forward in this manner. It is a strong sense of responsibility which impels us to take this initial step in helping to establish such a Commission of Inquiry.

"We therefore respectfully ask you to consider serving on this proposed inquiry commission. Kindly address your comment to Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, 2801 Turk Street, San Francisco, California.

"Very sincerely yours,

"/s/ HORACE M. KALLEN, Educator

/s/ HAROLD C. UREY,
Scientist

"/s/ BERNARD D. DAVIS
Scientist

/s/ MALCOLM P. SHARP
Professor of Law

"/s/ PAUL L. HOLMER,
Professor of Philosophy

/s/ FRANCIS D. WORMUTH,
Professor of Political
Science

"/s/ Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, formerly
Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz"

"Mr. KIRKPATRICK stated he could not explain why this letter had been directed to American Political Science Association.

On January 10, 1959, WF T-2 made available a typewritten letter from ETHEL WEICHBROD* which had been mailed to Mr. and Mrs. AL BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, on December 9, 1958. This letter states as follows:

"I thought you'd like to use the enclosed greeting card to express to MORTON SOBELL your continuing interest in his case. Your wishes and the knowledge that the other half of the card is being sent to the President as an appeal for his freedom will encourage MORTON greatly. The card was produced by the Minnesota Sobell Committee and is being distributed and used nationally. These Xmas appeals to the President, coming from all parts of our country, will support the thousands of signatures on petitions being submitted by HELEN SOBELL to the Pardon Attorney in Washington this week."

One of the postal cards referred to above was addressed to "Mr. MORTON SOBELL, P.M.B. 71342, Atlanta 15, Georgia". The reverse side of this card contains the following message: "Seasons Greetings".

The other postal card referred to above was directed to "President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, The White House, Washington, D. C." The reverse side of this postal card contained the following:

"President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

"Because, like thousands of Americans, I believe that MORTON SOBELL did not have a fair trial and consider his thirty year sentence cruel and inhuman punishment;

"Because MORTON SOBELL has steadfastly maintained his innocence throughout his imprisonment;

"Because the holiday season is a time to renounce vengeance and to actively seek justice and good will towards all men; therefore, I urge you to grant clemency to MORTON SOBELL at this time."

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III. OFFICERS

WF T-1 on March 16, 1959, reported that while the Washington Sobell Committee has been inactive lately and no literature has been circulated showing the current officers, ETHEL WEICHBROD* and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* have been two of the driving forces in this organization in the past.

On December 5, 1958, WF T-4 made available a copy of a letter on the stationery of "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York." The letter was dated December 3, 1958, and contained the salutation "SARAH HAMMOND*, Washington Committee". This letter concerned an appointment on Monday, December 8, 1958, with the Justice Department, Washington, D. C., regarding executive clemency for MORTON SOBELL. The letter is signed "Ted".

On December 5, 1958, WF T-4 made available a copy of a list of names and addresses of individuals, under the caption "Washington, D. C. List," which had been maintained by SARAH HAMMOND*. Under this list of names the following was listed: "SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, Chairman; ETHEL WEICHBROD*, Chairman; NORMAN LICHENSTEIN*, Chairman".

On December 5, 1958, WF T-4 made available information showing that during June, 1958, the following persons gave assistance to SARAH HAMMOND* and ROSE SOBELL in contacting various individuals in the Washington, D. C.,

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area asking for support regarding the Sobell case:
SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, ELIZABETH GOLDMAN*, BETTY HAYS*,
GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR.*, SELMA REIN*.

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IV. MEMBERSHIP

WF T-1 on March 16, 1959, reported that in the past the WSC did not have a membership, but that the organization is composed of individuals interested in the objectives of this committee. Informant stated names of individuals of this type appear on a mailing list utilized by the Washington Sobell Committee.

It is noted that on December 5, 1958, WF T-4 made available a copy of the following list in the possession of SARAH HAMMOND*:

"Washington DC list

- A BOGNER, 1009 K Street NE
- S. BURSTEIN, 808 D St. SE
- Dr. ARTHUR COWAN, 1225 Valley Ave- SE
- SOPHIE DANENBERG, 3901 Ames St. NE
- ALBERT DEUTSCH, 2800 Quebec St.
- ARLENE EDELSON, 405 Orange St. SE
- GERTRUDE EVANS*, 930 F Street, N. W.
- MILTON FELDSTEIN, 1406 Crittenden St. NW
- EDWARD FISCHER, 1015 M St. NW
- VICTOR FLEISHER*, 1202 Mississippi Ave NE
- D. GRAUCH, 1429 St. Stevens Dr.
- M D GRANT, 1429 St. Stevens Dr.
- M. J. GROSMAN, 413 Decatur St. NW
- ARLENE D. HAYS*, 4863 Potomac Ave NW
- JOHANNA HENSOLDT, 4967 Butterworth Pl.
- FAY KRICUM, 1293 Brentwood Rd NE
- ELSIE LACHS, 4720 15 St. NW

