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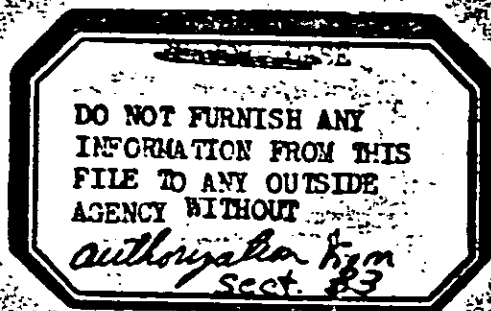
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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject interviewed 8/28/50. States he visited MORTON SOBELL'S home the night SOBELL left for Mexico City for the purpose of borrowing an electric drill. Admitted receiving letter, purely social in nature, from SOBELL in Mexico City. Denied seeing JULIUS ROSENBERG since college days. Denied being asked to or to have furnished information to SOBELL or ROSENBERG. Admits knowing JOEL BARR, STANLEY RICH, WILLIAM HUTTENBERG and MAX ELITCHER. Denied knowing ALFRED and LOUISE SILBERT, NENE and MIKE SIDOROVICH, VIVIAN GLASER, DAVID and RUTH GREENGLASS. Upon reinterview, subject admitted receiving two letters from MORTON SOBELL while SOBELL was in Mexico City and admitted possibility answering both letters. Subject maintained that all letters were social in nature. Denied membership in CP. Subject's wife, SYLVIA DANZIGER, interviewed 8/28/50. Admits membership in CP while residing in Los Angeles; however, claims her husband, WILLIAM DANZIGER, knows nothing about her actual membership. Denied being member of CP after returning to Washington, D. C. in 1945. Denied knowledge of any letter her husband received from MORTON SOBELL from Mexico City. Upon reinterview, SYLVIA DANZIGER admitted seeing a letter from SOBELL, which was written from Mexico City; however, claims letter was social in nature. MAX and HELENE ELITCHER both state WILLIAM and SYLVIA DANZIGER were members of the Navy Dept. cell of CP after their return to Washington, D. C. in 1945.

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DETAILS:

At about 10:10 A.M., August 28, 1950, SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN and the reporting agent contacted the subject, WILLIAM DANZIGER at the research laboratory of the ACADEMY ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS COMPANY, which is located at 5025 Broadway, New York City. DANZIGER was invited to the New York Office and exhibited a cooperative attitude, but requested that he be allowed to confer briefly with his boss, Mr. MORRIS EHRLICH, who was located at the main office of the ACADEMY ELECTRICAL COMPANY, 4849 Broadway, New York City.

After conferring with Mr. EHRLICH for a few moments, DANZIGER brought him over to the Bureau car and introduced him to interviewing agents as his uncle. Mr. EHRLICH told the agents that DANZIGER had told him that he was not in any trouble and that he, as an attorney, was advising DANZIGER to go to the office with the agents and to tell them everything they wished to know.

Background:

After arriving at the New York Office, DANZIGER was interviewed by the above mentioned agents. He stated that he had been graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1938 with a degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and in the fall of that year, he travelled to Washington, D. C., to accept a position with the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department. He remained at this position until August, 1941, when he left to accept a position as an electrical inspector with the New York City Fire Department. On January 1, 1942, he returned to duty with the Navy Department as an engineer at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York City. In April, 1943, he was transferred by the Navy to the U. S. Naval Drydocks Terminal, San Pedro, California. He was again transferred by the Navy to the Bureau of Ordnance, Washington, D. C. in May, 1945. He remained at this position until September, 1949, at which time he was separated as a security risk. Subsequent to his dismissal by the Navy Department, he operated a television sales and repair shop at 631 Kennedy Street, Washington, D. C. However, this business did not turn out well and in April, 1950, he came to New York City and accepted a position with the ACADEMY ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS COMPANY, 4849 Broadway. He stated when he returned from Washington, D. C., he resided for a short period of time with his mother-in-law, Mrs. EHRLICH.

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at 1777 Bryant Avenue, Bronx, New York. On May 8, 1950, DANZIGER moved into Apartment 3, 124 Featherbed Lane, New York 52, New York.

Information Concerning MORTON SOBELL

With reference to MORTON SOBELL, DANZIGER stated that he had attended high school with SOBELL and that SOBELL had been in his class at the College of the City of New York. They were both graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1938 with a degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. DANZIGER stated that he had been a friend of SOBELL during the eight years of high school and college, but when pressed for information concerning SOBELL'S political sympathies, activities or associates during those years, DANZIGER amended his original statement, saying that he was "an acquaintance" of SOBELL. DANZIGER stated that SOBELL had such a peculiar personality that he did not make many close friends; however, DANZIGER considered himself ~~to be more acquainted with~~ SOBELL than most other persons.

DANZIGER stated that in the fall of 1938, just before he went to Washington, D. C., he married SILVIA EHRLICH. In Washington, D. C. they moved in with a group of CCNY graduates, who were bachelors in a house which was located at 1316 Delafield Place, Washington, D. C. Some of the other members of this group that DANZIGER could recall were SIDNEY HERSCH (ph), MAX ELITCHER, EDDIE HELLMAN and MORTON SOBELL. DANZIGER advised that after a few weeks at this house, he and his wife located an apartment of their own and they moved. Thereafter their contacts with members of this group were very limited. However, DANZIGER said that he continued to see MAX ELITCHER and MORTON SOBELL at work at the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department. DANZIGER stated that his association with these persons was broken up in August, 1941, when he left Washington, D. C., to go to work in New York City and subsequently to California.

DANZIGER recalled that after his departure from Washington, D. C., in 1941, he may have received a casual communication from MORTON SOBELL, but stated he had no specific recollection of same. He stated that after his return to Washington, D. C. in 1945, MORTON SOBELL and his wife paid them a brief visit. DANZIGER recalled that the chief reason for the SOBELL trip to Washington at this time was to visit Mrs. SOBELL'S mother, who resided there. DANZIGER could not place the time of this visit any better than sometime between 1945 and 1949. He was unable to recall what was discussed; whether or not the SOBELLs were accompanied by their children; the time of day or the time of year when they visited; nor what sort of work or where SOBELL was living at that time.

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DANZIGER stated that after this visit, he did not see the SOBELLs again until the spring and summer of this year. DANZIGER recalled that he moved into his present apartment about May 8, 1950 and as best he could recall, he visited MORTON SOBELL with his wife one evening about two weeks after May 8, 1950. DANZIGER stated his visit at this time was purely social in nature; however, SOBELL mentioned to him that he was planning a vacation trip to Mexico. DANZIGER stated that SOBELL mentioned nothing more specific about the trip to Mexico, other than it was going to be a vacation. DANZIGER said that the rest of the visit was purely social in nature.

DANZIGER related that his last contact with MORTON SOBELL was a few weeks later, at which time it was necessary for him to borrow an electric drill from SOBELL. He stated he called SOBELL on the telephone and explained that he wanted to borrow the drill, at which time SOBELL told him to come over to the house and pick it up that very night. DANZIGER advised that when he arrived at SOBELL'S home, SOBELL was in the process of finishing packing for his trip to Mexico. At this time, SOBELL mentioned to DANZIGER that he thought his job was just about finished at the place where he was employed. DANZIGER explained this statement by mentioning that SOBELL had apparently been working on a special project and that it had just been completed and this therefore would be the logical time for him to take a vacation. SOBELL told DANZIGER that he was very tired and needed a vacation. Present in the home on this particular visit was SOBELL, his wife and children and his sister-in-law, whom DANZIGER recalled as EVE or ANN or some similar name.

It is to be pointed out that EDITH LEVITOV, SOBELL'S sister-in-law, has admitted to Bureau agents, that she has resided with the SOBELL family at Flushing, New York.

DANZIGER also stated that after he picked up the drill and visited with SOBELL for a short period of time, SOBELL packed his bags in his own automobile and told DANZIGER that he was leaving for Mexico City on that very night. DANZIGER definitely stated that SOBELL told him that his sister-in-law would bring the SOBELL car back to their home in Flushing after the SOBELLs had left for Mexico City. DANZIGER definitely stated that he saw SOBELL drive off with his wife, children and sister-in-law, apparently to the airport. At this time DANZIGER stated he drove back to his own home.

DANZIGER recalled that a short time after SOBELL'S departure for Mexico, he received an air mail, first class letter from SOBELL at his residence, 124 Featherbed Lane, Bronx, New York. DANZIGER stated this letter was purely social in content. He could recall only that SOBELL had.

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mentioned that he had a pleasant trip, despite the fact that it was necessary for him to hold his baby on his lap all the way down. The letter also stated that the SOBELLS were "having a good time" or "having a good rest" or words to that effect. DANZIGER could not recall just how the letter was signed. He presumed it was "MORT" or "MORTY" or something similar. He could not recall whether or not the letter had a return address. When asked if he still had this letter in his possession, DANZIGER stated it might be around the house.

