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BOOKER, ZBOROWSKI, ETC. SOBLE SAID THE RUSSIANS HAD PAID HIM THIRTY TO THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND AMERICAN DOLLARS IN PARIS FOR THE FACTORY AT VERBERIE. SOBLE STATED THAT HE HAD PART OF THIS MONEY CHANGED INTO FRENCH FRANCS AND KEPT THE REST IN A VAULT AT CREDIT LYONNAISE. THIS MONEY HE LATER CHANGED TO FRENCH CURRENCY. SOBLE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NEVER REPAID THE SOVIETS THIS MONEY. SOBLE CLAIMED THAT THE SOVIETS WANTED TO PLACE AGENTS WITH THE FACTORY IN VERBERIE, BUT THAT THESE PERSONS NEVER ARRIVED AND HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW THEIR IDENTITIES. DURING THE ABOVE QUESTIONING, IT WAS EMPHATICALLY POINTED OUT TO SOBLE THAT HE WAS WITHHOLDING INFORMATION AND NOT RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS AS WELL AS NOT VOLUNTEERING ANY INFORMATION EXCEPT IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. SOBLE PRIDED HIMSELF ON A GOOD MEMORY, BUT THAT THE STAY AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL HAD EFFECTED HIS MEMORY. INTENSIVE INTERVIEWS OF SOBLE CONTINUING APRIL SIXTEEN NEXT.

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JACK SOBLE., ESPIONAGE DASH R. JACK SOBLE INTERVIEWED AT FEDERAL CORRECTION INSTITUTION, DANBURY, CONN., MORNING OF APRIL SIXTEEN FIFTY SEVEN. SOBLE ADMITTED INTRODUCING ESTHER RAND TO JACOB ALBAM EARLY IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. ADMITS MEETING RAND WITH ALBAM ON STREET VICINITY RAND-S OFFICE AND THEREAFTER ALL THREE HAD LUNCH TOGETHER. SOBLE STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH ALBAM WAS TO HAVE RAND ASSIST IN LOCATING AMERICAN WIFE FOR ALBAM. SOBLE TOLD RAND THAT ALBAM WAS SOVIET AGENT AND THE SECURING OF A WIFE FOR ALBAM WAS A SOVIET ASSIGNMENT. ALBAM HAD THE ASSIGNMENT FROM THE SOVIETS TO SECURE AMERICAN WIFE SO THAT HE COULD ESTABLISH SELF IN US FOR SOVIETS. SOBLE STATED THAT MISCHA PAREN KOUSNETZOV UNPAREN, WHO WAS IN PARIS AND SOVIET SUPERIOR OF BOTH ALBAM AND SOBLE, HAD REQUESTED SOBLE AS A SOVIET ASSIGNMENT TO HELP ALBAM FIND AMERICAN WIFE. SOBLE EXPLAINED ALBAM-S SITUATION TO RAND AND SHE AGREED TO TRY TO ASSIST. HOWEVER, LATER RAND TOLD SOBLE

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THAT SHE COULD NOT FIND WOMAN FOR ALBAM BECAUSE ALBAM DID NOT "IMPRESS UNQUOTE HER AS PROSPECTIVE HUSBAND. SOBLE TOLD ALBAM BEFORE INTRODUCTION TO RAND THAT RAND HAD WORKED FOR HIM AS SOVIET AGENT AND SUPPLIED INFORMATION ON JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS. SOBLE STATED THAT AT TIME OF INTRODUCTION HE KNEW RAND WAS GOING ON A TRIP TO ISRAEL PAID FOR BY HER EMPLOYER AND DENIED HE GAVE RAND ANY ASSIGNMENT OR REQUESTED DELIVERY OF MESSAGES OR CONTACT OF ANYONE RE THIS TRIP. SOBLE CLAIMED UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER ALBAM MAY HAVE REQUESTED RAND TO CONTACT ALBAM-S RELATIVES IN ISRAEL. SOBLE STATED THAT MYRA SOBLE, ROBERT SOBLE, AND ALBAM ALL KNEW THAT RAND HAD FURNISHED JACK SOBLE WITH INFORMATION FOR THE SOVIETS. SOBLE RECALLED THAT IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION ON JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, RAND ALSO SUPPLIED HIM WITH INFORMATION RE OIL CONCESSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARABS AND ISRAEL. SOBLE CLAIMED HE COULD RECALL NO SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING THE INFORMATION RE OIL CONCESSIONS. RE INTRODUCTION OF RAND TO ALFRED STERN, SOBLE STATED THAT BOTH RAND AND STERN KNEW THAT EACH OTHER WAS CONNECTED WITH THE SOVIETS. THIS MEETING OF RAND AND STERN OCCURRED IN LATE NINETEEN FORTYSIX OR IN NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN. SOBLE CLAIMS HE DID NOT PERSONALLY MAKE INTRODUCTION OF RAND AND STERN BUT ARRANGED FOR THEM TO MEET EACH OTHER WITHOUT SOBLE BEING PRESENT.

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AFTER STERN WAS INTROUDECED BY RAND TO CP FUNCTIONARY, SOBLE HEARD FROM STERN THAT THE CP FUNCTIONARY KNEW STERN HAD BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE SOVIETS AND THE FUNCTIONARY HAD A QUOTE NEGATIVE OPINION UNQUOTE OF SOVIET INTELLIGENCE WORK AND TOLD STERN IT WAS BETTER FOR HIM TO WORK WITH CP. SOBLE CLAIMED THAT RAND DID NOT KNOW ABOUT ZBOROWSKI, ILYA WOLSTON, OR THE ZLATOVSKIS. SOBLE COULD NOT RECALL IF RAND KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT BORIS MORROS. SOBLE CLAIMS ONLY PERSONS RAND EVER SUGGESTED TO SOBLE AS SOVIET SOURCES WERE JAMES AND ALICE MARTIN. INTERVIEWS CONTINUING. MAIL COPIES SENT TO SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES AND WASHINGTON FIELD.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896) (TIME: SEVEN FIFTEEN P.M.)
SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE
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JACK SOBLE INTERVIEWED AFTERNOON AND EVENING, APRIL SIXTEEN, FIFTY-SEVEN, AT FEDERAL CORRECTION INSTITUTE, DANBURY, CONNECTICUT. RE JACOB ALBAN COLON SOBLE KNEW ALBAN AT VILKVISKIS BUT DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH ALBAN THOUGH SOBLE STATED ALBAN WAS IN LEFTIST GROUP BUT NOT CP. ALBAN MARRIED AND DIVORCED FROM GIRL NAMED WINDSBERG. SOBLE NEXT SAW ALBAN IN PARIS, NINETEEN TWENTYNINE, AND INTRODUCED ALBAN TO MYRA. ALBAN TOLD SOBLE HE WAS THEN EMPLOYED AS TEXTILE WORKER. SOBLE ALSO SAW ALBAN ABOUT NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE WHEN ^{SOBLE} ALBAN RETURNED TO VILKVISKIS ON VACATION. IN NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE ALBAN WAS THEN IN A POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN LITHUANIA CALLED THE CULTURE LEAGUE, WHICH INCLUDED