ROSE WACHENBERG, 1307 12 St. NW
H. MARTIN, 2959 Tilden St. NW
HARRY M. MATHER, 2959 Tilden St. NW
MARIANO ORANGE, 1230 New Hampshire Ave_ NW Apt. 505
JEAN MONTGOMERY, 5041 12 St
H. R. ROBINSON, 1935 Biltmore St. NW
Dr. LEON SALSMAN, 927 18 St. NW
FRED SCHOLLHAMMER, 1801 Clydesdale Pl. NW
Mr. N. SHULMAN, 71 I St. SE
MAX SHULMAN, 725 Farragut St. NW
JOSEPH B. STEIN, 810 F St. NW
JOHN STOEN, 2901 18 St. NW
ABE J.* and ESTHER* SUROVELL, 1102 45 St. SE
ROSE D. WALTER, 3431 10 Pl. SE
DAGMAR WILSON, 1413 29 St. NW
HELEN WINICK*, 5415 Conn. Ave_ NW
ANN YALON*, 2222 39 Pl. NW
HARRY ZIGGLER, 6017 16 St. NW

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN * - Chairman
ETHEL WEICHBROD* - Chairma
NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN* - Chairman"

In connection with the above list it is noted that the names of S. BURSTEIN, EDWARD FISCHER, ABE J.* and ESTHER* SUROVELL, ROSE D. WALTER, and DAGMAR WILSON had lines drawn through them.

V. HEADQUARTERS

WF T-1 on March 16, 1959, reported [REDACTED] had received no information indicating that the WSC had occupied office space in the Washington, D. C., area. b7d

VI. FUNDS

On January 10, 1959, WF T-2 made available a typewritten letter dated December 9, 1958, from ETHEL WEICHBROD* and directed to Mr. and Mrs. AL BERNSTEIN*, which letter has been previously referred to. The letter requested the recipient to send a holiday greeting to MORTON SOBELL and to request President EISENHOWER to extend executive clemency to MORTON SOBELL. This letter added: "I'd like to urge you, also, to send me your contribution to support the intensified public activity and legal work that are necessary to insure a factory in MORTON's case".

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VII. ACTIVITY

A. CONTACTS OF SARAH HAMMOND* AND ROSE SOBELL IN WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE, 1958

On December 5, 1958, WF T-4 made available information showing that SARAH HAMMOND* and ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, visited Washington, D. C., during June, 1958, for the purpose of presenting her son's case to various Senators, Congressmen, and other prominent citizens in the hope of securing support for him.

WF T-4 on December 5, 1958, made available information regarding Congressional contacts by SARAH HAMMOND* and ROSE SOBELL during June, 1958. Information made available by this informant showed that SARAH HAMMOND* and/or ROSE SOBELL contacted the office of the following Congressional members on the dates shown:

- Vice President RICHARD NIXON, 6/3/58.
- Senator AIKEN, June 12, 16, 1958
- Senator WALLACE F. BENNETT, Utah, June 3, 23, 1958.
- Senator CASE, New Jersey, June 8, 9, 1958.
- Representative CHARLES C. DIGGS, Jr., Michigan, June 19, 23, 1958.
- Senator FLANDERS, June 12, 16, 19, 20, 24, 1958.
- Senator FULBRIGHT, June 10, 12, 16, 1958.
- Senator HENNINGS, June 3, 1958.

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PAT M. HOLT, Consultant to Senator MORSE's Subcommittee, June 4, 1958.
 Senator HUBERT HUMPHREY, June 3, 1958.
 Senator IRVING M. IVES, June 3, 16, 1958.
 Senator JAVITS, June 3, 4, 1958.
 Senator KEFAUVER, June 4, 1958.
 Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, June 3, 16, 25, 1958.
 Senator WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND, California, June 12, 19, 1958.
 Senator THOMAS H. KUCHEL, California, June 12, 19, 23/58.
 Senator LANGER, June 3, 4, 1958.
 Congressman WEIR, Minnesota, June 10, 12, 1958.
 Representative WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD, California, June 12, 19, 1958.
 Senator MORSE, June 3, 5, 10, 1958.
 Senator PAT MC NAMARA, Michigan, June 19, 1958.
 Senator NEUBERGER, June 4, 1958.
 Representative PORTER, Oregon, June 10, 12, 18, 24, 1958.
 Senator CHARLES E. POTTER, Michigan, June 19, 1958.
 Representative JAMES ROOSEVELT, June 12, 17, 1958.
 Senator MARGARET CHASE SMITH, June 19, 1958.
 Senator WATKINS, Utah, June 12, 17, 26, 1958.