Information Concerning JULIUS ROSENBERG

With reference to JULIUS ROSENBERG, DANZIGER stated he remembered him vaguely from school at the College of the City of New York, but stated that he had not seen or heard from ROSENBERG in any way since they had graduated in 1938. He was unable to supply any information concerning ROSENBERG'S political sympathies, associates or activities while at the College of the City of New York, or subsequent thereto.

DANZIGER emphatically stated that he had never been approached by ROSENBERG, SOBELL or any other person with any proposition that he should make available information of any kind, either for the Communist Party, for Russia or for any other principal. DANZIGER also denied that he had ever furnished any information concerning his work to anyone.

DANZIGER was also unable to recall whether or not he had participated in a study group which was formed just after graduation by a group of students in the class of 1938 to study for civil service examinations. He stated that he might have been in such a group, but he had no individual recollection of same.

Information Concerning Other Subjects

With reference to JOEL BARR, STANLEY RICH and WILLIAM BUTTER PERL, DANZIGER stated that he recalled them as classmates at the College of the City of New York, but that he had not seen or heard from them since their graduation in 1938. He tentatively identified pictures of these persons, stating that because of the lapse of time, he was not positively certain that they were the persons in the picture shown to him.

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DANZIGER was shown pictures and given the names of the following persons, and in each case, stated that he had never seen or heard of them:

ANNE and MIKE SIDOROVICH  
VIVIAN GLASMAN  
LOUISE and ALFRED SARANT  
DAVID and RUTH GREENGLASS  
ETHEL ROSENBERG

DANZIGER stated that he has known MAX ELITCHER since their college days at the College of the City of New York and stated that he has seen him on several occasions at work at the Bureau of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., after his return from California in 1945 and also that he and his wife had visited the DANZIGERS on a few occasions since 1945.

Membership in the Communist Party

DANZIGER stated he is not now and never has been a member of the Communist Party. He stated that he did not know whether or not MAX ELITCHER or MORTON SOBELL are or ever have been Communists, stating that he had no information on the subject. He stated that his wife was not now and never has been a member of the Communist Party under her true name or under the name of SYLVIA TUCKER. He stated that he was familiar with the name SYLVIA TUCKER only because the allegation had been made during the course of his Loyalty Hearing that his wife had used this name for her Communist Party membership.

At approximately 2:45 P.M., August 28, 1950, WILLIAM DANZIGER had a short interview with Assistant United States Attorney NILES LANE, at which time he was served with a subpoena, requiring him to testify on August 31, 1950, before the Federal Grand Jury. The subpoena was served by the U. S. Marshal in the anteroom of LANE'S office.

The interviewing agents then accompanied DANZIGER to his home. Upon his arrival at home, DANZIGER made a search for about five minutes and advised agents that apparently the letter had been thrown away. He refused to execute a waiver of search, stated that he had no material of any kind which would be pertinent to this investigation and he could not "see his way clear" to having a group of agents "ransack his home", especially in view of the fact that his wife was quite nervous. DANZIGER made available his Remington Five portable

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typewriter, serial number V927904, so that specimens could be taken.

The subject, WILLIAM DANZIGER, was reinterviewed on August 30, 1950 by SA ROBERT F. ROYAL and the reporting agent. Upon being confronted with information furnished by Mrs. SYLVIA DANZIGER to the effect that her husband had written to SOBELL in Mexico City, DANZIGER stated his memory had been refreshed and that he now recalled having written to MORTON SOBELL at a Mexico City address. However, the only part of the address he recalled is the word "Cord" or "Cordova". DANZIGER denied having the exact address in his possession. He also admitted possibly receiving two letters from SOBELL while SOBELL was in Mexico. DANZIGER again recalled in the first letter from SOBELL, his mentioning that he had had to carry his baby on his knee on the plane to Mexico City; that he had cheap living accommodations and something to the effect that SOBELL was at one address and possibly would be moving to another; however, mail could reach him at the "Cord" or "Cordova" address.

DANZIGER also admitted that he possibly answered both of SOBELL'S letters and that he had typed his answers on his own typewriter. The first letter DANZIGER received from SOBELL arrived in New York City about one week after SOBELL went to Mexico and DANZIGER states that he did not answer it too promptly. DANZIGER could not recall the contents of the second letter he received from SOBELL. He stated that the letters were purely social and personal in nature and he could recall nothing specific about them. He remembered that SOBELL did not ask him to do anything in these letters.

DANZIGER admitted that these letters are about the first he has received from MORTON SOBELL during their long association, dating back to high school days. He then explained that SOBELL might have felt an obligation to write in view of the fact that he was with SOBELL on the night SOBELL left for Mexico City.

DANZIGER advised that he considered contacting MORTON SOBELL'S attorney to see if there was anything he could do for SOBELL; however, he states he now has no desire to get involved in any of SOBELL'S troubles. DANZIGER stated he believes in SOBELL'S innocence; however, should SOBELL be found guilty, he would not want to have anything more to do with him.

Subject was again reinterviewed on August 31, 1950, by SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN and the reporting agent. DANZIGER could recall nothing more about the letters he received from SOBELL or those that he wrote to SOBELL in return. He also stated that he had searched again for the letters in question and apparently

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they had been thrown out, since he could not locate them any place in his home.

It is to be noted that MAX ELITCHER advised SAs JAMES T. O'BRIEN and VINCENT J. CAHILL that DANZIGER visited MORTON SOBELL in the fall of 1949 at SOBELL'S home in Flushing, New York, and that this visit took place after DANZIGER'S discharge from his position at the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., on loyalty grounds.

It is also to be pointed out that DANZIGER claimed that he had not visited with the SOBELL family from the time of the SOBELL'S visit to the DANZIGERS in Washington, D. C. until the spring and summer of this year.

When confronted with the fact that he (DANZIGER) and his family were observed visiting the SOBELL'S in the fall of 1949 in Flushing, New York, DANZIGER stated that his memory had now been refreshed and that he recalled he and his wife and family drove up from Washington in their new jeep station wagon to visit the SOBELL'S. DANZIGER stated that it was his recollection that this visit took place in July, 1949, since he was still employed at the Bureau of Naval Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

DANZIGER recalled that he had just purchased his jeep station wagon, license number Washington, D. C. license E5575 and he and his family drove up to New York City to show the car to the SOBELL'S. He said the primary purpose of this particular visit to New York City was to visit with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. EHRlich, 1777 Bryant Avenue and he thought that since they were in New York, they might just as well visit the SOBELL'S.

#### Interview of Mrs. SYLVIA DANZIGER

##### Background

Mrs. SYLVIA DANZIGER was interviewed by SAs ROBERT F. ROYAL and JOHN A. HUNISCH at her home, 124 Featherbed Lane, New York City, on August 28, 1950. She advised that she was born January 3, 1919 as SYLVIA EHRlich and resided at that time at 647 East 11th Street, New York City. In 1925, she moved to the 1500 block on Monterey Avenue, exact address unknown and in 1929, she moved to either 960 or 970 Tinton Avenue, New York City. In 1932, she moved with her family to 1105 Tinton Avenue, where she remained until November 27, 1938, on which date she married WILLIAM DANZIGER and they both left immediately for Washington, D. C.

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In Washington, D. C., they resided for six weeks, starting November 28, 1938 at 1316 Delafield Road and then for two weeks after that in the 1400 block of Columbia Road. In February, 1939, the DANZIGERS moved to 2517 K Street, N.W., remaining there until July, 1939. From July, 1939 until August, 1941, they resided at 2819 S Street, S.E. and from then until March or April, 1943, they resided at 304 East 178th Street, New York City.

Thereafter, the DANZIGERS went to California and resided for one month at 905 Sennate Drive, a home development at San Pedro, California. They then moved to a house at 2270 Belmont Street, Long Beach, California, where they remained until April, 1945. After her husband, WILLIAM DANZIGER, was transferred from San Pedro, California, to the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Mrs. DANZIGER stated she returned east and stayed for two weeks with her mother in New York City, while her husband looked for an apartment in Washington, D. C.

Thereafter, they lived at 4342 Halley Terrace, S.E., Washington, D. C. until July, 1946 and at 1909 19th Street, N.W., until April 7, 1949. They then moved to 5501 7th Street, N.W. on the ground floor of which building they operated the radio and appliance store, which faced on Kennedy Street, with the address of 631 Kennedy Street.