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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND OTHER GROUPS. SOBIE NEXT MET ALBAN, MOSCOW, IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR OR THIRTYFIVE. ALBAN TOLD SOBIE ALBAN'S BROTHER WAS LIVING IN RUSSIA, THAT HE, HIMSELF, SECURED A VISA AND WAS LIVING IN RUSSIA. SOBIE SAID ALBAN THEN LIVING WITH MASHA AND HAD A VERY YOUNG FEMALE CHILD. SOBIE DID NOT SEE ALBAN AGAIN UNTIL NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN OR THIRTYEIGHT WHEN SOBIE WAS EMPLOYED ON THE GERMAN LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER IN MOSCOW. ALBAN REQUESTED SOBIE TO BE LESS SEVERE IN HIS TREATMENT OF A GIRL EMPLOYEE OF THE NEWSPAPER SINCE THE GIRL AND HER HUSBAND WERE BOTH GPU WORKERS AND HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN SECRET WORK ABROAD. THIS GIRL WAS A GERMAN JEW. NEXT SAW ALBAN IN FRANCE IN NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. ALBAN AT FIRST TOLD SOBIE HE HAD BEEN IN CONCENTRATION CAMP IN GERMANY BUT WHEN SOBIE INDICATED DISBELIEF ALBAN TOLD SOBIE HE HAD ARRIVED IN PARIS IN RUSSIAN MILITARY AIRPLANE AND WAS SMOGGED OFF. ALBAN ARRANGED FOR SOBIE TO MEET KOUSHNETZOV AND AS A RESULT OF THIS CONTACT SOBIE WENT TO MOSCOW IN NINETEEN

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FORTYSEVEN. IN MOSCOW SOBLE CRITICIZED FOR MANNER IN WHICH HE ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH SOVIETS THROUGH ALBAN. KOROTKOV TOLD SOBLE THAT ALBAN WAS A SOVIET AGENT, WAS SKILLED IN PHOTOGRAPHY, HAD HIS OWN CONTACTS, AND DIRECTED SOBLE TO STAY AWAY FROM ALBAN. SOBLE MENTIONED THAT AFTER RETURN PARIS, KOUSNETZOV, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOVIET DIRECTIONS, IMMEDIATELY GAVE HIM FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AS SOVIET INVESTMENT VERBERIE. BEFORE SOBLE LEFT FOR US IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, HE RECEIVED ANOTHER FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. UPON RETURN TO FRANCE IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT, SOBLE RECEIVED THIRD FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND IN NINETEEN FORTYNINE, RECEIVED ^{FIFTEEN} ~~TWO~~ THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM NEW SOVIET CONTACT EKATERINA. SOBLE CONFIRMED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY GIVEN THAT HE HAD FURNISHED LEIPZIG ADDRESS FOR ALBAN'S USE IN AMERICAN VISA AND PRESENTATION ^{TO} /ALBAN OF SOBLE'S FIRST CLASS TICKET ON COMARD LINE.

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SOBLE SAID ALBAN LATER TOLD HIM THE SOVIETS PROMISED ALBAN DIAMONDS AND MONEY FOR TRAVEL TO US. AFTER ^{ALBAN} HE DEPARTED, SOBLE WAS INSTRUCTED TO PAY HIM FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH. HE PAID ALBAN THIS MONEY FROM FUNDS GIVEN HIM AS EXPENSES OF BRISTLE COMPANY. ADMITS PAYMENT OF TOTAL OF FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ALBAN. SOBLE SAID IN NINETEEN FIFTY ALBAN FURNISHED HIM REPORT FOR THE SOVIETS CONTAINING ONLY DATA CONCERNING HIS MARRIAGE, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND LIVING CONDITIONS. SOBLE FURNISHED THIS REPORT TO KATERINA. ON OCCASIONS IN MOSCOW IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT AND IN NINETEEN FORTYNINE SOBLE WAS ASKED CONCERNING ALBAN'S STATUS IN THE US. IN NINETEEN FIFTY, SOBLE WAS INSTRUCTED, SINCE ALBAN'S WORK WAS NOT PRODUCTIVE, TO CUT HIS SALARY TO THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR EVEN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH. SOBLE STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW UNTIL AFTER ARREST THAT ALBAN FURNISHED DOCUMENTS TO MOROS IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. ALBAN TOLD SOBLE AFTER ARREST THAT HE WOULD DENY WRITING THIS REPORT BUT WAS AFRAID OF ANOTHER DOCUMENT HE MADE FOR MOROS WHICH PRIMARILY REFERENCED TO COVER PART OF QUOTE WAR AND PEACE QUOTE PART. SOBLE

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UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION CONCERNING ALBAN'S TWO OTHER CONTACTS IN THE US BUT ADMITTED THAT ALBAN TOLD HIM THAT THE SOVIET CONTACTS FROMWHOM HE COLLECTED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS ^{NET} BY ALBAN ON THE CORNER OF NINETYSIXTH STREET AND BROADWAY, NYC. RE HELEN DOUGLAS. SOBIE STATED HE FIRST MET DOUGLAS AT BAD GASTEIN, AUSTRIA, IN NINETEEN FIFTY, WHEN JANE POSTER ADVISED HIM DOUGLAS WAS GOING TO VISIT JANE THERE. SOBIE CLAIMED HE DID NOT REQUEST JANE TO INVITE DOUGLAS. SOBIE CLAIMED JANE DID NOT GIVE HIM THE WRITTEN QUOTE BIOGRAPHY QUOTE ON DOUGLAS, BUT SAID JANE TOLD HIM DOUGLAS WAS A QUOTE LIBERAL QUOTE AND MIGHT POSSIBLY BE RECRUITED. JANE SAID HELEN DOUGLAS'S MOTHER, THE DIVORCED WIFE OF SENATOR DOUGLAS, WAS QUOTE CLOSE QUOTE TO THE CP. SOBIE ADMITTED CONTACT WITH DOUGLAS IN BAD GASTEIN BUT DENIED HE ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT HER AND STATED HE HAD NO DISCUSSIONS WITH HER EXCEPT ON TOPICS OF ECONOMICS AND GENERAL WORLD POLITICS. SOBIE CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER JANE POSTER ^{TOLD} DOUGLAS THAT SHE, JANE, WAS CONNECTED WITH SOVIETS OR IF SOBIE HAD ANY SUCH CONNECTION. SOBIE STATED HE AGAIN MET DOUGLAS IN PARIS AND TOOK OVER DOUGLAS

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APARTMENT THERE. SOULE DENIED THAT HE HAD MET DOROTHEA DOUGLAS JOHN. IN OTHER QUESTIONING RE DOUGLAS, SOULE CLAIMED HE COULD NOT REMEMBER FURTHER DETAILS AT THIS TIME. SOULE WILL BE INTERVIEWED RE DOUGLAS UNTIL ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED. CLASSIFICATION AND PAROLE OFFICER KRINSKY OF FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, DANBURY, ADVISED AGENTS ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL SIXTEEN, THAT LETTER TO SOULE FROM ATTORNEY, GEORGE WOLF, HAD BEEN RECEIVED. IN LETTER, WOLF INDICATED HE WAS TO SEE AUSA GILCHRIST RE PERMISSION FOR MYRA SOULE TO VISIT WITH JACK SOULE AT INSTITUTION, DANBURY, AND STATED HE HOPED TO ACCOMPANY MYRA ON VISIT TO DANBURY. BUREAU HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT WARDEN HENSTON ADVISED ON APRIL FIFTEEN LAST THAT AUSA GILCHRIST AND AAG TOMPKINS ADVISED THAT MYRA WOULD VISIT DANBURY ON APRIL SEVENTEEN NEXT. WOLF ADVISED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR SOULE'S SON, [REDACTED] TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE WITH A SCHOOLMATE AND THAT WOLF WOULD PAY TEN DOLLARS A WEEK FOR [REDACTED] BOARD AND ROOM. JACK SOULE, IN ABOVE INTERVIEW, CONTINUED TO INSIST, WHEN PROMPTED, THAT RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS HAD BEEN HINDERED BY CONFUSION IN BELIEVE. SOULE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT JACOB ALBAN AND

