

SOBLE states he has not seen the STERNS since 1949.

SOBLE claims MARTHA STERN was much more capable than ALFRED, but she was more "secretive" concerning her work for the Soviets. SOBLE states ZUBILIN remarked that as long as Soviets were in contact with MARTHA, she would control ALFRED STERN. SOBLE claims he does not know that JANE ZLATOVSKI furnished information to MARTHA when JANE employed OSS, but said that JANE and MARTHA were exceptionally close, and JANE could have given such information.

Interviews of SOBLE continuing. SOBIE again protested he desired to make full and complete statement, but that his memory had not returned as yet to previous vigor. SOBLE denied that he was attempting to protect ROBERT SOBLE or others. Denied he had made a deal to protect ROBERT SOBLE or any other person.

SOBLE claims he formerly had good memory, but that incarceration, Bellevue Hospital, had hindered it. Interviews continue to proceed slowly as SOBLE speaks in generalities and must be pressed for details in each and every instance.

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TO: BUREAU
FROM: NEW YORK (100-86896)
RE: JACK SOBLE, was
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JACK SOBLE interviewed morning of 4/23/57 at Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn., re JANE and GEORGE ZIATOVSKI. SOBLE states he was introduced to JANE at home of MARTHA and ALFRED STERN in NYC shortly after her return from Indonesia (November of December, 1945). SOBLE claimed STERN vouched for JANE'S reliability. SOBLE denied that he knew or was told that JANE had worked for OSS in Indonesia or U. S.

SOBLE admits receiving in presence of STERN a report by JANE on Indonesia. SOBLE states report was typed in the office of a friend of JANE'S in Washington, D. C. Places time of report as shortly after he met JANE. SOBLE turned report over to CHOUDENKO. SOBLE recalled that later he noticed similarity between contents of report and speech by MANUILSKY, Soviet delegate at UN, on Indonesia.

SOBLE admits several other meetings with JANE and the STERNS frequently. Also admits borrowing about \$2,000.00 from JANE but states that this loan was made on personal basis.

SOBLE denies that he asked JANE to go to Canada when she met BORIS SOBLE. He claims that JANE insisted on making trip to Canada for winter sports. SOBLE denied that he instructed or asked JANE to go to France in 1947. Admits that in 1947 he arranged through KOUSNETZOV in Paris that JANE meet Soviet contact in Vienna.

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SOBLE denies that he met GEORGE ZLATOVSKI until GEORGE was out of U. S. Army and meeting was in U.S. SOBLE describes first meeting with ZLATOVSKI at 42nd Street Cafeteria, NYC (in March, 1949, SOBLE and ZLATOVSKI were observed to meet at 42nd Street Cafeteria after ZLATOVSKI had telephoned SOBLE requesting such meeting). SOBLE claims at this meeting GEORGE was trying to get SOBLE to repay loan from JANE. SOBLE denies receiving information from GEORGE concerning American military intelligence in Austria. SOBLE also denies instructing GEORGE to obtain job with U. S. military authorities in Europe in 1950 but states that GEORGE was trying to get many jobs on his own and did attempt to get job with military authorities in 1950. SOBLE also denies that he instructed JANE and GEORGE to make trips to Austria in 1950 to contact U. S. intelligence personnel they knew there. SOBLE admits paying GEORGE and JANE \$150.00 per month.

SOBLE was vigorously interrogated at all points and was told he was withholding information and not making full disclosures.

It is apparent that SOBLE when questioned concerning the obtaining of national defense information refuses to admit that he and other persons involved in this case have obtained and were instructed to obtain such information. SOBLE appears to be attempting to build up a story that he was an unwilling victim of Soviet pressure and now desires to convey a story as to how persons such as himself were used by Soviets for espionage as unwilling tools of the Soviets.

Interviews continuing.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SOBLE, was; ET AL
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(MOCASE)

SOBLE interviewed p.m., 4/23/57, Federal
Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut.

SOBLE stated that he new recalled knowing that
JANE ZLATOVSKI was with DONOVAN (General WILLIAM F.
DONOVAN - OSS), and that JANE met DONOVAN personally. SOBLE
was unable to recall if JANE ZLATOVSKI had a code name
at the time he met her. SOBLE denied asking GEORGE
ZLATOVSKI to look for a US Government job in Europe and
recalled that GEORGE ZLATOVSKI had also located a job
at UNESCO on his own initiative.