In March, 1950, WILLIAM DANZIGER came to New York to find employment and living quarters and stayed with Mrs. DANZIGER'S mother. Mrs. DANZIGER remained in Washington selling the appliance shop and came to New York City on May 8, 1950. Mrs. DANZIGER stated as best she could recall, they moved to their present address at 124 Featherbed Lane, Bronx, New York, on about May 15, 1950. She stated she has two children, a daughter, FERN JLENE DANZIGER, born November 15, 1943 in Los Angeles, California and a son, GEORGE DANZIGER, born October 25, 1946. Mrs. DANZIGER indicated her relatives as follows:

Father

MAX EHRLICH, age 55, born in Russia, city unknown; arrived in the U. S. when about 8 years old.

Mother

IDA TUCKER EHRLICH, age 52, born in Russia, city unknown; arrived in the U. S. when about 12 years old.

Both her parents presently reside at 1777 Bryant Avenue, Bronx, New York, and they were both naturalized through their respective fathers' naturalizations. Mrs. DANZIGER stated her grandfather's name was ELIA EHRLICH.

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Besides her parents, she has a brother, IRVING ERLICH, who spells his last name differently from the rest of the family and who also resides at 1777 Bryant Avenue. She has a sister, FLORENCE ERLICH, also residing at 1777 Bryant Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Information Concerning MORTON SOBELL

Mrs. SYLVIA DANZIGER advised that she knew MORTON SOBELL, who was a classmate of her husband at the College of the City of New York in 1938. She stated that her husband and MORTON SOBELL went to Washington after graduation at about the same time to work for the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department. She stated that since MORTON SOBELL was single during this time, she and her husband did not have too much in common with him. She mentioned that occasionally both MORTON SOBELL and MAX ELITCHER, during 1939, would have Sunday morning breakfast with them. However, she stated that they did not associate too closely.

Mrs. DANZIGER recalled having MORTON SOBELL to dinner in New York City once between 1941 and 1943 and thereafter when they again lived in Washington, she saw MORTON SOBELL'S wife, HELEN SOBELL about five or six times. The last time she personally saw the SOBELL'S was in late June, 1950, after she and her husband moved to New York City. She later changed this time of her meeting to early June, 1950.

On this occasion, Mrs. DANZIGER advised that she suggested to her husband that now that they were in New York City, they should take time out to renew their friendship and accordingly they visited the SOBELL'S in Flushing, New York. She stated she was particularly interested in getting a plant from Mrs. SOBELL, who makes a hobby of raising flowers. On this visit, MORTON SOBELL reportedly stated he was getting tired of living in New York and wanted to go away, suggesting that possibly the west coast would suit him. Mrs. DANZIGER recalled she tried to dissuade him from going to California. She vaguely recalled that SOBELL took her husband out to his garage to show him his tools and workshop. She related that SOBELL'S sister-in-law was present in the house at that time; however, she had locked herself in her room during the time of their visit.

On this initial interview of Mrs. SYLVIA DANZIGER, she stated to interviewing agents that she was not aware SOBELL had written to her husband from "Mexico."



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Information Concerning Other Subjects

Mrs. DANZIGER stated she did not know JULIUS ROSENBERG, had never seen him and had never even heard his name mentioned, either by her husband or anyone else until the time the newspaper publicity revealed his arrest. She was questioned several times about this and always gave the same answer. She was unable to identify his photograph.

Mrs. DANZIGER likewise did not know and had never heard of Mrs. JULIUS ROSENBERG. She advised she did not know ALFRED and LOUISE SARANT, JOEL BARR, DAVID and RUTH GREENGLASS, MIKE SIDOROVICH, ANNE SIDOROVICH, STEVE JAVIN and RUSSELL McNUTT.

Mrs. DANZIGER advised that she knew MAX ELITCHER, who was a classmate of her husband at the College of the City of New York. She stated that both her husband, WILLIAM DANZIGER and MAX ELITCHER went to Washington, D. C., together on November 1, 1938 after they were graduated from the College of the City of New York. She stated her husband returned to New York City and they were married on November 27, 1938 and both she and her husband then went back to Washington. Mrs. DANZIGER stated that period in 1939, the only time she saw MAX ELITCHER was when she and her husband would have him over with MORTON SOBELL for a Sunday morning breakfast. She explained that since they were married and both ELITCHER and MORTON SOBELL single, they did not have too much in common and had separate interests and friends.

Mrs. DANZIGER further stated that both she and her husband saw MAX ELITCHER in New York City on several occasions between 1941 and 1943, at which time the DANZIGERS moved to the west coast. While in California, they received a few letters from and sent a few letters to MAX ELITCHER.

Upon their return east, the DANZIGERS again saw MAX ELITCHER and for the first time met his wife. Mrs. DANZIGER advised that Mrs. ELITCHER has a dominating and superior personality, which resulted in Mrs. DANZIGER feeling very inferior in her presence. For this reason, Mrs. DANZIGER stated that the friendship between ELITCHER and DANZIGER cooled. The last time Mrs. DANZIGER saw the ELITCHERS was before they left Washington, D. C. late in 1948.

Mrs. DANZIGER also advised that she knew WILLIAM MUTTERPERL, a classmate of her husband at the College of the City of New York. She stated that she only recalls that he was a poor boy, who did not even have a decent suit to wear. She advised that she has not seen MUTTERPERL since before his graduation from the College of the City of New York in 1938 and did not know that he had

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changed his name to PERL.

Mrs. DANZIGER also advised that she was acquainted with STANLEY RICH, a classmate of WILLIAM DANZIGER at the College of the City of New York. When she and her husband first went to Washington, they lived in a house for a few months in which STANLEY RICH resided. She stated she has not seen him since that time.

Reinterview of Mrs. SYLVIA DANZIGER

SYLVIA DANZIGER was reinterviewed by SAs ROBERT F. ROYAL and JOHN A. HANISCH at her home, 124 Featherbed Lane, Bronx, New York, on August 29, 1950.

Mrs. DANZIGER advised that her memory had been refreshed and she now recalled that her husband had received a letter from HORTON SOBELL from Mexico City. She advised she was unable to recall whether she had read the letter herself or whether her husband had read it to her; however, she related later that she must have read it herself, since she recalled that the letter was handwritten and signed "HORTY". Moreover, she advised that it was written on regular size white bond paper. Mrs. SOBELL recalled to the best of her knowledge that SOBELL in the letter mentioned that he had gone to Mexico on a vacation; that he and his family flew down; and that they had a furnished apartment with maid service for \$7.00 per week. She also stated that the letter mentioned that their child, "PIPS", had been ill on the plane trip to Mexico. Mrs. DANZIGER'S recollection was that the letter was rather short and written on one side of the sheet only. She did not see the envelope and did not personally get the letter from the mailbox. She stated that the letter did not request either herself or her husband to do anything for SOBELL.

Mrs. DANZIGER then related that on the morning of August 29, 1950, both she and her husband, WILLIAM DANZIGER went to her uncle, MORRIS EHRLICH who is an attorney and who is also her husband's employer. While there her husband told her uncle that he had answered this letter from SOBELL, but she stated she did not know what he had written in his reply. Since he had not previously told her about answering this letter and since the morning visit to her uncle, she had no chance to discuss this matter further with her husband.

In the course of the second interview, she also recalled that her husband had visited SOBELL the night SOBELL left for Mexico. In this connection, she advised that her husband wanted to put turnbuckles on their bed and in order

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to do this he needed a drill. Mrs. DANZIGER stated that her husband recalled that on his last visit early in June, 1950, to SOBELL, he had seen the type of drill he needed among SOBELL'S tools and so had called him. Upon her husband's return that night, he had told her that the SOBELL'S were leaving that evening for Mexico on a vacation and both of them generally discussed thereafter how nice it was that SOBELL could go to Mexico on his vacation.

#### Communist Party Affiliation

In furnishing additional background information during the second interview, Mrs. DANZIGER related that she was graduated from Morris High School in 1936 and then attended Hunter College in 1936 for two and one-half years, after which she went to Washington, D.C. She returned to Hunter College in 1942 and majored in Biology. While in Washington, D. C., in 1939, she attended one semester at Wilson Teachers College and then took six credits in 1940 at George Washington University. During this time, she was also employed in Washington by the HECHT COMPANY.

Mrs. DANZIGER stated that while she went to Hunter College, she attended several meetings sponsored by the students, which meetings were either conducted by the American Students Union or the Young Communist League. She was unable to recall which group it was or whether she attended meetings of both groups. She placed this activity about 1937.

It should be noted that the Young Communist League is an organization designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of executive order 9835.

In a report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities dated January 3, 1939, Page 80, the American Student Union was cited as a Communist Front which was "the result of a United Front gathering of Young Socialists and Communists" in 1937. The Young Communist League took credit for the creation of the American Student Union and the union offered free trips to Russia. The American Student Union was also cited as a Communist Front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in reports dated January 3, 1940; June 25, 1942, Page 16; and March 29, 1944, Page 159. The American Students Union was cited as subversive and Un-American by the Special Sub-committee of the House Committee on Appropriations in a report dated April 21, 1943, Page 3.