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**ROBERT SCHLE HAD NOT COME FORWARD TO MAKE FULL DISCLOSURE
OF THEIR ACTIVITIES. SCHLE STATED THAT THOUGH DISTASTEFUL,
ESPECIALLY AS TO HIS BROTHER, HE WOULD TESTIFY AGAINST
ROBERT AND ALBAN IF NECESSARY. DUE TO VISIT OF MYRA SCHLE
WITH JACK SCHLE APRIL SEVENTEEN NEXT, INTERVIEW OF JACK
SCHLE WILL BE CONTINUED APRIL EIGHTEEN NEXT.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE
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MYRA SOBLE interviewed 4/16/instant. Denied knowing if ESTHER RAND received wristwatch from SOBLE. Stated met BEATRICE SPITZ, known to her as ATIA SPITZ, at home of DINA SOBLE about 1946. During 1948 offered to sublet apartment at 630 West 170th Street to SPITZ who came to inspect it with sister, ALIA LOW BEER (ALICE) but they didn't like it. DINA SOBLE gave MYRA LOW BEER address in Vienna where after MYRA and JACK had contacted PETROV, September, 1950, they located LOW BEERS and visited them. Dr. HENRY SPITZ and BEATRICE were there at that time. During this meeting SPITZ exhibited photos taken of their home in US. MYRA denied knowing then where SPITZ' lived in US. MYRA cannot recall what photos she saw.

Stated JACK contacted PETROV later but MYRA doesn't know why, although she was with him on first meeting. Does not know if PETROV met SPITZ. Stated SPITZ related they left US because fear of their background being known. DINA SOBLE told MYRA SPITZ' were active Communists in Europe. MYRA does not know if SPITZ' knew JACK and MYRA as Soviet Agents.

Details of 1941 trip of SOBLES from Vilkaviskis obtained. MYRA SOBLE advised she believed NKVD or some other Soviet Intelligence Agency made arrangements for SOBLES to leave Vilkaviskis but stated she did not know details.

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Stated during December, 1956, while discussing present Soviet officials, ROBERT SOBLE recalled that during 1945-1946, he had met with a Soviet Embassy official on 57th Street, NYC, and had a fight with both cursing each other. MYRA reluctantly recalled this incident and could not state to her knowledge if ROBERT SOBLE engaged in Soviet espionage.



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JACK SOBLE, ET AL, ESP-R. MYRA SOBLE INTERVIEWED APRIL EIGHTEEN
STANT. SHORTLY AFTER INTERVIEW BEGAN, SUBJECT-S ATTORNEY GEORGE
APPEARED. INTERVIEW SUSPENDED WHILE WOLF AND MYRA CONFERRED IN PR
FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES. WOLF THEN REQUESTED TO CONFER WITH INT
VIEWING AGENTS REGARDING WOLF-S ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE A RUSSIAN FAIRY
TALE BOOK GIVEN TO SOBLE-S SON BY ALFRED STERN, FORTY FIVE. WOLF
ASKED HOW THE INTERVIEW WAS PROCEEDING. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO WOLF
WAS UNABLE TO RECALL EVENTS, WAS VAGUE AND GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING
EVASIVE. WOLF THEREUPON VOLUNTEERED TO SPEAK TO HIS CLIENT. HE CON
FERRED IN PRIVATE WITH MYRA FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES, THEREAFTER UPON
RESUMPTION OF THE INTERVIEW ALONE WITH MYRA, SHE WAS MUCH MORE COOP
ATIVE AND FURNISHED INFO FREELY ALTHOUGH VAGUE ON DATES. RESUME OF
INTERVIEW BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY AIRTEL THIS DATE. ATTORNEY
VOLUNTEERED TO PREPARE SUBJECTS LETTERS DIRECTED TO CREDIT SUISSE,
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GENEVA, AND CREDIT LYONNAIS, PARIS, REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS OF SWISS BANK ACCOUNTS. MYRA VOLUNTEERED THAT WOLF STATED JACOB ALBAM WOULD PLEA IMMEDIATE FUTURE. DEPT. ATTY. WM. KENNEY WAS ADVISED PM APRIL EIGHTEEN, FIFTY SEVEN, THAT WOLF HAD INSTRUCTED MYRA TO COOPERATE AND THAT MYRA HAD TOLD INTERVIEWING AGENTS THAT ACCORDING TO WOLF ON APRIL EIGHTEEN ALBAM WOULD PLEAD GUILTY IN A DAY OR TWO. KENNEY STATED THAT HAROLD FRANKEL, ATTORNEY FOR ALBAM, HAD TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED USA'S OFFICE APRIL EIGHTEEN, FIFTY SEVEN, THAT HE HAD "PROBLEMS" WITH HIS CLIENT AND GAVE NO FURTHER INDICATION OF ALBAM'S FUTURE INTENTIONS RE GUILTY PLEA.

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MYRA SCHLE interviewed this date at Women's House of Detention, NYC.

Concerning ILYA WOLSTON, MYRA SCHLE advised she was unable to recall when JACK SCHLE told her that WOLSTON was known as "SLAVA," but that it was probably 1950. She advised WOLSTON met JACK SCHLE in downtown NYC after WOLSTON had returned from Alaska with U.S. Army. She does not know why WOLSTON met JACK, MYRA advised she took care of ILYA who was ill with indigestion for 2 or 3 days in 1945 at her apartment in NYC. She recalled WOLSTON once called at SCHLE apartment at 4 or 5 A.M; believed WOLSTON was assigned to Alaska at the time, and was in uniform.

MYRA stated she knew JACK was getting information from ILYA WOLSTON, but never saw any of WOLSTON's reports.

Concerning Dr. ROBERT SCHLE, MYRA stated that she believed that Dr. ROBERT SCHLE was aware of JACK SCHLE's espionage activities. She stated also that Dr. ROBERT SCHLE had met ZUBILIN and also had fight with a Russian official in 1946. She again gave details about this and said that in December, 1956, Dr. SCHLE visited MYRA's apartment and in presence of JACK and MYRA SCHLE, the political situation in the USSR was being discussed particularly KHRUSHCHEV's anti-STALIN campaign, whereupon ROBERT SCHLE recalled that in 1946 he had an altercation with a Russian official, ROBERT

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SOBIE told JACK and MYRA that the Russian official told ROBERT SOBIE that he would not talk the way he did if the Soviet had him (ROBERT SOBIE) on the other side. MYRA again advised that she could not recall if ROBERT SOBIE had told them the specific reason for the meeting with the Soviet official or his identity. She believes it was the "Professor."

She advised she believed ROBERT SOBIE knew how JACK SOBIE got forged Lithuanian passports from the Soviets to leave Lithuania. MYRA advised ADVA ANSCHULWITZ filled in the names of 18 individuals for whom the forged passports were prepared, and he knew passports were false. ROBERT SOBIE telephoned from Kazzan to JACK in Moscow in 1940 to ask JACK to do something for him, as ROBERT was a Trotskyite and feared the Soviets. Between August, 1940, and January, 1941, ROBERT and DINA went to Moscow, stayed a few days, and returned to Vilkaiviscius.

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In July or August, 1940, JACK, MYRA and [REDACTED] went from Moscow to Kaunas, Lithuania, to visit [REDACTED] and MYRA SCHULZ at their home, Misco Gatte 718. JACK and MYRA then went to Vilnius to prepare to leave for US.

When JACK and MYRA came to Kaunas with the offer to leave for US through Russia, ROBERT could not make up his mind to leave. But finally decided to go. MYRA believes ROBERT knew of JACK's arrangements to get the passports and visas and also knew he split \$3,000 paid by BORIS TOKIN to JACK for a passport.