SOBLE claimed that he could not recall if he
had asked MORROS to carry reports for him to Vienna. He
denied knowledge of MORROS ever making a report on
DEWEY and WARREN.

SOBLE at first claimed he could not recall,
but later remembered that he introduced ZLATOVSKI to
MORROS in Paris. SOBLE claimed he could not recall stating
that he was going to have JEANNIE OMTVEDT obtain a job
for GEORGE ZLATOVSKI with Marshall Plan in Europe.

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SOBLE claimed he was unable to recall receiving reports of JANE ZLATOVSKI concerning US intelligence agents in Austria. SOBLE admitted that when he went to Moscow in 1947, he told the Soviets that JANE ZLATOVSKI had been in Indonesia and was a close friend of MARTHA STERN. SOBLE claimed that his recollection was that he first met GEORGE ZLATOVSKI in a cafeteria on 42nd Street in New York City, but SOBLE also admitted that he had met GEORGE and JANE ZLATOVSKI at the apartment of the STERNS in New York City, probably in 1946.

SOBLE stated he had definite recollection of such meeting because ZLATOVSKIS' marital troubles were discussed on this occasion. SOBLE claimed inability to recall whether meeting in STERNS' apartment took place before he met GEORGE ZLATOVSKI at the 42nd Street cafeteria.

SOBLE also recalled meeting JANE ZLATOVSKI at a small hotel in New York City, but claimed inability to recall in whose room JANE was staying. SOBLE claimed inability to recall statement that he had agent at Encyclopedia Britannica. SOBLE recalled that meeting with the ZLATOVSKIS in Paris were at the Cafe Rotund, at the Coupole Restaurant and L'Aiglon Hotel.

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SOBLE claimed that MYRA SOBLE first met the ZLATOVSIS at Deauville, France in 1950. SOBLE claimed inability to recall if JANE ZLATOVSKI ever mentioned WILLIAM and EARL BROWDER, but stated that the STERNS mentioned BROWDER. Other than mention of names by STERNS, SOBLE claimed he recalled no other incident concerning the BROWDER. SOBLE denied that he had stated that JANE ZLATOVSKI had produced a "pile of papers" for MARTHA STERN. With reference to house in Washington which STERN took SOBLE to visit in 1945, SOBLE stated that STERN had probably used the house for clandestine purposes on prior occasions since STERN knew the owners of the house well (VAN CASTEEL). SOBLE advised that MARTHA STERN had probably told him that JANE ZLATOVSKI had been in espionage work before he, SOBLE met JANE. SOBLE denied making a statement that JANE had furnished "two valises" of information on Indonesia which was used by the Soviets. SOBLE again claimed that he did not recall giving MORROS' reports on ZLATOVSKI and OMTVEDT to carry to Vienna for him. SOBLE denied having made the statement that he had to pay JANE ZLATOVSKI \$11,000 after his return from Moscow in 1949. SOBLE denied that he had paid money or given gifts to JANE FOSTER in the United States. He again admitted paying the ZLATOVSIS \$150 per month in Europe and stated that the ZLATOVSIS gave him receipts for this money signed "JANE" and "GEORGE." SOBLE stated that these receipts were given by him to KOUSNETZOV.

SOBLE stated that at one time he was contacting two different Soviet superiors in Europe, that is the Vice Consul at Berne, Switzerland and KOUSNETZOV in Paris. SOBLE stated he did not recall the name of the person who came from Moscow to Paris and contacted him in 1950. He denied urging MORROS to make up with STERN or to enter another Soviet Cover Company after MORROS and STERN separated.

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He denied telling MORROS that he gave the Soviets a bad report on MORROS when he went to Europe in 1947. SOBLE admitted that he met the Soviets in Europe in 1947 because CHOUDENKO instructed him to do so when he got his US passport. SOBLE was advised again that he was not making full disclosure and claimed that if this were so it was because of faulty memory. At each point in the above interrogation he was assured that his inability to recall or his denial of certain matters did not correspond with known facts. During this interview as in prior interviews SOBLE was asked if there were any other persons connected with him or with the Soviets about whom he had not make disclosure. Interviews continuing.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
RE : JACK SOBLE, was.; ET AL
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MYRA SOBLE, in interview 4/23 instant, stated now recalls that on day in 1948 when KOROTKOV requested her to send money to Argentina, JACK SOBLE told her, it was for two tailors. MYRA cannot recall amount, but believes not more than \$400.00, name was a short one, and Jewish, possibly MINTZ. She believes KOROTKOV gave her cash with which she purchased a money order at Credit Suisse, Geneva. Denied knowing of other transfer through MORROS, or ZLATOVSKIS.