On December 5, 1958, WF T-4 also made available information regarding contacts made by SARAH HAMMOND* and ROSE SOBELL June 7, 1958, with individuals other than Congressional members. In this connection, informant made available comments by HAMMOND in regard to the success of their contacts with various individuals as follows:

<u>Person Contacted</u>	<u>Date (s) of Contact</u>	<u>Comments by HAMMOND</u>
STEVE ALLISON Radio Station WWDC	June 19, 1958	"Tremendous. Thoroughly sympathetic. Have it on tape."
ALAN BARTH "Washington Post"	June 10, 1958	"Very apologetic, but does not see how he can help."
ALICE DUNNIGAN National Negro Press Association	June 17, 1958	"Miss DUNNIGAN has column in 110 papers. Promised to write column. Very sympathetic."

<u>Person Contacted</u>	<u>Date (s) of Contact</u>	<u>Comments by HAMMOND</u>
RALPH MATTHEWS, Special Feature Writer, "Washington Afro-American", 1800-11th Street, N.W.	June 18, 1958	"Very warm and sympathetic. Interested in human aspects (gave him MORT's letter to MARK on 5th birthday). Said we were too late for next edition but promised it would be in the following one. Left all types of literature with him and promised to deliver SHARP tomorrow. Wished us luck. Said he was tired of the approach that we should do things not because they are right but because of how they look to others. Really fine man."
KARL MEYER, Editorial page of "Washington Post", 1515 L Street, N. W.	June 5, 1958	"Very cordial. Does Latin-American Affairs editorials. Interested."
GEORGE MURPHY* Negro Elks, 1915 - 14th Street, N. W.	June 17, 1958	"Very sympathetic - made appointment to see RALPH MATTHEWS - will be present with us."
Rev. ROOSEVELT MC INTYRE, Meridian Hill Baptist Church, 1725 Kalorama Road	June 7, 1958	"ROSE saw. He invited her to weekly meet of D. C. Negro Baptist Minister Conference on June 9, 1958. ROSE and SYLVIA went. They were in favor of MORT's release and will take action. Check with MC INTYRE on June 17. The minister signed."

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Person
Contacted

Date (s)
of Contact

Comments by
HAMMOND

JOHN LORD O'BRIAN
701 Union Trust
Building

June 25, 1958

"Mr. O'BRIAN will be in Nantucket until after Labor Day. His secretary said he was sympathetic to Mrs. SOBELL and had planned to see her, but left earlier than he expected to. Be sure to follow."

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On December 5, 1958, WF T-4 reported that as of that time SARAH HAMMOND* was residing at 8802 Glennville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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B. INCIDENT INVOLVING HELEN SOBELL
DECEMBER 27, 1958, WASHINGTON, D. C.

On December 30, 1958, [REDACTED] Metropolitan Police Department, made available to SA CARROLL M. GARNETT the "General Program Directory" (424 pages) of the 1958 Annual Meeting of the "American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) and Participating Affiliated Societies", showing this conference was being held at Washington, D. C., from December 26 to December 31, 1958.

[REDACTED] stated he attended all the meetings of the AAAS dealing in criminology, held at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., December 27, 28, 1958. He said that at the session held Saturday morning, December 27, 1958, JOHN KEVORKIAN, MD, spoke and advocated human vivisection for those given capital punishment.

[REDACTED] stated an individual, later identified as Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, fainted during Dr. KEVORKIAN's talk, and was treated by KEVORKIAN. [REDACTED] stated Mrs. SOBELL remained at the meeting in the back of the room. He said when a discussion period was held later she arose and identified herself as Mrs. MORTON SOBELL.* She said that her husband was not made a victim of capital punishment but was made an innocent victim of slow death in Alcatraz for a crime he did not commit. She said her dearly beloved friends, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, whose innocence she will always believe in, were victims of capital punishment. She concluded by stating, "What a shadow that capital punishment leaves behind resting on the family and friends of the executed."

[REDACTED] stated it was obvious that Mrs. SOBELL's fainting was staged to allow her subsequent remarks to be more dramatic. [REDACTED] stated there was no comment or applause after SOBELL's remarks.

It is noted that "The Washington Post and Times Herald" in its edition of January 12, 1959, page A-10, contained the following:

"In your edition of Dec. 28, you reported on Dr. Kevorkian's proposal for 'judicial euthanasia.' It is the fundamental immorality of capital punishment itself which enables such plans to be discussed, just as it was the policy

of extermination directed against the Jews which made it possible for the Nazi doctors to perform their experiments.

"Among mice the abnormal young are eaten by the parents. Is society then not only to eat its 'abnormal' offspring, but to seek to profit by such means? Can we not, with all the millions of dollars being spent for instruments of destruction find a better way to advance medical science?