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Concerning MENDEL LADSKY, MYRA SCHULZ advised that LADSKY went to Moscow around late 1940 or early 1941 to see American Consul about a visa which he did not obtain. She advised she saw LADSKY at home of NANIA CHASHIN in Montreal, Canada, in 1950. JACK, MYRA and [REDACTED] went for an auto ride with MENDEL and HUCANA LADSKY, and HESSEL and NANIA CHASHIN. They stopped at a small Hungarian hotel for dinner and MYRA took LADSKY aside and asked him if he wanted "to write something". MYRA advised she meant did he have anything to report to the Soviets. LADSKY replied in the negative. She stated she asked him because she knew he was a Soviet Agent. LADSKY asked MYRA to find out from her Soviet principal about welfare of LADSKY's niece, and if possible, to get niece out of Russia. MYRA forgot to do this. She does not recall name of niece.

Concerning ALEXANDER ELIAS, MYRA SCHULZ advised she saw him in Montreal around same time she saw LADSKY, at the home of NANIA CHASHIN. She stated she was in kitchen with ELIAS and asked him if he wanted to "write something", and ELIAS said he did not. She advised ELIAS knew MYRA was working for the Soviets.

Concerning JACOB ALBAN, MYRA advised that ALBAN

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told her he had received about \$4,000.00 through JACK
SMITH from the Soviets. ALAN never told MYRA about
his espionage activities. MYRA advised she believed
ALAN was sent out to the US by the Soviets to engage
in espionage on behalf of the USSR.

When MYRA went to Europe in 1950, ALAN told
her that if she should see "them" (Soviets) to find out
how ALAN's daughter was and to give "them" a dress
for the daughter. MYRA did not do this. MYRA cannot
now recall name of daughter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

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JACK SOBLE interviewed a.m., 4/18/57. SOBLE stated that in 1950 in Vienna he and MYRA SOBLE made social visit to home of PAUL and ALICE LOW-BEER. Present at LOW-BEER's home were BEATRICE and HENRY SPITZ. SOBLE stated that during evening BEATRICE SPITZ asked SOBLE what he was doing for Soviets but SOBLE claimed he did not reply to this question and could not explain how BEATRICE knew he was working as a Soviet agent. However, SOBLE admits that BEATRICE knew he was working as Soviet agent.

SPITZES stated to SOBLE that they had left U.S. hastily because they were Communists and feared difficulty because of HENRY SPITZ's government job. SOBLE denied that SPITZES' hasty departure from U.S. may have been connected with disclosures re KLAUS FUCHS or HARRY GOLD. SOBLE claims he does not know whether SPITZES acted for Soviets in U.S.

During visit, BEATRICE SPITZ wanted to give SOBLE photographs taken at Albuquerque. SOBLE claimed photographs were outdoor scenes showing no buildings but claimed no recollection as to what they did portray. SOBLE, when pressed on this point could not adequately explain significance of photographs or why SPITZ desired them to be transferred to Soviets.

SOBLE recalled that he had met SPITZES in NY in 1940 when introduced by ROBERT SOBLE but claims he had not met LOW-BEERS prior to Vienna meeting. Said MYRA had met LOW-BEERS in U.S. SPITZES admitted to SOBLE they were CP members in U.S. in Austrian Division.

One day following visit to LOW-BEERS, PETROV and TCHERNIAWSKI questioned SOBLE and he told them he had visited LOW-BEERS and met SPITZES. Soviets indicated they knew of SPITZ and indicated to SOBLE they had been in touch with SPITZ and that HENRY SPITZ did not desire contact with Soviets. Later, the Soviets referred in contacts with SOBLE to SPITZES' photographs and indicated little interest in them.

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In February, 1951, SOBLE met BEATRICE SPITZ in Vienna and ascertained she was having meet with Soviet agent about that time and did not want Soviet agent to see SOBLE. SOBLE denied that he knew that SPITZES had furnished Soviets with information re atom bomb, production rate of bomb. SOBLE stated that his Soviet contact later referred jokingly to SPITZ as "Mr. Atomic Information".

SOBLE claimed that SPITZES and LOW-BEERS were friends of ROBERT SOBLE and ROBERT told JACK that PAUL and JOHN LOW-BEER had worked for Soviets in Europe.

Prison dentist advised SOBLE on 4/17/57 broke denture and dentist is extracting tooth 4/18/57 as SOBLE complains of toothache. Dentist advised that extraction should not effect SOBLE's ability to continue interviews. Interviews continuing.

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URGENT 4-18-57 10-21 PM FJM

TO DIRECTOR 8

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JACK SOBLE, WAS, ET AL, ESP-R. JACK SOBLE INTERVIEW PM, APRIL EIGHTEEN FIFTYSEVEN, RE RUSSIAN WHO WAS SUPERIOR OF ESTHER RAND PRIOR TO SOBLE-S TAKING OVER RAND AND WHO INTRODUCED HIM TO RAND. SOBLE SHOWN UNLABELED PHOTOGRAPHS OF LEONID D. ABROMOV. SOBLE WAS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THIS WAS THE INDIVIDUAL HE MET WITH RAND. FIRST NAME OF PATROMYMIC OF ABROMOV MENTIONED TO SOBLE AND SOBLE STATED THAT THIS MUST BE THE INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE THE RUSSIAN WITH RAND GAVE SOBLE NAME OF DNITRIEVICH. SOBLE REINTERROGATED RE MARK ZBOROWSKI. SOBLE INSISTS THAT ZBOROWSKI FURNISHED HIM ONLY WITH INFO RE TROTSKYITES, MENSHEVIKS AND WITH NO INFO RE MILITARY, NAVAL OR OTHER US GOVERNMENT MATERIAL. SOBLE INSISTED AGAIN THAT ZBOROWSKI WAS A SPECIALIST IN THE TROTSKYITE, MENSHEVIK MOVEMENT. ✓ SOBLE STATED HE WAS INTRODUCED TO ZBOROWSKI BY CHALIAPIN ABOUT LATTER PART OF NINETEEN FORTYTHREE AND CEASED MEETINGS WITH ZBOROWSKI WHEN CHOUDENKO TOOK PERSONAL CHARGE OF ZBOROWSKI IN EARLY FORTYFIVE. ✓ SOBLE-S MEETINGS WITH ZBOROWSKI INITIALLY WERE ABOUT EVERY TWO WEEKS BUT TOWARD CONCLUSION OF CONTACT WITH ZBOROWSKI, THEY BECAME LESS FREQUENT. SOBLE STATED MEETINGS WITH

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ZBOROWSKI ALWAYS TOOK PLACE IN MANHATTAN. INITIAL MEETINGS OF ZBOROWSKI, CHALIAPIN AND SOBLE TOOK PLACE IN A RESTAURANT ON NORTH SIDE OF FORTYFOURTH STREET BETWEEN BROADWAY AND SIXTH AVENUE. CLAIMS DOES NOT RECALL NAME OF RESTAURANT. SOBLE ALSO MET ZBOROWSKI OUTSIDE OF NY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND IN BRYANT PARK, BEHIND LIBRARY. ALSO MET ZBOROWSKI SEVERAL TIMES IN SMALL RESTAURANT AND BARS ON BROADWAY NEAR ONE ZERO EIGHT STREET, CLOSE TO ZBOROWSKI RESIDENCE. SOBLE STATED HE PAID ZBOROWSKI ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS A MONTH CASH AT FIRST AND THIS WAS REDUCED BY ORDER OF CHOUDENKO TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE CHOUDENKO TOOK PERSONAL CONTROL OF ZBOROWSKI. SOBLE CLAIMS DOCUMENTS GIVEN HIM BY ZBOROWSKI WERE HANDWRITTEN IN EITHER ENGLISH OR RUSSIAN, BUT PROBABLY IN ENGLISH. SOBLE SAID ZBOROWSKI SIGNED DOCUMENTS WITH CODE NAME OF "ATMETIENNE" AND THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE ON PLAIN PAPER AND ENCLOSED IN UNMARKED ENVELOPE. SOBLE RECALLS THAT AMONG PEOPLE MENTIONED IN ZBOROWSKI DOCUMENTS WERE BORIS NIKOLAEVSKI, THEODORE DANN, KRAVCHENKO, WIDOW OF IGNACE REISS, /ELSA BERNAUT/ AND THE DALLINS, ALL OF WHOM WERE CONNECTED IN TROTSKYITE, MENSHEVİK MOVEMENTS. SOBLE STATED THAT AFTER