MYRA cannot recall any meeting with JAMES MARTIN July 4, 1950 and is very confused on dates and events. Cannot recall meeting OSCAR YOLLES in Montreal during July, 1950, when she contacted LADSKY and ELIAS for reports.

New York letter to Bureau 11/2/50, page 3, reflects JACK SOBLE on 7/3/50 in contact with YOLLES and told him MYRA would contact him during her visit to Montreal July, 1950. MYRA advised knew YOLLES as an Austrian living in Leipzig and Berlin, Germany 1929; that he was a Communist then turned Trotskyite; could not make living in Germany, and was supported by SOBLE; thru funds furnished by SOBLE, went to Canada about 1929, works as real estate manager for rich cousin named YOLLES at Toronto. MYRA still maintains YOLLES not involved. Stated ELIAS has been very depressed and very scared of being arrested since the IGOR GOUZENKO

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defection in Canada and has expressed such fears in MYRA's presence. Knowledge of receipt of funds 1947-1949, from JACK SOBLE while in Europe, allegedly through Black market channels and later disposition reviewed again with MYRA, with little results. She cannot recall dates, amounts or from whom received. Maintains moneys made by SOBLE in bristle business. SOBLE executed letters directed to Credit Suisse and Credit Lyonnaiss requesting transcripts. Letters airmailed 4/23 instant. Scarf given to MYRA by ESTHER RAND, sent from Paris by SOBLE 1948, obtained.

MYRA to be interviewed 4/24 next. GEORGE WOLF subject's attorney now plans visit to JACK at Danbury, latter part of week. Will request USA permission to bring MYRA with him.

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

JACK SOBLE, was
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JACK SOBLE interviewed Federal Correctional Institution,
Danbury, Connecticut, afternoon 4/24/57.

SOBLE again denied that OSCAR VOLLES knew of his (SOBLE's) espionage connections. SOBLE again protested that he was not withholding information. SOBLE denied that he ever made a statement or that he had knowledge of a conference among BARUCH, BOHLEN, TRUMAN and EISENHOWER.

SOBLE repeated story that FOMIN of Amtorg sent letter concerning offering of bristles to BORIS SOBLE in Canada in 1942. JACK SOBLE denied knowing at that time the significance of this letter, although he admitted that the Soviets in Russia had told him they would make contact with him in this manner. SOBLE then repeated story of meeting FOMIN and ZUBILIN in New York City.

SOBLE stated that it was not until the third or fourth meeting with ZUBILIN that he met LIZA ZUBILIN. SOBLE stated that at that time, ROBERT SOBLE was not in touch with the Soviets, but that he, JACK, introduced ROBERT to ZUBILIN later in 1942. SOBLE repeated story that ALEXANDER ELIAS met ZUBILIN in New York City and placed this date as probably in early month, 1943. SOBLE stated that ELIAS knew ZUBILIN was from Soviet intelligence. SOBLE claimed he could not explain why ELIAS wished to meet the Soviets but that ELIAS knew SOBLE had contact with the Soviets.

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SOBLE claimed he could not identify the "farmhouse" to which ZUBILIN drove SOBLE and ELIAS other than he believed the farmhouse to be in New Jersey. SOBLE reiterated that ZUBILIN had told him the Soviets had possession of the farmhouse.

SOBLE stated that he was questioned about ELIAS when he, SOBLE, was in Moscow in 1948. He said that the Soviets complained that ELIAS had not done anything for the Soviets.

Concerning the money transfer by SOBLE to CHALIAPIN and ZUBILIN in Canada, which amounted to about \$4,000, SOBLE placed the date of this transfer in early 1943 and stated that CHALIAPIN did not pay him the money in New York City for several months after SOBLE turned over the money in Canada. SOBLE stated that he may have made second such transfer to CHALIAPIN in Canada, but claimed inability to recall details.

SOBLE denied that the Coast Guard pass which he obtained in New York City during World War II had anything to do with the Soviets, but was effort on his own to secure job as was his attendance at linotype school in New Jersey in 1943. SOBLE stated that the S & V Cafeteria in New York City had been his own idea originally and that he hoped, at the time, to obtain a livelihood from it. SOBLE stated that ZUBILIN inspected the cafeteria just before SOBLE purchased it and that CHALIAPIN subsequently gave him \$4,000 in cash to finance this purchase.