"Obviously in times of great tension such as the period of the Salem witchcraft trials, the Sacco-Vanzetti trial, and the Korean war with the Rosenberg-Sobell trial, this proposal can serve as a horrible weapon in the hands of unscrupulous men. Certainly in such circumstances the theory of voluntary choice could become an empty ritual too easily evaded to serve as a guarantee to any individual who had already been rejected by society.

"It is true that I have a particular sensitivity to this problem and did mention in the discussion period following Dr. KEVORKIAN's report at the AAAS meeting the undeserved punishment inflicted on friends and relatives of executed persons. But the more important point which I made was with respect to my husband, MORTON SOBELL, who was tried with ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, and who, with them maintained his innocence. My husband was prejudiced, as is every codefendant in a case where death is decreed in the sentence imposed on him, and in the continuing difficulty of obtaining a new trial which would raise a question concerning two people who are already dead.

"If out of the suffering of nine years imprisonment of my husband, and from the questionings and doubts on his behalf and on behalf of the ROSENBERGS could come a re-examination of the use of capital punishment, some good would have been derived. Certainly history will prove their innocence. What then?

"MRS. MORTON SOBELL*
New York"

**C. VISITS TO WASHINGTON, D. C.
BY AARON KATZ, ORGANIZER OF
NATIONAL SOBELL COMMITTEE**

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It is noted that WF T-10, advised on February 11, 1959, that AARON KATZ* was at that time employed as an organizer by the National Headquarters of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York, New York.

On February 24, 1959, Mr. J. C. HUGHES, Clerk, Office of the File Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., advised SA CARROLL M. GARNETT that AARON KATZ* has not registered with that office under the provisions of the Federal Registration of the Lobbying Act.

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The "Diplomatic List", published by the United States Department of State, for the month of December, 1958, lists VALENTIN M. IVANOV as a First Secretary, Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Washington, D. C.

On November 28, 1958, Special Agents of the FBI observed AARON KATZ* enter the Soviet Embassy shortly before twelve noon; at approximately 12:05 p.m. IVANOV was observed to depart from the Soviet Embassy accompanied by KATZ.

Special Agents of the FBI subsequently observed IVANOV and KATZ enter IVANOV's car, a 1958 silver blue Chevrolet with 1958 District of Columbia license DPL 1268, which was parked at the intersection of 16th and M Streets, N. W. They then drove to and parked on the ellipse, south of E Street and just west of 15th Street, N. W. IVANOV and KATZ were observed to depart from the above car and walk to the National Press Building, 14th and F Streets, N. W., and enter the elevator in this building about 12:30 p.m.

At approximately 3:50 p.m., Special Agents of the FBI observed IVANOV and KATZ standing in the vicinity of the Soviet Embassy at which time they shook hands and parted company.

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On February 11, 1959, Special Agents of the FBI observed AARON KATZ* enter the Soviet Embassy shortly before 12:00 noon; at approximately 12:02 p.m. IVANOV was observed to depart from the Soviet Embassy accompanied by KATZ. Special Agents of the FBI subsequently observed IVANOV and KATZ walk to and enter the Good Earth Restaurant, 1117 - 17th Street, N. W., at approximately 12:06 p.m. Shortly after 1:30 p.m. IVANOV and KATZ were observed to depart from this restaurant and return to the vicinity of the Soviet Embassy at which time they shook hands and parted company.

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It is noted that the current Washington, D. C., telephone directory lists the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), 1736 G Street, N. W., as the subscriber to telephone number NATIONAL 8-8250.

On March 3, 1959, [REDACTED] YMCA, 1726 G Street, N. W., made available records to SA CARROLL M. GARNETT showing that AARON KATZ* of 307 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, rented a single room, number 959, of this YMCA from February 23, 1959, to February 27, 1959.

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Descriptions of the Washington Area Forum and Southern Conference Educational Fund are contained in the appendix.

On March 10, 1959, [REDACTED] Capitol Hotel, 1016 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised SA DAVID P. EURLEY that on Sunday, March 8, 1959, at 4:45 p.m. Mr. A. KATZ*, 307 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, registered at that hotel for a period of one week. [REDACTED] said KATZ was assigned to Room 45.

WF T-18 on February 19, 1959, reported that the Sobell Committee now has a national representative in Washington, D. C., a Mr. KATZ. Informant said KATZ will devote his time the next few months contacting Congressional leaders and flooding their offices with protest literature and letters of request for MORTON SOBELL's release.

Informant reported that he had learned that Sobell Committees throughout the United States are to contact as many people as possible and have them write a letter of protest in their own handwriting requesting the release of MORTON SOBELL. Informant said the original letter will be mailed to the individual's respective representative or senator. Informant stated the copy of this letter will be given to the local Sobell Committee, who in turn will mail the copies to KATZ in Washington. Informant said that upon receipt KATZ will then be able to launch his campaign for MORTON SOBELL's release.