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HIS OFFICIAL SOVIET CONTACT WITH ZBOROWSKI CEASED IN NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, AFTER SOBLE AND ZBOROWSKI HAD SECURED US NATURALIZATION. SOBLE CLAIMS NO MENTION OF SOVIET WORK MADE AT THESE LATTER MEETINGS. SOBLE STATED THAT ZBOROWSKI-S WIFE MUST HAVE KNOWN ABOUT ZBOROWSKI'S CONNECTION WITH SOBLE SINCE SOBLE SPOKE WITH HER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHEN ATTEMPTING TO REACH ZBOROWSKI ON TELEPHONE. SOBLE WAS QUESTIONED WHETHER ANY OTHER PERSON HAD BEEN PRESENT AT ANY OTHER MEETINGS HE HAD WITH ZBOROWSKI. SOBLE STATED NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL PRESENT AT THESE MEETINGS. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO ANY OTHER PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF ZBOROWSKI DASH SOBLE RELATIONSHIP, ANSWER IN THE NEGATIVE BUT RECALLED THAT SYLVIA DOXSEE AND BOOKER KNEW THE SOVIETS HAD ANOTHER SOURCE GIVING INFO RE TROTSKYITES BUT DID NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF ZBOROWSKI. SOBLE ADVISED HE HAD TOOTH EXTRACTED BETWEEN AM AND PM INTERVIEW AND WHILE FEELING IT, COMPLAINED OF TOOTHACHE. SOBLE CONTINUES TO PROFESS DESIRE TO SUPPLY FULL INFO AND WHEN PRESSED, REQUESTS TIME SO THAT HE MAY COMPLETELY RECALL FULL DETAILS. INTERVIEW CONTINUING. COPIES SENT TO WASH FLD, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES BY MAIL.

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JACK SOBLE, WAS, ESP-R. IN INTERVIEW APRIL NINETEEN SOBLE VOLUNTEERED INFO RE "TWO TAILORS". SOBLE DID NOT RECALL NAMES BUT STATED THEY WERE IN SOUTH AMERICA. RECALLED THAT SOVIETS HAD HIM SEND MONEY TO THESE INDIVIDUALS ON TWO OCCASIONS BOTH THROUGH CREDIT SUISSE. FIRST TRANSFER IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT MADE BY MYRA SOBLE AND SECOND IN NINETEEN FIFTY BY GEROGE ZLATOVSKI. SOBLE STATED THAT FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH KOROTKOV THE INDIVIDUALS WERE CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT BY SOVIETS, THOUGH SOBLE COULD NOT SUPPLY DETAILS. SOBLE DID NOT RECALL THE NAME OF JOSE MINTZ AND HIS BROTHER IN BUENOS AIRES AS NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS BUT SAID NAME WAS SHORT LIKE MINTZ. SOBLE DID NOT RECALL TRANSFERRING MONEY TO MINTZ THROUGH MORROS IN NINETEEN FORTYNINE. BUREAU MAY WISH TO EXPEDITE INQUIRIES RE MINTZ BROTHERS IN ARGENTINA. OTHER DETAILS INTERVIEW FORWARDED BY AIRTEL. LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO AND WFO ADVISED BY MAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

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JACK SCHLE
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NYRA SCHLE interviewed 4/19/57 re biography. She married SCHLE 11/24/27, Moscow after five week courtship. Week after marriage JACK returned to Leipzig, Germany where he was attending University and also employed on a "Sachische Volks Zeitung," a Communist newspaper. JACK returned carrying Trotskyite documents. SCHLE was a Trotskyite. Travelled on original Lithuanian passport.

NYRA went to Leipzig, February, 1928; there met Dr. SCHLE, and MENDEL LADSKY, both former Communists, but 1928 were Trotskyites. August 1928 to October 1928, NYRA visited family at Moscow, returned Leipzig October, 1928; at this time JACK, ROBERT and LADSKY were expelled from CP.

December, 1928, JACK and NYRA went to Berlin. JACK attended University of Berlin to get doctorate in Economics. Received financial support from father. NYRA employed at "Handels Vertretung" (comparable to Amberg, US) attended CP meetings to hold job, not a member. NYRA met in-laws at Berlin. JACK and NYRA friendly with Soviet couple, "MAZAKANOFF" in Berlin, later NYRA learned this couple Soviet Agents.

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MYRA left Berlin 1931 to visit relatives, next day, JACK at Berlin summoned to Soviet Embassy by "Beleff" and told to report on Trotskyites, as Soviet Agent, or would never see MYRA again. JACK returned Moscow 1933. MYRA worked at Intourist and later at Metal Industry. Never became CP member but was candidate for Komsomol. Jack, 1933, employed at Baku newspaper. 1937 JACK went to Paris, France, on unknown espionage mission for three months, then returned Moscow. MYRA does not know if JACK had special training, she did not.

Knew from Dr. SOBLES he had been arrested Switzerland while carrying something in a valise destined for Austria. Dr. SOBLES was then a Trotskyite.

Stated ALBAN visited SOBLES in Moscow, 1938-1939. MYRA knew of ALBAN's second wife "NASHA" and daughter "ROLANDA" never met them nor knows if he divorced this wife. Knows ALBAN has brother, nickname "BON" and the daughter both now in Russia.

SOBLES left Moscow in hurry, 1940, en route Vilkaviscus to get family for trip to US. Group composed of SAMUEL and LIRA SOBLES (JACK's parents); Dr. ROBERT and RINA SOBLES and daughter [redacted] age 10; MANIA WOLSTON and daughter [redacted] age 13; ANNA ANCHELEWITZ, now in Canada, and his mother ESTHER; MENDEL and ROSANA LADSKY; HESSEL and ANIA CHASEN, ISAAC CHASEN, wife LALA and two children, [redacted] 10 years, [redacted] age 3 years; ISAAC ROGOVSKY (former recent head NIAS at NY); BORIS TOKER, now in Israel; and FNU TSHANASKY and wife. TSHANASKY made deal with JACK to provide Haitian visas for group, in exchange for Soviet visa for self and wife, as he had contact in Haiti Consulate, Stockholm, Sweden. He sent the group's Lithuanian passport to Sweden, and had Haitian visas stamped therein, then TSHANASKY joined group, but last seen by MYRA in Japan. JACK met in NYC. He will

be questioned about TSHANSKY. MYRA believes all of group knew how false Lithuanian passports obtained. ANCHELEWITZ filled in names of group in the passports, doing this in Dr. SCHLE's home, Kaunas. MYRA believes ROSOVSKY approached by NKVD while in Vladivostok, but she does not know details. ROSOVSKY to be interviewed in this. ISAAC CHASEN and ADJA ANCHELEWITZ now engaged as partners in Rainbow Electric Supply Co., Notre Dame St., Montreal, Canada.