Mrs. DANZIGER advised that both her husband, WILLIAM DANZIGER, whom she was dating at this time and her parents disapproved of her actions and tried to persuade her not to become involved with these extra-curricular activities. In fact, her parents threatened to take her out of college if she continued. Thereafter, she attended a few of these

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meetings but did not become further involved. Since she was seeing her husband regularly, she did not have the time to engage in these campus groups.

By way of explanation, Mrs. DANZIGER stated that at that time economic conditions were very bad and these groups appeared to have a positive progressive program, which appeared to have considerable merit. She stated she was always a shy, retiring girl, with an inferiority complex and she felt by attending these meetings, she had the feeling of having friends and belonging to something worthwhile.

Mrs. DANZIGER also advised that she attended a few meetings sponsored by the American Students Union, while attending Wilson Teachers College in Washington, D.C. in 1939. She also advised that while in Washington, both she and her husband belonged to the Consumers Union and they both attended at least one meeting of the American Peace Mobilization, held at the National Press Club. She stated that possibly she attended a few more of these meetings of the American Peace Mobilization, but she could not recall whether she or her husband ever became members of this organization.

It should be noted that the American Peace Mobilization is an organization designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of executive order 9835.

It should also be noted that the Consumers Union was cited as being under Communist control, influenced by or in collaboration with the Communist Party, by the Committee for Cultural Freedom, Professor JOHN DEWEY Chairman, April, 1940. The Consumers Union was also cited as "subversive and Un-American" by the Special Committee of the House Committee on Appropriations report dated April 21, 1943, Page 3. The Consumers Union was also cited as a Communist Front organization by the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Council before the Reviewing Board of the Philadelphia County Board of Assistance, January, 1942. The Consumers Union was also cited as a Communist Front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated 1943, Pg. 102.

In response to the question "Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?", Mrs. DANZIGER asked, "Do I have to answer this question?". She was advised that she did not have to answer. After hesitating, Mrs. DANZIGER stated that she might as well answer the question but pleaded that her Communist Party affiliation be kept from her husband as he did not know she actually had been a member of the Communist Party.

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Mrs. DANZIGER went on to say that she knows her husband lost his job at the Navy Department because of her membership in the Communist Party and she said this fact has been on her conscience. She advised she has been extremely sorry for her actions. Mrs. DANZIGER advised that when she moved to California, she was extremely resentful and was not in favor of moving there; however, her husband wanted to go to California and so they went. She stated in the first place she did not want to leave her friends and relatives in the east and secondly, she did not get along too well with the people in California. As a result, she became emotionally upset and it was necessary in 1946, in Washington, D. C., to visit a psychiatrist by the name of DOUGLAS KNOWLAND. She stated that because of the move to California, she felt that her husband was primarily responsible and she therefore wanted to do something to hurt him and accordingly joined the Communist Party.

Mrs. DANZIGER advised that her actual joining of the Communist Party came about as follows:

~~On one occasion~~ in Long Beach, California, she stopped at a bookshop to purchase a child's book as a present and while there, she became engaged in a conversation with the woman in charge of the shop. She was unable to recall the name or address of the bookshop or the name of the saleswoman. She was only able to describe her as a "big blonde". During the course of the conversation, this woman persuaded her to attend a Communist Party meeting held at the Odd Fellows Hall.

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A few days later, she again visited the same bookshop to buy her husband a technical book and this same woman, at this time persuaded her to join the Communist Party. Mrs. DANZIGER stated she then signed the membership card at at this time used her mother's maiden name of TUCKER, as her last name. After she got home, she felt sorry for her actions and a day or two later, called the woman at the bookshop and requested that her name be withdrawn from the Communist Party, since she feared her husband's anger if he found out about it.

Mrs. DANZIGER denied ever having received any Communist Party newspapers or periodical, stating that she could not receive this material in her home as her husband would then know about her Communist Party affiliation. She denied ever having been a Communist Party member in New York City or Washington, D.C., or having her Communist Party membership transferred from New York City to California. She was also unable to recall ever paying dues to the Communist Party.

Mrs. DANZIGER denied being a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action or ever acting as a cashier for the American Youth Congress.

With reference to her husband, SELVIA DANZIGER advised that WILLIAM DANZIGER was extremely social minded in the sense that he favored the working man, but that he is not now and never has been a Communist. In view of this, theory favoring the working man, he joined the United Public Workers Union in Washington, D. C. As a result of her husband's activities in the United Public Workers Union, Mrs. DANZIGER stated she became interested in the women's auxiliary of the United Public Workers and played a leading part in the establishment of an inter-racial nursery school. She stated she was extremely enthused over this project and it was the first time she had actively been one of the founders and one of the moving forces on a certain matter.

Mrs. DANZIGER denied also that her husband had ever made any statement praising the Russian form of government or comparing that government favorably with the government of the United States. She stated that she and her husband might have spoken favorably of Russia's war effort and economic program.

In conclusion, she stated that she was certain that her husband, WILLIAM DANZIGER was not a Communist and was not connected in any espionage matter with SOBELL, ROSENBERG or anyone else. She also stated that she was certain her husband could not possibly be connected with the Communist Party or with any espionage group and that if he were involved in an espionage matter, she

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would leave him in a moment.

Reinterview of MAX and HELENE ELITCHER

On September 7, 1950, Mrs. HELENE ELITCHER was reinterviewed at her home, 164-18 72nd Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, by SA VINCENT J. CASHILL and the reporting agent.

Mrs. ELITCHER, when previously interviewed on July 20, 1950 by SAs ROBERT F. ROYAL and EDWARD F. MCCARTHY, recalled that in the summer of 1943 or 1944 and possibly during the month of July, she, with her husband, MAX, came to New York City for a weekend visit. She recalled that she had dinner with JULIUS ROSENBERG, JOEL BARR, Mrs. RUTH ALSCHER and possibly one or two others. The whole party dined at the BIRD-IN-HAND RESTAURANT at 1659 Broadway, New York City. On this occasion, JOEL BARR was introduced to MAX and HELENE ELITCHER as a friend of ROSENBERG.

Mrs. ELITCHER recalled that after dinner, the whole party went via subway to JOEL BARR'S parents' home, 241 West 97th Street, New York City, and then after taking Mrs. RUTH ALSCHER home to 1445 Madison Avenue, the party proceeded to the apartment of AL SARANT in Greenwich Village. Mrs. ELITCHER vaguely recalled during this initial interview that possibly WILLIAM and SYLVIA DANZIGER were present during the dinner at the BIRD-IN-HAND RESTAURANT.

Regarding the above, Mrs. ELITCHER stated when reinterviewed on September 7, 1950 that she had devoted considerable thought to this particular meeting with ROSENBERG and she is now quite certain that WILLIAM and SYLVIA DANZIGER were not present at this meeting. She stated that the other couple she had in mind, as possibly being the DANZIGERS, were MORTON and HELEN SOBELL. She also advised that after devoting considerable thought to the subject, she could very positively state that WILLIAM and SYLVIA DANZIGER were never present when she and her husband met with JULIUS ROSENBERG.

Regarding her Communist Party affiliations, HELENE ELITCHER stated she had been a member of the Communist Party from approximately the end of 1943 or shortly after her marriage, up until the time she departed from Washington, with her husband to New York City. She stated that prior to her marriage, she had not been a member of the Communist Party, nor had she been active in union activities. Shortly after her marriage she joined the Communist

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Party and was placed in the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party, in which her husband was also a member.

Mrs. ELITCHER stated that she was active in the Navy Department cell up until April, 1946, when she took maternity leave of absence from the OPA, where she was then employed. Her first child, KAREN, was born during May, 1946, and she did not return to work until January, 1947. During this period she did not resume her Communist Party activities in the Navy Department cell. She worked again for the OPA from January to March, 1947, at which time the activities of the OPA were practically dissolved and she was dismissed from her position. During this period from January to March, 1947, HELENE ELITCHER stated that she possibly attended one or two meetings of the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party, but she was not sure. At any rate, she recalled that it was either during this period from January to March, 1947 that she was transferred to a housewives cell of the Communist Party, which cell appeared to be set up on the basis of location of residence in Washington, D. C.

Regarding the Navy Department cell, HELENE ELITCHER advised that at the meetings she attended, there were generally six to eight people present on each occasion, which comprised the cell. She stated that normally meetings of the cell were held every two weeks and that each meeting of the cell was held at a different home. She added that members of the cell held meetings in their homes and rotated in order. At each meeting, dues was collected from each member and was turned over to the chairman. She advised the amount of dues collected was principally based on the amount of money being earned by the person. She stated that the chairman of the cell usually retained that position for a period of from six months to a year, at which time an election was held and another member of the cell generally became chairman. HELENE ELITCHER was unable to recall any of the individuals who had held the position of chairman over her particular cell.