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SCHULZ claimed he could not recall where this money transfer took place. SCHULZ stated that he could not recall all the meeting places that he used to contact Soviet agents. He stated, however, that he once met EMBELIN near the Astor Building in New York City and that he also met CHALAPIN near the consulate in New York's Department Store.

Re SYLVIA CALVIN BOKER, at time of introduction by EMBELIN to BOKER, SCHULZ claimed he was not told of BOKER by name. SCHULZ stated that BOKER's code name was SYLVIA. SCHULZ stated that BOKER was nervous and later requested release from assignment in JAMES F. CANNON's office and that CHALAPIN permitted BOKER to leave the work, and go back to Chicago. SCHULZ stated that BOKER typed all of her information in BOKER's apartment, and this information related to PROSECUTE matters. After BOKER left the work, SCHULZ continued for a short time to pay BOKER's rent. SCHULZ denied that he had ever taken any other person to BOKER's apartment and denied that he had introduced any other person to BOKER or had been introduced by BOKER to any other person. He denied introducing EMBELIN SCHULZ to BOKER. SCHULZ stated that he possibly had taken CHALAPIN to BOKER's apartment. SCHULZ stated that he furnished BOKER with the telephone number of the S. and V. California.

SCHULZ stated that he telephoned BOKER in 1943 after his trip to Moscow in 1947, and offered her money, which she did not accept. SCHULZ said that BOKER desired to go to England and then to Russia.

SCHULZ claimed that BOKER had told him later about herself, except that she had worked in HITLER Germany for EMBELIN, but that she did not tell him what her specific work in Germany was.

SCHULZ stated that BOKER's apartment was well known to EMBELIN and probably had been used for meetings other than his, SCHULZ's, visit there.

Intensive efforts made during above interview to get SCHULZ to fix details as to times, dates and specific circumstances, but in each case, SCHULZ claimed inability to recall such details. SCHULZ complained that interviews were being conducted in two sessions each day and was advised that in view of gravity of matter, it is essential that complete details of his activities and knowledge of persons engaged with him or known to him to be connected with the Soviets must be disclosed immediately.

Interviews continuing.

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

JACK SOBIE, was; ET AL
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JACK SOBIE interviewed Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, a.m., 4/24/57. SOBIE at initiation of this interview, reiterated his desire to make full disclosure. SOBIE claimed that he could not now recall any further details concerning JAMES FOSTER supplying him with information re U.S. intelligence agent in Austria. SOBIE again was emphatically informed that his statements thus far were only a partial disclosure of his activities. He was again forcefully advised that a complete report of his interviews was to be furnished to the USA and departmental authorities, as well as Federal court. In addition, he was told that the above authorities would be furnished with a statement reflecting the degree of cooperation SOBIE had shown in the course of interviews. It was pointed out to him that his present denial of statements previously made by him could hardly be interpreted as a measure of cooperation.

It was pointed out that from all this information, it was obvious that SOBIE was withholding the full and complete disclosure that he has stated he wished to make. SOBIE pleaded that he wished to tell everything but that he did not know what had happened to his memory. It was pointed out to him that his memory on certain details seemed to be excellent but that on more important matters he claimed failure to recollect.

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SOBLE denied knowing FLOYD CLEVELAND MILLER and claimed again inability to identify MILLER's photograph. He denied sending MILLER to Mexico re TROTSKY's wife or that he, SOBLE had been interested in VICTOR SERGE. SOBLE claimed that he did not even know that SERGE was in Mexico. SOBLE also denied asking MILLER to go to France. He denied introducing MILLER to his brother, ROBERT SOBLE.

SOBLE again denied ability to recall additional facts re JANE FOSTER. He denied wanting to set up a company concerning violin bows with MORROS and stated that it must have been MORROS who proposed the television company as a cover for the Soviets. SOBLE stated that he had never heard KOROZOV mentioning fifty-five or any number of firms in the U.S. used by the Soviets. SOBLE denied knowledge of any Soviet cover company in the U.S.

He again denied having a contact at the Encyclopedia Britannica. SOBLE claimed that the "contact at the White House" was possibly a reference to JULIUS SOBLE, who SOBLE understood had some political influence in Washington and who helped the SOBLE family to immigrate to U.S. SOBLE denied any knowledge of any Soviet agent connected with the White House. SOBLE stated that the only person having any possible connection with the Pentagon was ILYA WOLSTON. SOBLE denied that he had or knew of any Soviet source in the Pentagon who reported on meetings in the Pentagon.