MYRA will be interviewed 4/20/57.

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JACK SOBIE interviewed afternoon 4/19/57. SOBIE continued re his general activities from 1933. After arrival Moscow in 1933 obtained job in Foreign Section of newspaper in Baku through RUBENOV, one of the secretaries of the Moscow CP whom SOBIE had met at Baku and who was going as secretary of CP in Baku. SOBIE worked in Baku until end of 1933 or beginning of 1934, when because of dispute with RUBENOV, RUBENOV was sent back to Moscow. SOBIE also returned to Moscow. Then got job in Press Section of Profintern, International of Trade Union. Continued such employment during 1934. In 1935-1936 SOBIE was Editor of a German language newspaper in Kharkov having obtained this job through CP Headquarters. At end of 1936 one PARTIN who worked under BERMAN and SLOUTSKI of Foreign Department of Soviet Intelligence approached SOBIE for mission in France. On arrival Paris, PARTIN told SOBIE that Soviets were interested in JAN FRANKEL, long-time secretary of TROTSKY, who was supposed to travel from Czechoslovakia to Mexico. As SOBIE knew FRANKEL well, SOBIE claimed he was used to try to locate FRANKEL. On Soviet instructions SOBIE boarded ship at Nice, France; located FRANKEL on ship. Ship was bound for Mexico via Naples. SOBIE claimed he did not contact FRANKEL but traveled on ship to Naples with FRANKEL. SOBIE left ship and came back to Paris and reported to Soviets. SOBIE then was sent back to Moscow in early 1937.

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While JACK SCHLE in Paris, Soviets sent agents in Spain to locate ROBERT SCHLE, who then returned to Paris. Soviets wished ROBERT SCHLE to infiltrate Trotskyites in Paris, but this was not successful as ROBERT was considered as Soviet agent by a Trotskyite. JACK SCHLE claimed ROBERT SCHLE was not anxious for this work and later returned to Lithuania.

When JACK returned to Moscow, he was given a job with German language newspaper in Moscow, of which he finally became editor. SCHLE claims he was arrested by Soviets in 1937 on charges he had been TROTSKY's secretary, but was freed on following day on intervention of one KENZELMAN of Soviet intelligence. SCHLE continued working for German language newspaper, Moscow, until HITLER - STALIN pact in 1939, when the newspaper was discontinued.

SCHLE stated that he then engaged in free lance journalism for various Moscow newspapers, including the English language "Moscow Daily News" in 1940, about time of Soviet investigation of Lithuania. SCHLE was called to Soviet Intelligence Headquarters, where he met DERRIA FEDOTOV and others.

SCHLE claims that Soviets stated they would give him permission to take his family from Lithuania on SCHLE's promise to work for them. SCHLE stated Soviets told HENK him that his family were capitalists and, therefore, enemies of the State. SCHLE arranged travel of family from Lithuania and claims that only he, ROBERT, ARKHILEWITZ and LADSKY of the group, were expected by Soviets to do aid for Soviets abroad. SCHLE stated that Soviets in later years pressed him, particularly about LADSKY and ARKHILEWITZ, and wanted them to work for Soviets.

SCHLE claims he received no training by the Soviets for intelligence work abroad. He claimed that neither the

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SOULES nor the Soviets knew which country SOULES would eventually come to when they left Lithuania as they did not have any visas for any country except Haiti.

Group received Japanese visas in Vladivostok. SOULE stated Soviets did not set up Missions of Soviet contact with SOULE when he left Russia but told him the Soviets would find him through the British departments of Antorg in whatever country he finally arrived.

SOULE admitted that in 1947 he delivered suit of clothes from JACOB ALBAN to ALBAN's brother in Moscow. This brother was named "BOB" ALBAN and SOULE understood that BOB had been Soviet intelligence agent and once in US.

On 1947 visit to Moscow, ZUBILIN told SOULE that ALBAN's wife and daughter were all right. During interviews, 4/19/57, SOULE mentioned on several occasions, when talking about specific points, as for example, SOULE visit to TROTSKY in Turkey in 1931, that he had previously given this and other information to AUSA GILCHRIST. SOULE stated that he had given general details of his activities to GILCHRIST.

SOULE expressed desire to not have interviews on Saturday and Sunday because of physical condition. As SOULE appears fit, interviews will be conducted on 4/20/57.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

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SOBLE was interviewed a.m., 4/19/57. SOBLE furnished background information concerning birth, education, and family. SOBLE said that he joined the Clandestine Young Communist in Lithuania in 1920 but did not formally join the CP until he went to Leipzig in the latter part of 1921. SOBLE related that from 1921 to 1925 he wrote articles for German CP paper and other propaganda media, also speaking at CP meetings.

SOBLE related that as a representative of the German Communist newspaper "Saechsische-Arbeiter-Zertigung" he went to Moscow to attend the Tenth Congress. SOBLE stated it was at this time he was approached by a representative of the Trotskyite movement in Russia, Chrompiner, who asked SOBLE to bring Trotsky platform of its aims and purposes into Germany. SOBLE stated he did this and that this document was the first formal Trotsky plan brought to Germany.

SOBLE stated the German CP split started in 1925 but became open after his return to Germany in 1927. SOBLE stated it was on this trip to Moscow in 1927 that he married MYRA SOBLE and that she arrived in Berlin in 1928. SOBLE stated in 1929 he was expelled from the German CP and that this fact was published in the German CP paper. SOBLE stated in 1929 he went to Paris and worked on a Yiddish-language Trotsky paper. SOBLE stated at this time he was told by his father that if he did not give up working for the Communists, he would cease supplying SOBLE with funds.

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SOBLE stated in early 1931 he returned to Berlin, MYRA having proceeded him to Berlin. MYRA employed Berlin by Soviet Trade Mission and had to join German CP to get this job. In 1931, MYRA was informed that her mother in Russia was ill and MYRA returned to Russia. Few days later, JACK received letter from Soviet Embassy, Berlin. Claims that as a result of pressure from Soviets he started to supply Soviets with information re Trotskyites.

In 1931, at Soviet request, he made trip to Turkey to visit Trotsky. DINA and ROBERT SOBLE also visited Trotsky. JACK reported on visit to Trotsky to Soviets on return Berlin. Soviets paid expenses of this trip. Also later made trip to Copenhagen but before this trip, made trip to Moscow in 1932 with German student group. In 1932 in Germany after split with Trotskyite Party, SOBLE, because of lack of contacts in Trotskyite movement, finally requested to return to Russia by Soviets in March, 1933.

SOBLE professes desire to make full disclosure. Claims he is making every effort to recall all details but his full memory of details still imperfect. During interrogation he takes long pauses giving appearance of attempting to recall details. SOBLE's answers to questions often interrupted by statements that he will recall full details.

SOBLE claims that Soviets always instructed him to exaggerate own importance, contacts, and knowledge to impress others. SOBLE insists many things he said throughout the years are exaggerations to build himself up with other people. SOBLE claims his statements that he was close friend of MALENKOV were not true and states he never met MALENKOV. SOBLE also claims he exaggerated the importance of meeting with SPITZES and LOW-BEERS in Vienna, 1950. Denies any knowledge of photos of atomic "bunkers" or production rate of atomic bombs received from SPITZES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100352386)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE
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Limited interview had with MYRA SOBLE this morning due to very depressed condition of subject. GEORGE WOLF visited MYRA. Furnished interviewing Agents with letters prepared for JACK SOBLE signature directed to Credit Suisse and Credit Lyonnais requesting transcripts of accounts. MYRA complained not permitted to see doctor, nor to obtain medication to aid sleep. Prison authorities requested to arrange for immediate examination of MYRA.