The money collected during the meetings for dues payments, which were turned over to the chairman, were in turn given by the chairman to an individual from outside the cell, who was in contact with the Communist Party. HELENE ELITCHER intimated that the identity of this so-called contact was known only to the acting chairman at that time.

Mrs. ELITCHER hesitated to name the other members of the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party, stating she preferred her husband, MAX, to tell since MAX was in the Navy Department cell for a much longer period of time



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than she was. However, she did state that WILLIAM and SYLVIA DANZIGER were definitely members of the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party. She recalled that WILLIAM and SYLVIA DANZIGER attended several meetings of the Navy Department cell at which meetings she and her husband were also present. Mrs. ELITCHER remembered that her husband, MAX, attended meetings at the home of WILLIAM and SYLVIA DANZIGER at the southeast address in Washington, D. C., that the DANZIGERS resided in shortly after their return from the west coast. Mrs. ELITCHER could not recall the exact address.

With regard to the DANZIGERS association with the Navy Department cell, Mrs. ELITCHER stated that her knowledge of their attendance at the cell meetings was limited to the period between the end of 1943 and April, 1946. She advised that after this time, she was not sure whether she had attended any meetings of the Navy Department cell and was not sure whether SYLVIA DANZIGER was a member of the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party after April, 1946. Mrs. ELITCHER further stated it was her recollection that sometime after April, 1946, SYLVIA DANZIGER was also transferred from the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party to a ~~subversives~~ cell of the Communist Party in another section of Washington. Mrs. ELITCHER stated, however, that her knowledge of SYLVIA DANZIGER'S participation in Communist Party cell meetings was limited to the Navy Department cell.

Mrs. ELITCHER also pointed out that there could be actually no doubt in the mind of any of the members of the cell as to the nature of the organization they belonged to. She said that it was very unlikely that any of the cell members would not know that they belonged to a unit of the Communist Party. She also indicated that it was not at all likely they could confuse such cell meetings with union meetings.

Mrs. ELITCHER recalled in addition to the DANZIGERS that LEE and ESTHER SUROVELL, PAULINE GOLDMAN and MARK HARRIS were members of the Navy Department cell at the time she was attending meetings of the same cell.

Mrs. ELITCHER pointed out that WILLIAM and SYLVIA DANZIGER returned to Washington from the west coast during the summer or early fall of 1945. Shortly after their return, they became members of the Navy Department cell and attended meetings. She stated that she could only account for their activities in the Navy Department cell from that time until about April, 1946.

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Mrs. ELITCHER, when questioned regarding the DANZIGERS using the mailing address of the ELITCHERS after the DANZIGERS returned from the west coast, explained that the DANZIGERS had never lived with the ELITCHERS in Washington, but they had used their (ELITCHER) address for the purpose of receiving mail while the DANZIGERS were enroute from the west coast.

Mrs. ELITCHER vaguely recalled that the DANZIGERS used their address for receiving mail for about six weeks. She stated that WILLIAM DANZIGER had written to her husband asking his permission to use his address to receive mail just until the DANZIGERS were able to get an address and settled in Washington.

Regarding their relationship with the DANZIGERS, Mrs. ELITCHER explained that they were very friendly for a period of about six months after the DANZIGERS returned from the west coast. She added that this relationship took the form of a number of social visits and also an exchange of dinners between the two families. Due to personality differences between her and Mrs. DANZIGER, Mrs. ELITCHER explained that gradually their friendship became strained, until finally she and Mrs. DANZIGER had an argument. Mrs. ELITCHER stated that actually there was nothing to the argument; however, it served to just about sever their friendship completely.

Mrs. ELITCHER also advised that both she and Mrs. DANZIGER were extremely active in the women's auxiliary of the United Federal Workers, CIO. She explained that after the DANZIGERS and ELITCHERS ceased their close friendship, she often saw Mrs. DANZIGER at the various meetings of the women's auxiliary of the United Federal Workers, CIO.

MAX ELITCHER was reinterviewed at the New York Office on September 7, 1950 by SA VINCENT J. C. HILL and the reporting agent. MAX ELITCHER stated that WILLIAM DANZIGER joined the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party shortly after his return from the West coast in 1945. ELITCHER stated that DANZIGER probably got into the Navy Department cell on his (ELITCHER'S) recommendation. ELITCHER said he was not positive of this fact; however, he thought that this was how DANZIGER was admitted to the Navy Department cell.

ELITCHER stated the procedure with the cell for admitting a new member would be for one of the present members of the cell to recommend a new individual and then the entire cell would vote whether or not this individual would be admitted. Along with this vote, the individual's name would be submitted through the chairman's contact to the Communist Party for clearance by the Communist Party.

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ELITCHER stated he vaguely recalled that DANZIGER may have asked him to get him into ELITCHER'S group. He stated that he had knowledge, probably from MORTON SOBELL, that WILLIAM DANZIGER had formerly been a member of the Communist Party before he left Washington in 1941. He further stated it would be necessary for him to have mentioned this fact, that of DANZIGER'S prior membership, in order for him to be admitted to the Navy Department cell.

ELITCHER recalled that DANZIGER joined the cell probably about six months after DANZIGER returned from the west coast in May, 1945. ELITCHER definitely recalled attending meetings of the Communist Party Navy Department cell at the home of WILLIAM DANZIGER at the southeast address and also at DANZIGER'S subsequent home, which was located in the northwest section of Washington. When the addresses 1342 Halley Terrace, S.E., Washington, D. C. and 1909 19th Street, N.W., Washington, were suggested to him, ELITCHER definitely stated that these were the addresses of DANZIGER where the Navy Department cell meetings were held and at which he was in attendance. ELITCHER was not sure whether or not DANZIGER'S wife was ever present at these meetings.

With regard to SYLVIA DANZIGER, ELITCHER telephonically advised SA VINCENT J. CHILL on September 8, 1950 that, after discussing the matter with his wife, he had recalled that the name of SYLVIA DANZIGER had been submitted by him to the other members of the Navy Department cell, with a statement by him to the effect that he knew she had been engaged in a similar activity before. ELITCHER stated that her name was submitted by the chairman subsequently for clearance and that the clearance was eventually obtained, although there was some delay in obtaining it. He attributed this delay to the possibility that it could not be determined whether she was to be accepted as a member of the Navy Department cell or whether she should be placed in another group, inasmuch as she was a housewife at the time of her return from the west coast.

ELITCHER stated that he had attended at least two meetings at DANZIGER'S home and possibly more. He advised that present at the meetings in DANZIGER'S home were PAULINE GOLDMAN, MARK HARRIS, ABE SUROVELL and IRA KLAFTER. In addition to the foregoing, ELITCHER stated that BEN MESHER, MARY CRIER and JEANNETTE KAPLAN were also members of the Navy Department cell of the [REDACTED] Party and he advised that all of the foregoing, with the possible exception of KAPLAN and MESHER were in attendance at the cell meetings at which DANZIGER was present. (b)(7)(c)

ELITCHER stated that he did not attend any meetings of the Navy Department cell after the spring or early summer of 1948, but informed the chairman of the cell, ABE SUROVELL that he was moving to New York and was ceasing his Communist

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Party activities. He added that he requested SUROVELL to tell DANZIGER that he was dropping out of the cell and was going to New York.

MAX ELITCHER advised that ABE SUROVELL had come into the Navy Department cell of the [REDACTED] Party possibly in 1942 or 1943 and had terminated his activities when he was inducted into military service. ELITCHER stated that upon being discharged from the service, he again resumed his [REDACTED] Party activities within the Navy Department cell. He also indicated that SUROVELL was chairman of the Navy Department cell at the time he left for New York City. (b)(7)(C)

ELITCHER recalled that ESTHER SUROVELL had also been in the Navy Department cell, but was not active in the cell at the time ELITCHER left to come to New York. ELITCHER advised that ESTHER SUROVELL had been active in the cell at an earlier date and had known WILLIAM DANZIGER.

Regarding PAULINE GOLDMAN, ELITCHER stated that she was active in the Navy Department cell at the time he left for New York in 1948. He said he believed that GOLDMAN had come into this particular cell in about 1945, or possibly a little bit later and had been in the cell for approximately two years as an active member of the [REDACTED] Party.

Regarding MARK HARRIS, ELITCHER stated that HARRIS was an active member of the Navy Department cell at the time he left for New York City. He indicated further that HARRIS had been active in the cell as a [REDACTED] Party member for at least two years. (b)(7)(C)

Regarding IRA KLAFTER, ELITCHER stated that KLAFTER was an active member of the Navy Department cell at the time ELITCHER left for New York. He further pointed out that KLAFTER had been active in the cell for about one year or possibly a little longer, up until the time of ELITCHER'S departure.