On March 10, 11, 12, 1959, Special Agents of the FBI observed AARON KATZ* visit the Old Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

VIII. CONNECTS WITH CP



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IX. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

AL BERNSTEIN

WF T-7 on February 26, 1953, identified AL BERNSTEIN as a current CP member.

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

WF T-7 on February 26, 1953, identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current CP member.

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ANNE BRADEN

ALBERTA AHERN, 2311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, self-admitted former member of the CP, on December 11 and 13, 1957, testified that ANNE BRADEN was known to her as a member of the CP, Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

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GERTRUDE EVANS

WF T-7 on February 26, 1953, identified
GERTRUDE EVANS as a current CP member.

VICTOR FLEISHER

WF T-7 in January, 1954, identified
VICTOR FLEISHER as a current CP member.

ELIZABETH GOLDMAN

WF T-8 on February 4, 1959, advised that
ELIZABETH GOLDMAN considers herself to be a communist
and wants to act like one. On February 9, 1959,
informant reported that ELIZABETH GOLDMAN and her
husband, MARCUS GOLDMAN, were supporting the CP
financially.

MARY FOREWILL

WF T-17 on March 11, 1958, identified
MARY FOREWILL as a current CP member.

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MARY FOREWILL as a current CP member.

WF T-11 on January 31, 1957, advised that
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WF T-7 on August 22, 1952, advised that
[REDACTED] have been characterized by CP members
[REDACTED] meaning that they were never
[REDACTED] in the CP.

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FRANCES JACOBSON

~~MARY STAL~~ ~~CP~~ ~~MARKWARD~~, self-admitted former member of the CP and CPA in Washington, D. C., from 1943 - 1949, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 11, 1951, that FRANCES JACOBSON was a member of the CPA and CP in Washington, D. C., between June, 1944 and October, 1945.

AARON KATZ

WF T-12 on April 27, 1944, advised that AARON KATZ* was a member of the CP for six years and had been transferred into the Waterfront Section of the CP on December 23, 1943. According to the informant, KATZ in 1944 held CP membership Book Number 31250.

NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN

WF T-9 advised on September 15, 1942, that NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN was at that time a member of the Ruthenberg Branch, Cleveland, Ohio, Section of the Young Communist League, (YCL).

The YCL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

~~GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR.~~

WF T-13 on January 22, 1953, advised GEORGE B. ~~MURPHY, JR.~~ as a current CP member.

~~SELMA REIN~~

WF T-7 on January 21, 1954, identified SELMA REIN as a current CP member.

HELEN SOBELL

~~HELEN SOBELL~~ on February 2, 1944, identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D. C., as of February 1, 1944.

ABE SUROVELL

WF T-14 on February 18, 1952, advised that ABE SUROVELL was a member of the CP during the period 1943-46, Washington, D. C.

ESTHER SUROVELL

WF T-15 in early 1952 advised ESTHER SUROVELL was active in the Navy Department cell of the CP, Washington, D. C., during 1942 - 1948.

ETHEL WEICHBROD

WF T-7 on March 20, 1953, identified ETHEL WEICHBROD as a current CP member.

HELEN WINIK

WF T-7 in February, 1953, identified HELEN WINIK as a current CP member.

IRVING YALOM

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND,
INCORPORATED (SCEF)

An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), which has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front, changed the name of the organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., and listed its purposes as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A confidential informant advised on June 29, 1956, that during the time the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was in existence, Communist Party members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, INC., rank and file Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. Informant stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years certain Communist Party members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further Communist Party principles.

Informant considers JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, as a Communist Party member because he follows Communist principles, but he is not under Communist Party discipline. Many prominent people who are officials and members of the organization, while liberal in their views, are by no means communist.

This confidential informant advised on May 22, 1958, that the status of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., remains unchanged.

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

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WASHINGTON AREA FORUM, also known as,
 Washington Area Citizens Forum,
Washington Citizens Forum

An informant reported on December 14, 1955, that the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PPDC) would be dissolved and a new organization formed from the PPDC in order to have a voice in civil rights matters and political campaigns in Virginia and Maryland. Another informant advised on December 17, 1955, that the PPDC was to be dissolved because of the stigma attached to the name of the Progressive Party and it was hoped that the new organization replacing the PPDC would be more acceptable to persons not previously participating in PPDC activity. An informant reported on February 8, 1956, that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

Another informant reported on March 13, 1956, that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was formed on March 12, 1956, at a meeting of the defunct Executive Committee of the PPDC. This informant reported on May 10, 1956, that the name of the Washington Area Citizens Forum was shortened to that of Washington Citizens Forum at a meeting held May 3, 1956. On June 11, 1956, an informant made available information revealing that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was at that time being called Washington Area Forum.