WOLF stated plans to go to Danbury, Conn., next Tuesday or Wednesday to see JACK SOBLE and to take MYRA with him. NYO will advise USA GILCHRIST on 4/22, next, or WOLF's plans.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

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JACK SOBLE
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Interview of MYRA SOBLE continued this date re biography. Alleges [redacted] adopted from foundling home, Moscow. He was born [redacted] prior to SOBLE departure from Moscow, July, 1940, but custody not given until day of departure.

At Kaunas, Lithuania, MYRA visited by NKVD official named MATUSSOFF, at home of Dr. ROBERT SOBLE and instructed her to remember where the child was born and that all records of the child were maintained at Moscow. MYRA stated she understood the implied threat that she was expected to work as a Soviet agent, or at least not to stand in way of JACK's work. She also received such implied threats upon interview with CHALIAPIN, 1944. Stated [redacted] Dr. SOBLE, DINA SOBLE, or other relatives do not know of adoption.

Denied knowing of other Soviet agents in US working with JACK other than MORROS, STERN, MARTINS, RANDS, ILYA WOLSTON, "SOPHIE (SYLVIA DOKEE), ZBOROWSKI. Stated knew factory at Verberie to be used as cover for Soviet espionage. Stated at KOROTKOV's instructions, sent few hundred dollars to person in Argentina 1948, through Credit Suisse. Cannot recall details or name, although stated it was short name, might be JOSE MINTZ.

Knew Dr. SOBLE worked in Spain during Civil War on behalf "Revolutionists." Stated may have given ALBAM funds twice, cannot recall details. Never received receipts from ALBAM.

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b7c Stated first met JANE ZLATOVSKI in Paris, 1950. JANE told her was introduced to JACK by MARTHA STERN. Instructed MYRA to state, if ever questioned by authorities, that MYRA met JANE by accident at a Paris cafe. JANE admitted to MYRA she was member CP, USA. Interview continuing 4/23 next. MYRA visited by [REDACTED] for one hour 4/22 instant.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE, was
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JACK SOBLE interviewed morning and afternoon April 20, last, at Federal Correction Institution, Danbury. SOBLE was requestioned on matter previously discussed for more specific detailed information.

SOBLE said he did not know the manner in which JACOB ALBAM established contact with the Soviets upon arrival in US, September 1947. SOBLE said that in early 1950, ALBAM expressed disappointment in Soviets and told SOBLE they had promised him diamonds as a means of financing his activities. The nature of these activities unknown to SOBLE. ALBAM told SOBLE he never received the diamonds.

SOBLE stated that upon his return to US, 1950, he told ALBAM he had received instructions from Soviets to take over ALBAM as an agent.

SOBLE stated that upon his return to US, 1952, ALBAM told him he had not yet been naturalized. SOBLE suggested ALBAM hire an attorney to check on his status. ALBAM told him he had already spoken to an attorney at Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS), who had made a confidential inquiry at Immigration and Naturalization Service and had learned that ALBAM file was at FBI office. This attorney, or individual, whom ALBAM did not identify to SOBLE, told ALBAM that in this circumstance, nothing could be done, and he would have to be patient.

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SOBLE stated that ALBAM upon his return to France, in May, 1948, re-established contact with MISHA (KOUSNETSOV) through sources other than SOBLE.

SOBLE said ALBAM knew ZUBILIN and wife and referred ZUBILIN as Vassia. SOBLE did not believe ALBAM knew KOROTKOV, FEDOTOV or PETROV.

SOBLE stated that he told ALBAM that BORIS MORROS and the STERNs were connected with Soviet Intelligence and might have told ALBAM the same about the ZIATOVSKIS.

SOBLE recalled that ALBAM was anxious to secure a petition with MORROS' proposed television company, but said that this was not a specific assignment given to ALBAM.

SOBLE said he did not believe YLYA WOLSTON knew ROBERT SOBLE was working for Soviets. SOBLE also stated he did not believe ROBERT knew that YLYA WOLSTON had furnished him (JACK SOBLE) with information.

SOBLE stated that he had introduced his brother, ROBERT, to ZUBILIN. He said that ZUBILIN introduced ROBERT SOBLE to ZUBILIN'S wife, LISA. SOBLE stated that ROBERT knew the Professor (CHOUDENKO), SOBLE stated that the Professor, in 1943, had promised to furnish ROBERT SOBLE with \$5,000 to help SOBLE establish medical practice. SOBLE stated that the Professor later told ROBERT that he could not give him any money. SOBLE said that ROBERT and the Professor had been engaged in an argument about this with the result that ROBERT SOBLE broke off relation with the Professor.

JACK SOBLE recalled that in 1947, while in Moscow, he related this story to FEDOTOV. FEDOTOV commented that the Professor was stupid and would not be sent abroad again.

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JACK SOBLE stated that his brother, ROBERT, knew that the STERNS were working for Soviet Intelligence and that the STERNS and MORROS had a joint venture for the Soviets. JACK SOBLE recalled that ZUBILIN had once commented to him that ROBERT did not work wholeheartedly.

Regarding YLYA WOLSTON, SOBLE believed that during World War II he mentioned to CHALIAPIN that his nephew was in the army. He recalled that CHALIAPIN then requested him to contact the nephew (YLYA WOLSTON) and have WOLSTON furnish information. SOBLE said he spoke to WOLSTON at SOBLE's apartment while WOLSTON on leave; explained to WOLSTON he was working for Soviets and would like WOLSTON to furnish him with info re his army assignments. SOBLE said he told WOLSTON any info furnished by him would be delivered to the Soviets. SOBLE recalled that WOLSTON typed up info in SOBLE apartment re Camp Ritchie and then signed report. SOBLE said reports consisted of names and personnel, probably of Russian-Americans at camp with WOLSTON.

SOBLE recalled paying WOLSTON \$20 to \$40 for expenses but not certain as to whether he paid this money to WOLSTON on this occasion or on subsequent meeting.

SOBLE recalled WOLSTON gave him a signed receipt for the money received; receipt was signed in the Name WOLSTON. SOBLE stated he was never instructed by the Soviets to pay WOLSTON money.

SOBLE stated WOLSTON supplied information to him on return from Alaska on unrecalled date but prior to WOLSTON trip to San Francisco in 1945, for UN conference.

SOBLE claimed he could recall no further details regarding WOLSTON meeting with CHALIAPIN meeting in 1945 in San Francisco. SOBLE said he again met WOLSTON in Paris, November, 1948, at time of WOLSTON's marriage. Again saw WOLSTON about January or February, 1949, at Nice, France, while WOLSTON still on honeymoon.

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On 1948 and 1949 contacts with WOLSTON, SOBLE received info from WOLSTON. SOBLE stated that in 1948 contact, YLYA gave him names of translators who worked in Berlin, which names SOBLE wrote down, as possible people to approach. These translators were Americans or Russian-Americans. SOBLE turned this info over to MISHA.

In 1949 contact, YLYA again furnished SOBLE names of translation officers working in Berlin. This info given orally and names written down by SOBLE.

SOBLE next in contact with WOLSTON, Cologne, Germany, spring, 1950, SOBLE stated WOLSTON must have initiated contact since SOBLE at that time did not know how or where to reach WOLSTON. At this meeting WOLSTON furnished SOBLE names of people who were attending administration school for possible occupation of Russia.

SOBLE did not see WOLSTON again until end of 1955 when met him at ROBERT SOBLE's office in NY.

SOBLE admitted introducing ESTHER RAND to Dr. ROBERT SOBLE. He told ROBERT that RAND had been furnishing information to him.