Regarding MARY GRIER, ELITCHER advised that GRIER had left the Navy Department cell of the [REDACTED] Party about one year before ELITCHER left for New York. He stated, however, that she had been active in that particular cell for about two years prior to that time. ELITCHER stated that he believed that GRIER might possibly have left the cell due to a loyalty investigation of her background. (b)(7)(C)

Regarding JEANNETTE KAPLAN, ELITCHER stated that she had been active in the Navy Department cell for at least one year, but had terminated her association with that cell at the time she left the Navy Department. He stated

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that there was a possibility that KAPLAN would not know DANZIGER, since she may have dropped out of this cell prior to the time DANZIGER returned to Washington, D. C.

Regarding SAM MESHER, ELITCHER stated that MESHER had been active in the Navy Department cell of the [REDACTED] Party for at least a couple of years, but stated he had stopped all activity within the cell about one year before ELITCHER departed for New York. ELITCHER recalled that MESHER was attending school while working and may not have had time for [REDACTED] Party activities. He stated that MESHER seemed to just drift away from Party activities. (b)(7)(c)

On September 13, 1950, Assistant United States Attorney LYLES LANE, Southern District of New York, advised that he was issuing a subpoena for SYLVIA DANZIGER, returnable before the Federal Grand Jury, 10:30 A.M., September 20, 1950. LANE also advised that he desires that Mrs. HELENE ELITCHER, wife of MAX ELITCHER, voluntarily appear before the Federal Grand Jury on the same date.

Reinterview of WILLIAM DANZIGER on September 14, 1950

As has been previously set forth, WILLIAM DANZIGER visited the home of MORTON SOBELL, the night SOBELL left for Mexico City for the purpose of borrowing an electric drill.

WILLIAM DANZIGER on September 14, 1950 was reinterviewed at his home, 124 Featherbed Lane, Bronx, by SA ROBERT F. ROYAL and the reporting agent, at which time DANZIGER exhibited the electric drill he borrowed from SOBELL. The drill was a small pistol type electric drill, serial number 236-171, model 153, Mall Drill, size 5/16"; 115 AC or DC volts; 1.5 amperes and 800 RPM. Inscribed on the drill was the name Mall Tool Company, Chicago, Illinois.

HARRY BELOCK, General Manager, REEVES INSTRUMENT COMPANY, previously advised that MORTON SOBELL owned a Leica camera, with a telephoto lens for close-up work. He further advised that MORTON SOBELL had advised him that he had a laboratory in the basement of his home.

DANZIGER was questioned as to whether he had ever visited the photo laboratory in the basement of SOBELL'S home. DANZIGER vaguely recalled being shown through SOBELL'S home when he came up from Washington in July, 1949, to

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visit with the SOBELLs. He also recalled the last time he saw SOBELL that he visited the basement of SOBELL'S home in order to pick up the electric drill. DUNZIGER stated that SOBELL did not have any kind of a laboratory set up in the basement of his home and he vaguely recalled seeing only an old work bench in a very disorderly condition in the basement. DUNZIGER stated this work bench contained a number of tools, including the electric drill that he was going to borrow.

DUNZIGER denied ever being shown a camera by HORTON SOBELL and he could not furnish any information as to the type of camera SOBELL owned. He recalled seeing some pictures that SOBELL had taken and he also remembered that SOBELL told him that the pictures were blown up from 35 mm. film. DUNZIGER was of the opinion that possibly SOBELL had a Leica camera; however, he was not positive. He stated he had the impression that SOBELL had some developing and printing equipment and an enlarger in his home, although he, himself, has never seen this equipment.

When questioned as to the possibility of SOBELL having a dark room set up in his home, DUNZIGER stated that it is not necessary to have a dark room specifically set up to develop film, since all it takes is just a dark space and a small water supply. He denied again seeing any dark room in SOBELL'S home or anything used by SOBELL to develop pictures.

Regarding the pictures mentioned above that SOBELL showed him, DUNZIGER stated they were pictures of SOBELL'S family. He denied seeing any photographs of any technical matter.

P E N D I N G

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

During the initial interview of WILLIAM DANZIGER on September 28, 1950, it was the observation of interviewing agents that DANZIGER was purposely vague and extremely evasive. It was noted that he volunteered no information and although he talks incessantly about general matters, he does not talk concerning pertinent matters.

DANZIGER observed during this initial interview that he believed SOBELL to be innocent, stating that he based this on his knowledge of SOBELL. Then confronted with his previous remarks that he was only an acquaintance of SOBELL and when it was pointed out to him in spite of his belief that SOBELL was innocent, he had made no effort to either help SOBELL or his wife, he relapsed to the statement that he really did not know SOBELL very well and could be considered only an acquaintance of his.

It is to be pointed out that when WILLIAM DANZIGER was initially interviewed on August 28, 1950, by SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN and the reporting agent, he was asked if he had known ABE SUROVELL and PAULINE GOLDMAN. DANZIGER stated that he had known ABE SUROVELL and PAULINE GOLDMAN but had no information as to whether or not they were [REDACTED] Party members. (b)(7)(C)

DANZIGER at the time made the comment that he detected "a pattern" in the names of the persons whose names were being mentioned to him. When requested to elaborate on this statement, he stated that all of these persons had been very active in the unions in Washington, D.C., either the United Public Workers or the Federal Workers of America. DANZIGER was not clear as to the name of the union to which he said he belonged.

During subsequent interviews of WILLIAM DANZIGER, it was the observation of interviewing agents that DANZIGER was still vague, evasive and appeared to hedge when asked anything specific.

During the interview of Mrs. SYLVIA DANZIGER, when she was explaining why she happened to join the Communist Party, she made the statement that she was a shy, retiring girl, with an inferiority complex and was constantly aware of the fact that "she was and looked Jewish". She then stated by attending meetings, she had the feeling of having friends and belonging to something worthwhile.

Also during the interview of Mrs. SYLVIA DANZIGER, she mentioned that she disliked California intensely because their acquaintances in California were all Gentiles and "these acquaintances constantly made remarks about her Jewish race, which irritated her and made her feel very badly".

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Physical Surveillances of WILLIAM DANZIGER

A full-time physical surveillance of WILLIAM DANZIGER was conducted by agents of the New York Office from August 17 to August 20, 1950.

A spot-check surveillance of WILLIAM DANZIGER was conducted by agents of the New York Office from August 21 to August 25, 1950.

A full-time physical surveillance was conducted on WILLIAM DANZIGER from August 26, 1950 to September 1, 1950 by agents of the New York Office.

The surveillances on the subject failed to reflect any contacts pertinent to this investigation, with the exception of the instance reported below:

Mr. J. J. RYAN, partner in the J. J. TYPEWRITER SERVICE STORE, 500 West 207th Street, New York City, was subsequently interviewed on August 21, 1950, at which time he advised that WILLIAM DANZIGER, giving his address as the ACADENT ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS COMPANY, 4849 Broadway, New York City, purchased a second-hand typewriter on April 27, 1950. Mr. RYAN further advised that the typewriter was a Remington portable, model 5, Pica, serial number V927904. Mr. RYAN stated the typewriter, when purchased, was in very good shape and needed no repairs or alterations, other than a cleaning, which was done before the typewriter was turned over to WILLIAM DANZIGER. Mr. RYAN advised the former owner of the typewriter was GEORGE HENRY SCHELLER, 531 West 211th Street, Apartment 32B, New York City, and the typewriter was purchased from Mr. SCHELLER on April 26, 1950 for cash.

Mr. RYAN recalled that WILLIAM DANZIGER came into his store on August 21, 1950 to purchase five hundred sheets of yellow type paper, which DANZIGER said he intended to use to teach his child to type.

GEORGE HENRY SCHELLER, 531 West 211th Street, Apartment 32B, New York City, was contacted on August 21, 1950, and he furnished ten sheets of typewritten specimens, which specimens he himself had typed on instant typewriter, which was now in the possession of WILLIAM DANZIGER.



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It is to be noted that Butel dated August 17, 1950, entitled "MORTON SOBELL, wa.; ESPIONAGE - R", set forth at the time MORTON SOBELL was arrested in Mexico City, there was found in his possession a letter postmarked New York City, August 9, 1950 at 9 P.M. The letter was typewritten on note paper, addressed to Mr. N. WALTER, the name under which SOBELL was residing at Cordova 153, Apartment 4, Mexico City, Mexico, and was signed LEU. Reference teletype instructed that typewriting specimens should be obtained from the typewriters in possession of the various subjects in the ROSENBERG case.

By letter dated August 23, 1950, the typewritten specimens, which were obtained from GEORGE HENRY SELLER, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the typewritten letter, which was found in MORTON SOBELL'S possession at the time of his arrest in Mexico City.

By letter dated August 28, 1950, the FBI Laboratory concluded that the typewritten specimens obtained from Mr. SELLER were not prepared on the typewriter used to type the letter found in MORTON SOBELL'S possession.