An informant on May 14, 1958, reported that the Washington Area Forum continues to function in Washington, D. C.

Regarding the PPDC, it is to be noted that an informant on January 31, 1955, identified the leaders of the PPDC as of that date as either CP members or CP sympathizers. Informant added that the PPDC has never opposed the CP on any issue or program.

Regarding the Progressive Party, nationally, the "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released on January 2, 1957, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on page 74, states;

- "1. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the Progressive Party. ** ** The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p.91)"



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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
- INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
Carroll M. Garnett dated and captioned as above at Washing-
ton, D. C.

All the informants utilized in the above mentioned
report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE

Report of SA WALTER M. BRADY, dated February 18, 1959, at Boston.
Bureau letter to Boston, dated February 25, 1959.
Boston letter to Bureau, dated March 4, 1959.

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LEADS

THE BOSTON DIVISION

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Will follow and report any subversive activity on the part of captioned organization.

Will be alert for any indication that one of the members of the Boston Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell has been chosen to represent this group on the National Committee of the captioned organization.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>File Where Located</u>
BS T-1: [REDACTED] Chemical Corn Exchange Bank 20th Street and 5th Avenue New York, New York (By Request)	100-27290-746, pages 5 and 6
BS T-2: [REDACTED] Cape Cod Trust Company Harwichport, Massachusetts (By Request)	Instant report
BS T-3: [REDACTED] Harwichport, Massachusetts (By Request)	Instant report
BS T-4: [REDACTED] First National Bank and Trust Company Greenfield, Massachusetts (By Request)	Instant report

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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Investigation in the Harwichport, Massachusetts area was conducted by SA WILLIAM H. CARPENTER.

Investigation in the Greenfield, Massachusetts area was conducted by SA WALTER F. BRADY.

It is to be noted that the information furnished by [REDACTED] was made available on an extremely confidential basis and involved daily monitoring of the account of the National Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell by [REDACTED] and that the bank is not in any position to testify or offer evidence regarding the information furnished. In the event information of this source is disseminated, it should be noted that the bank is no longer in possession of the basic document from which the information was obtained.

WF119 S* on December 5, 1958, furnished a scrap of paper which bore the names of LUKE WILSON, Wellfleet, Massachusetts, and DANNY WEITZMAN, Gloucester, Massachusetts, which were in the possession of HOWARD DAVID HAMMOND and his wife, SARAH LICHTENBERG HAMMOND, 8802 Glennville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

On July 1, 1958, [REDACTED] advised that as of June 17, 1958, SARAH HAMMOND was an officer of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

HOWARD DAVID HAMMOND was identified on March 18, 1957, by [REDACTED] as having attended the third part of the Section Convention of the Upper West Side Section of the New York County Communist Party on January 17, 1957.

[REDACTED] Wellfleet, Massachusetts, advised on December 9, 1958, that LUKE WILSON was then residing on Gull Pond Road, Wellfleet, Massachusetts, and self-employed as a free lance writer.

In August, 1956, [REDACTED] advised that he considered WILSON to be an "angel" of the Communist Party. This information was based upon the fact that during August, 1955, [REDACTED]

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██████████ advised on July 8, 1955, that DANNY WEITZMAN was considered one of the main sources of income for the local Communist Party in Washington, D. C.

██████████ confidential source of the Washington Field Office, advised in June, 1953 that WEITZMAN maintained a summer home in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

This information is not being placed in the details of the report to protect an investigative technique (WF 1119 S*).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: OSI, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts
DIO, Boston, Massachusetts
G-2, Governors Island, New York

Report of: Special Agent WALTER M. BRADY Office: Boston, Massachusetts
Date: March 27, 1959

File Number: Boston 100-27290
Bureau 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
BOSTON DIVISION

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

B. LORRAINE GORING not known to informants. ELLSWORTH and MARY BARNARD, former residents of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. ELLSWORTH BARNARD now residing in Marquette, Michigan.

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DETAILS:

BS T-1 advised on June 27, 1958, that B. LORRAINE GORING, Harwichport, Massachusetts, was in communication with the National Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, New York, New York, on June 11, 1958.

It is to be noted that the information furnished by BS T-1 is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

BS T-2 and BS T-3 advised on February 20, 1959, that they had no information relative to one B. LORRAINE GORING.

It is to be noted that the information furnished by BS T-2 is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

BS T-1 also advised that in July, 1958 ELLSWORTH or MARY BARNARD, Greenfield, Massachusetts, was in communication with the National Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, New York, New York.