SOBLE stated that RAND introduced him to ALICE MARTIN and her husband, JAMES MARTIN. SOBLE said that the MARTINS knew that he and JACOB ALBAM were Soviet agents.

SOBLE denied having a contact "Colonel" in Germany. He stated that his only contact in Germany was YLYA WOLSTON. SOBLE denied that KARL GEHARD, ENRIQUE MAYER, and JAIME JANKELSON were Soviet agents but admitted knowing all of them.

SOBLE in afternoon complained of the length of interviews and lack of sleep during previous night. In this interview, as in previous interviews, SOBLE

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claimed that his memory was not as good as it had been previously and said had difficulty recalling specific details. This was noted particularly when SOBLE was pressed for detailed info rather than general statements.

Interviews to be resumed Monday, April 22, next.

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at Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn.

Re ALICE MARTIN, SOBLE stated he recalled that ALICE MARTIN at a meeting at her apartment on 97th Street, New York City, sometime during World War II, gave SOBLE a handwritten biography on RICHARD LAUTERBACH, ALICE told SOBLE that LAUTERBACH was making a trip to India. MARTIN stated that LAUTERBACH was a Communist and would be agreeable to contact with the Soviets in India. SOBLE stated that LAUTERBACH was given a meeting place at hotel in Calcutta, where he was staying and a parole for a meeting with the Soviets. SOBLE stated that ALICE MARTIN told him she had known LAUTERBACH, but SOBLE did not know the details of their relationship. SOBLE gave the information from ALICE MARTIN on LAUTERBACH to CHALIAPIN. SOBLE recalled that CHALIAPIN expressed interest in this information, but ALICE MARTIN later told SOBLE that LAUTERBACH had told her that he was not contacted by the Soviets in Calcutta.

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1-New York (100-86896) (JACK SOBLE)
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SOBLE stated that he was of the opinion from the way ALICE MARTIN reported about LAUTERBACH that she could have worked for the Soviets prior to SOBLE's contact with her. SOBLE stated he did not know if LAUTERBACH was contacted by the Soviets in Calcutta or later in New York. SOBLE stated he cannot recall if ALICE MARTIN furnished him with other such reports. Re LEAH MALAMENT, SOBLE stated it was possibly MALAMENT, whose apartment SOBLE was taken to by VASSILI ZUBILIN in early 1940's and was introduced there to a woman, possibly MALAMENT. ZUBILIN described MALAMENT as a friend of the Soviets. ZUBILIN told SOBLE that this woman's apartment could be used for SOBLE's meeting with other Soviet agents. SOBLE stated the apartment was in the West 70's in New York City. SOBLE claimed he never met any individuals connected with the Soviets at the apartment except at the initial meeting during which ZUBILIN introduced him to MALAMENT. SOBLE claims he never met this woman again and never used the apartment. SOBLE explained that if he had wanted to use the apartment he was to call the woman and be certain that the apartment was not otherwise being used. SOBLE states he was introduced as "SAM". SOBLE understood from ZUBILIN that ZUBILIN had used the apartment frequently. SOBLE stated that on one occasion when he was with MARTHA DODD STERN in a restaurant on Broadway and 74th Street, NYC, awaiting a meeting with JANE FOSTER, MARTHA STERN told him that she and SOBLE could wait at an apartment that the Soviets used nearby the restaurant. SOBLE stated that he believed that MARTHA STERN and ZUBILIN had met at the apartment in the West 70's. SOBLE stated he could not recall the exact address of the apartment, but that it was on the third floor.

Re ALFRED STERN and MARTHA DODD STERN, SOBLE today claimed that initial introduction to BORIS MORROS by ZUBILIN took place on street corner of Broadway, vicinity of 125th Street, NYC. SOBLE stated he was uncertain of the date, but that it was in either the spring or fall of a year and placed it about 1943.

SOBLE claims that on initial meeting, MORROS, ZUBILIN and he then proceeded to Chinese Restaurant at Columbus Circle, NYC. SOBLE states he was informed by ZUBILIN and MORROS that MORROS had a phonographic record company but states he was not told that MORROS had a partner in the company. SOBLE was advised that the purpose of the company was to be used as a cover company to place Soviet agents and that such agents could be used in US or other countries. However, SOBLE claims that the specific assignment of such agents was not made known to him.

At the time of meeting MORROS, SOBLE did not know about STERN. SOBLE claims that next meeting with MORROS was when MORROS met him at LA Railroad Station (February, 1945) when SOBLE proceeded LA to attempt to straighten out affairs between MORROS and STERN in the company. SOBLE recalled that prior to ZUBILIN's departure from US, ZUBILIN gave SOBLE the name of ALFRED K. STERN, and told him that when so instructed by Soviets, SOBLE was to telephone STERN and to meet him. SOBLE did so when instructed.

SOBLE stated that the STERNS had another Soviet contact, and he learned from CHOUDENKO several weeks prior to making trips, that he must go to LA. SOBLE stated that the STERNS must have reported to another Soviet contact and SOBLE was instructed by CHOUDENKO to take care of MORROS' and STERNS' affairs.

SOBLE stated that subsequent to the dissolution of the STERN and MORROS business, and when SOBLE was instructed to go to Washington to meet ANATOLI GROMOV, to take over a Soviet apparatus in Washington, STERN accompanied him to Washington on one visit. STERN was informed by SOBLE that SOBLE had been instructed to work in Washington for the Soviets. STERN volunteered to obtain for SOBLE a place where SOBLE could stay in Washington other than a hotel. STERN introduced SOBLE to a woman in Washington and her daughter (GRACE and MARY VAN CASTEEL), with

whom STERN had prior contact, and who had a home in Washington. STERN believed that part of the home could be used by SOBLE. SOBLE understood from STERN that this home had been used for similar clandestine activities prior to that time. SOBLE stated that the woman, however, did not wish to permit the use of her home and besides, SOBLE decided not to accept the Washington assignment under GROMOV.

SOBLE stated that he introduced CHOUDENKO and STERN in late 1945 at the corner of Central Park West and 74th Street, NYC. STERN drove CHOUDENKO and SOBLE to the STERN farm in Ridgefield, Connecticut. The introduction was made at STERN's insistence. STERN asked CHOUDENKO to recommend other companies in which STERN could invest money and in which both STERN could make money and the Soviets could use the company for Soviet purposes. According to SOBLE, CHOUDENKO could not understand why STERN, a wealthy American businessman, could not, on his own, find such companies for investment.

SOBLE claims he does not know the other Soviet contacts of the STERNS. SOBLE repeated that MARTHA STERN admitted she furnished information from US Embassy, Berlin, to Soviets in 1930's and said ZUBILIN also mentioned this. Said STERNS also had, in USm other Soviet contacts, apparently from Soviet Embassy in Washington, where they attended reception.

SOBLE also repeated that KOROTKOV, in Moscow, 1949, charged SOBLE with failure to turn in report received from STERN earlier in 1949. SOBLE denied to KOROTKOV that he received such reports, but KOROTKOV stated the Soviets had a copy of the report that the STERNS had given to SOBLE. SOBLE admitted to interviewing Agents that in 1949, he had met STERN at STERN's insistence and had accepted a report. SOBLE, however, claims that he did not read report and did not know its contents. He claims he did not want to act as messenger for STERNS and did not wish to jeopardize his own security by carrying report to Europe. SOBLE claims he, therefore, tore up STERNS report without reading it.

SOBLE stated he told STERN in 1948 that he had been to Moscow and had seen ~~the~~ ZUBILIN. SOBLE stated he told STERNS that JANE and GEORGE ZLATOVSKI were working under SOBLE'S direction.