When the subject was initially interviewed on August 28, 1950, interviewing agents accompanied him to his home, at which time additional typewritten specimens were obtained from the typewriter in DANZIGER'S possession, which typewriter was previously described as a Remington portable, model 5, Pica, serial number V927904. These specimens were forwarded to the Bureau by New York letter dated September 6, 1950.

By letter dated September 13, 1950, the FBI Laboratory concluded that the typewriter used to prepare these typewritten specimens was not used to prepare the typewritten letter found in MORTON SOBELL'S possession at the time of his arrest in Mexico City.

By letter dated August 25, 1950, specimens of the subject's handprinting and handwriting, which were obtained from WILLIAM DANZIGER'S personnel file at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oaks, Maryland, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, to be checked against appropriate sections of the National Security File.

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By letter dated August 31, 1950, the FBI Laboratory advised that the specimens of the subject's handprinting and handwriting were compared with the appropriate sections of the National Security File, but no identification was effected. The Laboratory also advised that appropriate photographic copies of this handwriting and handprinting were being added to the National Security File for future reference.

The results of the mail cover, which was placed on WILLIAM and SYLVIA DANZIGER, 124 Featherbed Lane, Bronx, New York, on August 8, 1950, have been set forth by either letter or teletype for other offices to cover.

In addition, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, was requested on August 31, 1950 to furnish a list of the subject's toll calls, made from telephone CY. 3-2823, which number is listed to WILLIAM DANZIGER, 124 Featherbed Lane.

Regarding the other cell members of the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party, which information was furnished by MAX and HELENE ELITCHER on September 7, 1950, a teletype dated September 3, 1950, was directed to the Bureau, Washington Field, Baltimore, New Haven and Boston Offices, to submit summaries of the recent activities of the various members of the Navy Department cell and to request Bureau permission to interview these members in an attempt to obtain corroborative evidence against DANZIGER and possibly against MORTON SOBELL.

Regarding the electric drill that WILLIAM DANZIGER borrowed from MORTON SOBELL, the night SOBELL left for Mexico City, a teletype dated September 18, 1950, was directed to the Chicago Office to trace the ownership of this electric drill.

Regarding the <sup>0</sup>ACADEMY ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS CORPORATION, where subject is employed, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised in a report dated October 24, 1949, that the corporation was chartered under New York laws on February 24, 1947, but did not become active until August, 1948.

The corporation manufactures automatic attachment plug caps, which has been approved by the Underwriters Association. A patent is held on this item.

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The device manufactured is an electrical wall socket which automatically attaches itself to all electrical wiring. Sales are made to chain stores, wholesale and electrical appliance stores, hardware distributors, variety stores and mail order houses throughout the United States.

The principals of the firm are IRVING LEVINE, President; ARTHUR GREENBAUM, Vice President and Treasurer; and MORRIS ERLICH, Secretary. The principals are active in the management and thirty-five persons are employed. In June, 1949, a small research laboratory was opened at 5025 Broadway, in addition to the main office located at 4849 Broadway, New York City.

On March 22, 1950, MORRIS ERLICH, Secretary, declined specific financial information; however, he stated sales were holding steady and averaging about \$75,000.00 monthly.

Additional information concerning the principals of this firm will be set forth in subsequent reports.

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LEADS

Copies of this report are being forwarded to all field offices having investigation in this case and related cases arising from the JULIUS ROSENBERG investigation. However, no leads are being set forth in this report, inasmuch as the case is receiving continuing and expeditious attention and all leads are being set forth by teletype or letter.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The confidential informant, mentioned in the report of SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN, dated September 29, 1950 at New York City, is identified as follows:

T-1

[REDACTED]

(b) 7 (d)

T-2

[REDACTED]

REFERENCE:

Report of SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN, 8/16/50,  
New York City.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, SEATTLE

October 3, 1950

WILLIAM DANZIGER  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter to Bureau 9/1/50.

The photographs of WILLIAM DANZIGER and STANLEY RICH were exhibited to Confidential Informant [redacted] on 9/29/50 without this informant making an identification. (b)(7)(d)

It is noted that former [redacted] is deceased.

Further reference is made to Miami letter to Director dated September 14, 1950, cc to New York, and this office, reflecting that PAUL CROUCH would be in Seattle for three weeks subsequent to September 4, 1950.

It is noted that PAUL CROUCH left Seattle 9/12/50 en route to Los Angeles. He indicated he would be in Los Angeles approximately until October 10, 1950, after which he possibly would be in New York City. Inasmuch as it is not definitely known by this office what CROUCH'S exact itinerary is, it is requested that either the Los Angeles or New York office handle the lead to exhibit the photographs of subject and RICH to CROUCH.

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cc: Miami  
cc: Los Angeles

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FILE NO. **65-870**

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TITLE <b>WILLIAM DANZIGER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Photo of **WILLIAM DANZIGER** and **STANLEY ROBERT RICH** exhibited to **MARK GRAUBARD** and he advised he did not know either of these individuals.

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**DETAILS:** **MARK AARON GRAUBARD**, who is an assistant professor of general studies, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and who resides at 4035 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was shown a photograph of **WILLIAM DANZIGER** and **STANLEY ROBERT RICH**. **GRAUBARD** advised that he did not recognize either one of these individuals nor had he ever heard anything concerning either of them.

It is noted that **GRAUBARD** has admitted being involved in an anti-Nazi and Soviet espionage ring in the middle 1930's.

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REFERENCE: New York letter to Bureau dated September 1, 1950

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Director, FBI

10/4/50

SAC, Philadelphia

WILLIAM DANZIGER  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter to Bureau 9/1/50.

Photographs of WILLIAM DANZIGER and STANLEY RICH were exhibited to HARRY GOLD on September 13, 1950 and to THOMAS L. BLACK on October 2, 1950. Neither GOLD nor BLACK recognized either of the photographs.

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Buffalo

WILLIAM DANZIGER  
ESPIONAGE - R

ATTENTION FBI Laboratory

Re New York letter dated 9-7-50.

Transmitted herewith is the original registration card of WILLIAM DANZIGER, 1 R 85 St., New York City, #47520, dated August 12, 1949 at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, New York.

It is requested that the handwriting on this card be compared with subject's known handwriting and the results thereof furnished to the New York Office.

Upon completion of the examination, the card should be immediately returned to the Buffalo Office in order that it may be given back to the Hotel Statler.

For the information of the New York Office with reference to their letter dated September 1, 1950, there are no informants in the Buffalo Division whom it is believed would know subject DANZIGER or suspect STANLEY ROBERT RICK.

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Enc. (1)

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Director, FBI

October 5, 1950

SAC, San Francisco

WILLIAM DANZIGER

ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter dated 9/1/50.

On September 28, 1950, the photographs of WILLIAM DANZIGER and STANLEY  
RICH were displayed to [REDACTED] with negative results. (b)(7)(D)

Since AMADEO SABATINI is presently in the Los Angeles Field Division  
and a copy of referenced letter was furnished to Los Angeles, it is assumed  
that that office will display these photographs to SABATINI.

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Los Angeles

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WILLIAM DANZIGER, ESP-R. RE NY LET SEPT ONE, LAST, AND NY LET  
 TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, IN THE CASE ENTITLED JULIUS ROSENBERG, ESP-R. RE  
 NY LET SEPT TWELVE, LAST, IN THE CASE ENTITLED RUSSELL ALTON MCNUTT,  
 ESPIONAGE DASH R. PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLIAM DANZIGER, STANLEY RICH, AND  
 RUSSELL MC NUTT DISPLAYED TO HERBERT A. PHILBRICK ON OCT EIGHT, LAST,  
 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. RUC.

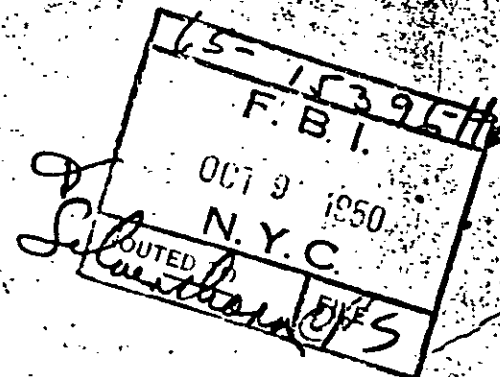
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 12, 1950

To: SAC, Buffalo

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on October 9, 1950.

Re: WILLIAM DANZIGER  
ESPIONAGE - R

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 65-2016  
FBI FILE NO. 101-1632  
LAB. NO. D-122694 AX

Examination requested by Buffalo

Reference Letter 10-5-50

Examination requested Document

Specimens:

Q1 ~~William Danziger~~ registration card, dated 8-12-49, bearing the name and address "WILLIAM DANZIGER 1 W 85 St., New York City."