It is to be noted that the information furnished by BS T-1 is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

BS T-4 advised on February 27, 1959, that ELLSWORTH and MARY BARNARD have not lived in the Greenfield, Massachusetts area for many years but continue to maintain contact there. BS T-4 stated that ELLSWORTH and MARY BARNARD are man and wife and were former residents of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. BS T-4 stated that ELLSWORTH BARNARD characterized himself while at Shelburne Falls as being "a free thinker, theorist, and writer." BS T-4 stated that ELLSWORTH BARNARD was formerly a professor at the University of Maine, and that he was now residing at 1714 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, Michigan, and teaching either at the University of Michigan or Michigan State.

It is to be noted that the information furnished by BS T-4 is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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APPENDIX

National Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell In The Rosenberg Case

The Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee To Secure Justice For The Rosenbergs And Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pages 118 and 120, states as follows:

"1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered around Morton Sobell,' the ROSENBERGS codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case---a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States---was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and 'then as the National Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ."

APPENDIX

National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case

The Internal Security Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956. page 91, states as follows:

"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 Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. When the Communist Party itself is under fire, these offer a bulwark of protection."

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Boston, Massachusetts

March 27, 1959

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
BOSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Walter M. Brady, dated and captioned as above, at Boston, Massachusetts.

BS T-1 through BS T-4 mentioned in the referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41)

DATE: 3/27/59

FROM : SA JAMES P. HALLERON (41)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Identity of Source:

[REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal).

Description of Info:

Info re MORTON SOBELL cele-
bration held 3/7/59.

Date Received:

b7d 3/19/59

Received By:

SA JAMES P. HALLERON (written)

Original Located:

[REDACTED]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the
following information to protect the identity of the informant.

A copy of informant's written report follows:

1-NY 100-26603-C320 (BRONX CP NW SECTION) (421)

1-NY 100-128314 Sub G (BRONX FUNDS) (421)

1-NY 100-107111 (41)

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March 14, 1959.

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held on March 7th, 1959 at the headq. of the former ALP at Bain-
bridge Ave., Bronx, N.Y. was "a great success." According to
[REDACTED] over 100 people came to this Morton Sobell party.
There were many former members of the Communist party. "They
seemed to be very pleased to participate in the party. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SAC, CHICAGO (100- 25530)

SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On March 11, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of February, 1959. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Report is filed in [redacted]

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

"Chicago Sobell Committee
Feb. 1959

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
			\$500.63
4	\$150.00		\$350.63
5	19.55		331.08
6	50.00		281.08
11	51.14		229.94
13	25.00	39.00	243.94
20	11.00		232.94
24	16.50		216.44
24		424.50	640.94
25	51.14		589.80
25	.75		589.05
26	10.42		578.63

- 1 - New York (RM)
- 1 - ~~100-10711~~ (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)
- 3 - Chicago
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<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>CLEARED THROUGH</u>
\$ 19.55	Meyers Publishing Co.	1st National - Chicago
150.00	Comm. Secure Justice M. Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
50.00	Cash	Us
51.14	Great Northern Properties	American National - Chicago
25.00	Cash	Us
11.80	Praga Press	Kaspar American - Chicago
116.60	Roosevelt Chair Co.	Merchandise Nat'l - Chicago
51.14	Great Northern Prop.	American Nat'l - Chicago
.75	Service Charge	
10.42	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chicago"

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.To: **FBI, Washington Field**Date: **March 30, 1959**Re: **NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
IS - C
(OO: NY)**FBI File No. **100-387935**Lab. No. **CR-11579 DO**Specimens received from **FBI, Washington Field, 3/20/59**

- Qc1** Photograph of one page sheet consisting of an equation and mathematical expressions.
- Qc2** Photograph of one page sheet of numbers in rows of five, beginning with "1/2/4/8/16..." and ending with "9/27/15/24/29." These numbers were on the reverse side of a letter dated 1/20/59 on stationery of "Americans For Progressive Israel." A copy of this letter is attached.
- Qc3** Photograph of page of writing, most of which consists of capital letters. This writing was contained on the reverse side of an announcement to a "Crown Heights Forum" meeting 12/14. This announcement is attached.
- Qc4** Photograph of a sheet consisting of the number 7 and dashes.
- Qc5** Photograph of a sheet containing numbers: 7975428419, divided by 125479.
- Qc6** Photograph of a sheet containing two rows of numbers.

Result of examination:

Nothing of cryptographic significance found in Qc1 through Qc6. It has been determined that the notations are concerned with mathematical puzzles of various kinds.

Photographs of Qc1 through Qc6 are being forwarded herewith to New York, these comprising the specimens sent to the Laboratory by Washington Field with the request that they be furnished New York along with the results of the examination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Washington Field (100-25474)**

Date: **March 30, 1959**

Re: **NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
IS - C
(OO: NY)**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **100-387835**
Lab. No. **CR-11579 DO**

Examination requested by: **FBI, Washington Field**

Reference: **Letter 3/19/59**

Examination requested: **Cryptanalysis**

Remarks: **None**

Enclosures (3) (3 Laboratory reports)

① - New York (100-107111) Enclosures (7) (Photographs of Qc1 through Qc6, Laboratory report)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, BUFFALO (100-11534)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(OO: New York)

ReBulet 2/27/59 instructing this office to place this matter in a pending status for advice no later than 4/17/59, as to whether a Sobell Committee has been formed in the Buffalo territory. For the information of New York which is origin and which did not receive Buffalo letter of 2/18/59, the latter letter advised that no information had been developed that the existing Syracuse, N.Y. Sobell Committee had been extended to Rochester or Buffalo, N.Y.

The Buffalo "Courier Express," a daily newspaper, in its Four Star edition of 2/16/59, on page 14, in the Letters to the Editor column, carried a letter over the name of "MARIAN M. BLACK, Erie County Committee to Secure Justice for Sobell," in which it was set forth that MORTON SOBELL may have been unjustly condemned and imprisoned. This letter mentioned that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL has been on a tour of the major cities to state her husband's case and it concludes, "I am confident the citizens of Buffalo will have an opportunity to hear the other side, to become acquainted, as we should, with both sides of the question."

on 2/17/59, [redacted] Buffalo Police Department (use T in this instance), advised SA WILLIAM J. CONROY, JR. that he had confidentially determined, through the Buffalo "Courier Express" that this letter signed MARIAN M. BLACK, bore the return address of 92 Busti Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. This is the residence of MARY BLACK who has been, until the very recent

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Albany (100-13260) (Info) (RM)
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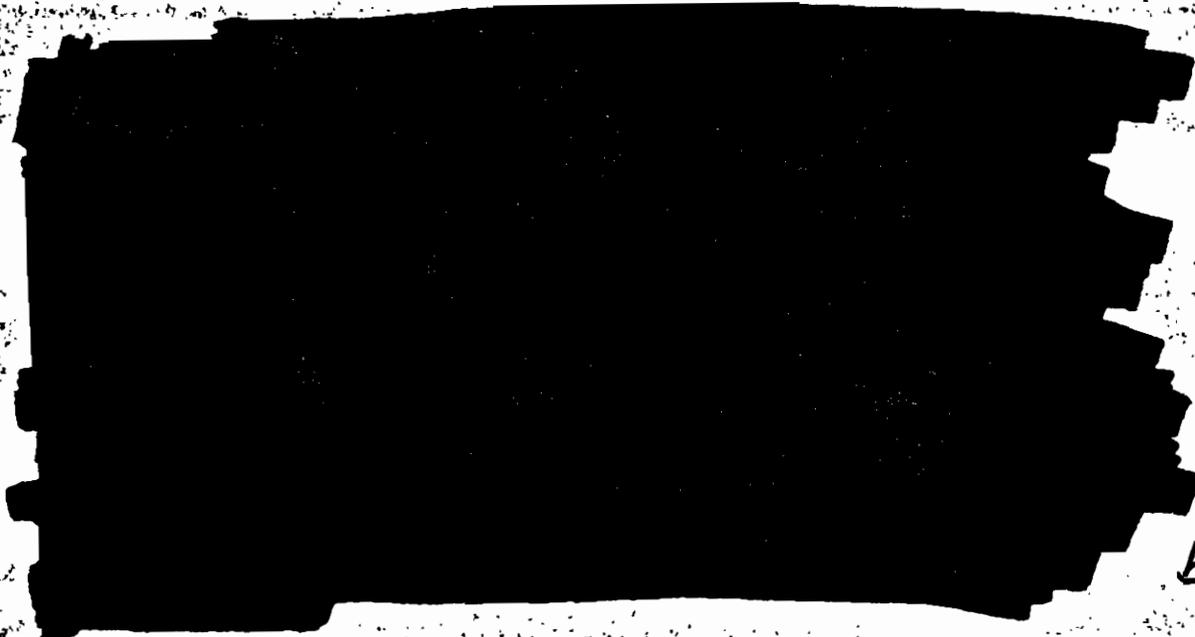
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resignation from the SWP of the entire Buffalo Branch, an active member of that group.



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It would appear, therefore, that the beginnings of a Sobell committee may exist in Buffalo and that it will be a Trotskyite and not a CP venture. As the Bureau is aware, the Buffalo Branch of the SWP has left the parent body and is now forming a minority Bolshevik-type Party, the name of which has not yet been selected. The founding national convention of this group will be held in Buffalo in the first week of April, 1959, and coverage of this affair may supply information as to the permanence of the interest of this Trotskyite splinter group in the SOBELL matter.

The Bureau and New York will be kept advised.

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