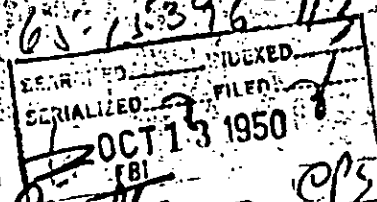
RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

A definite conclusion could not be reached whether the questioned handwriting appearing on the registration card, Q1, was written by WILLIAM DANZIGER, whose known handwriting specimens are designated as Kc3 in this case, because the known handwriting specimens of DANZIGER are not entirely comparable with the questioned handwriting and in addition, the questioned handwriting contains certain characteristics which cannot be accounted for on the basis of the known specimen, Kc3. However, some handwriting characteristics were observed common to the writing on the registration card, Q1, and to the known handwriting of DANZIGER. If at all possible, additional known handwriting of DANZIGER should be obtained. Handwriting other than signatures alone should be obtained, if available.

Q1 is returned to your office herewith. Photographs are retained in the Laboratory's file.

Enclosure - REGISTERED MAIL

1-New York (65-15396)



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, New York  
October 12, 1950

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

URGENT

WILLIAM DANZIGER, ESPIONAGE - R. CHIEF AUS. LANE, SDNY, REQUESTED THAT  
SUBJECT BE NOTIFIED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, SDNY, ON THE EIGHTEENTH  
NEXT. DANZIGER WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AND HE AGREED TO APPEAR BEFORE  
THE GJ AS REQUESTED. LANE HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT HE WANTS SUBJECT'S  
WIFE, SYLVIA, TO APPEAR ON THE SAME DAY. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF LANE'S  
WISHES IN THIS MATTER.

SCHEIDT

JAH:MM  
65-15396 (#6)

Approved: SW  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 5:15P M Per B/A

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Director, FBI

October 13, 1950

SAC, Albany

WILLIAM DANZIGER

ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter to the Director dated September 6, 1950.

The following persons were interviewed with negative results in an effort to ascertain why the subject received mail on August 10, 1950, from the University of the State of New York at Albany, New York:

(b)7(c) [redacted] of the State University  
Commission, Mailing Department  
[redacted] Mailing Clerk, Personnel and  
Public Relations Department,  
University State of New York,  
State Education Building.

[redacted] of Bureau of Publications,  
State Education Building.  
[redacted] Bureau of Adult Education.

[redacted] of Adult  
Education.

The above advised that while they had no record of sending any mail or publications to the subject, it is possible that some person could have sent a letter to the subject inasmuch as there are some 25 bureaus under the State Education Department.

In view of the above, it was impossible to ascertain why the subject received mail on August 10, 1950, from the University of the State of New York, and the case is being considered RUC'D.

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cc: New York 65-15396 ✓

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, BALTIMORE

WILLIAM DANZIGER  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re NY letter to Bureau, 9-1-50, enclosing photographs of WILLIAM DANZIGER and STANLEY ROBERT RICH for display to certain informants, including WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Westminster, Maryland, self-confessed former Soviet espionage courier, was interviewed by SAs FRANK G. JOHNSTONE and JOSEPH C. THAINOR on October 9, 1950, at which time he advised that DANZIGER and RICH are unknown to him. The photographs of these individuals were exhibited to Mr. CHAMBERS but he was unable to identify either of them.

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cc - New York

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, New York  
October 17, 1950

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU...URGENT

WILLIAM DANZIGER, ESPIONAGE R. AUSA LANE ADVISED SYLVIA DANZIGER, WIFE OF  
SUBJECT, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS DATE AND WAS REQUESTED TO APPEAR,  
ELEVEN A.M., OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, FIFTY, BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY, SDNY, WHICH  
SHE AGREED TO DO.

SCHMIDT

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MR. SCHMIDT
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **121-254**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/17/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/5, 10/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>GILMER G. ROBINSON</b> <b>MJS</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM DANZIGER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Photographs of **WILLIAM DANZIGER** and **STANLEY RICH** displayed to informants of Los Angeles Office with negative results.

- RUC -

**DETAILS:**

T-1, of known reliability, was unable to identify photographs of **WILLIAM DANZIGER** and **STANLEY RICH**.

**NATHANIEL BONIS** was unable to identify photographs of **WILLIAM DANZIGER** and **STANLEY RICH**.

T-2, who has admitted engaging in Russian espionage and has furnished reliable information concerning his activities, was unable to identify photographs of **DANZIGER** or **RICH**.

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CONFIDENTIAL

T-1:

[REDACTED] information furnished to SA H. RAWLINS OVERTON,

T-2:

[REDACTED] information furnished to SA FLOYD W. BROWN on

(b) 1 (d)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At **NEW YORK**

CV File No. **65-2743**

Report Made At

Date

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Report Made By

**CLEVELAND**

**OCT 18 1950**

**9/11,12;  
10/12/50**

**JOHN B. O'DONOGHUE**

**AO**

Title

**WILLIAM DANZIGER**

Character of Case

**ESPIONAGE - R**

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

**MILTON KLEIN**, associate of **WILLIAM PERL**, advises he casually knew **DANZIGER** when they attended **CCNY**. States **PERL** knew **DANZIGER** and recalled of all friends at **CCNY**, **DANZIGER** only one who lived in their neighborhood.

- RUC -

## DETAILS:

At Cleveland, Ohio

**MILTON KLEIN** was interviewed by the writer and **SA DAVID A. WIBLE** on September 11 and 12, 1950. He identified photographs of **JOEL BARR**, **MAX ELITCHER**, **STANLEY RICH**, **MORTON SOBELL** and **WILLIAM DANZIGER** as fellow

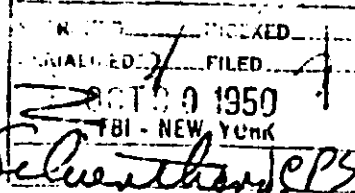
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classmates of he and WILLIAM PERL at the College of the City of New York. He stated that he studied Chemical Engineering and that the others mentioned had all studied Electrical Engineering and he was, therefore, not too well acquainted with them and believed PERL to be on closer terms with each of them. KLEIN also felt that he and PERL had known DANZIGER better than the others since DANZIGER resided in the Bronx somewhere in the same neighborhood as PERL and KLEIN.

KLEIN advised he has known WILLIAM PERL since they attended high school together and has been on close terms with him. He does not recall JULIUS ROSENBERG nor was he able to identify a photograph of ROSENBERG. He also stated he did not know DANZIGER's present whereabouts and did not believe he had seen him since they attended CCNY together.

Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2, of known reliability, and who are well acquainted with Communist Party activities in the Cleveland area, advised they did not know DANZIGER nor were they able to identify a photograph of him.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1

[REDACTED] (b) 7 (d)

T-2

[REDACTED] (b) 7 (d)

Copies of this report are being furnished  
to those offices who have conducted investigation  
in this case.

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MR. SCHRIOT  
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 MR. HART  
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 MR. BROWN  
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WILLIAM DANZIGER, ESP. R. RENYLETS SEPTEMBER SIX AND FOURTEEN, LAST, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY SUBJECT FROM NATIONAL SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY, D.C., UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BOARD, AND GROUP HOSPITALIZATION WAS IN CONNECTION WITH BONA FIDE BUSINESS WITH THESE FIRMS. WFO UNABLE TO IDENTIFY G. KRUZELMAN, E. E. ROBERTS, OR TO ASCERTAIN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBJECT AND D.C. COLLECTOR OF TAXES. P. GOLDMAN IDENTICAL WITH PAULINE GOLDMAN AND INTERVIEW WITH HER SET OUT IN REPORT SA L. GLENN, AUGUST THIRTY ONE, FIFTY, ENTITLED MORTON SOBELL, WAS, ESP. R. ANN R. PESS ACQUAINTED WITH GOLDMAN AND HUSBAND, LOUIS, EMPLOYED BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS, NAVY DEPARTMENT, FORTY SEVEN. FORMERLY EMPLOYED BOARD OF WELFARE, NYC, AND RESIDED TWO FOUR EIGHT ARLINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, N.Y. WFO WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY KRUZELMAN, AND ROBERTS. NY CONSIDER POSSIBILITY THAT PESS MAY HAVE BEEN IN SAME NAVY DEPARTMENT C.P. CELL AS SUBJECT.

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607 U.S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

October 25, 1950

Honorable Albert Goldman  
Postmaster  
General Post Office  
33rd Street & 8th Avenue  
New York 1, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that a cover be ~~placed~~ <sup>placed</sup> on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, of the following for a period of thirty days:

William Danziger  
Sylvia Ehrlich Danziger  
124 Featherbed Lane, Apt. #3  
New York 52, N.Y.

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Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

65-15396-12604



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October 30, 1950

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Dear Sir:

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William Danziger  
c/o Academy Electrical Products Corp.  
4849 Broadway  
New York 34, N. Y.

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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