SOBLE stated he never paid a "professor," who ZUBILIN had neglected to pay. SOBLE said that he had never made the statement that the Soviets had "two more FUCHS" in Great Britain and knew of no Soviet source on atomic energy in Britain or U.S. SOBLE denied that he had ever been able to get passport information from the State Department or that he knew anyone connected with the State Department in Washington.

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SOBLE claimed he did not know STEVE NELSON or any individual named MESARGOH. SOBLE stated that the only Yugoslav he knew was SROVA FRICA and that FRICA had never worked for the Soviets. SOBLE said he knew FRICA through FRICA's wife, ANITA REPELSKY, sister of ELISA ELIAS, wife of ALEXANDER ELIAS. SOBLE knew FRICA was an editor of a Yugoslav Communist newspaper in Pittsburgh and visited the ELIASES in Canada often. SOBLE claimed he did not know whether REPELSKY had ever worked for Soviets or that she was connected as secretary to ROBERT ST. JOHN in Yugoslavia.

SOBLE claimed that he did not recall whether JANE FOSTER had ever written a biography on ST. JOHN. SOBLE denied that he stated in 1950 that he, SOBLE, had two girls who he would send to Yugoslavia. He admitted sending GEORGE ZLATOVSKI to Yugoslavia and claimed that the trip was partially with bristle business. SOBLE denied telling MORROS that the Soviets had learned through a female employee of U.S. Embassy in Prague that MORROS was under suspicion because of the ease with which he obtained a Soviet visa. SOBLE claimed that he did not know whether MORROS was allegedly surveilled on trips from Russia.

SOBLE stated that he had been told by JANE FOSTER that HELEN DOUGLAS was a "left wing" girl but claimed he had not dared to approach DOUGLAS or to use her. SOBLE claimed that the Lehmann Co. was not involved in Soviet espionage to his knowledge. SOBLE claimed inability to recall money transfers for DR. ROBERT MARTENS through BROVERMAN and said he had not seen and did not remember MARTENS.

SOBLE admitted currency exchanges through MICHAEL ROUBINOWITZ AND AVISH and OLGA LUKI but claimed that such exchanges were usually black-market dealings. SOBLE denied contact with any Soviets in Wall St. area, NYC, in June, 1950. SOBLE claimed that OSCAR YOLLES did not know of SOBLE's espionage activities or connections with the Soviets though he admitted that he had mentioned YOLLES to the Soviets as a possible contact for the Soviets.

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SOBLE stated that the large sum of money he showed MORROS in 1949 was obtained through bristle dealings. SOBLE claimed that meeting with INGRID DROSSE in 1949 was purely social. SOBLE denied ever meeting Soviets in Canada with exception of ZUBILIN and CHALIAPIN, meetings about which he has previously mentioned.

SOBLE stated that Soviets code name "White" was probably reference to ALBAN and that "Polk" and "Gloria" referred to ILYA WOLSTON. SOBLE described his meetings with VICTOR DE GUINSBOURG as social. He also mentioned that he transferred money for DE GUINSBOURG to DE GUINSBOURG's relatives in Verberie. SOBLE claimed that HYMAN LITTMAN, PIERRE LA PON, CLARK FARBER, LOUISE HICKS, and JOSEPH and PANYA GROSS had no connection with the Soviets or knew that SOBLE was so connected. SOBLE denied knowing PAUL and EMILY LEMPORT and stated he did not recall the name of JEAN GUTTLER.

Interviews continuing.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
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MYRA SOBLE, on interview 4/24 instant, identified scarf received from ESTHER RAND 1948, sent to MYRA by SOBLE from Paris. Also identified small piece costume jewelry given to MYRA by A. K. STERN, Christmas, 1945. Stated now positive ROBERT SOBLE, during December, 1946, stated the individual with whom he had a fight on 57th Street, NYC, was the "Professor". JACK told MYRA ZUBILIN did not like ROBERT SOBLE because he acted like a "Sphinx".

Stated ROBERT and JACK did not discuss the Boris Morros Music Company in front of her, but she is almost sure that ROBERT knew JACK was introduced to MORROS and STERN by ZUBILIN. MYRA believes ROBERT knows ALBAM'S background and involvement. Stated about 1942-1943, ROBERT told JACK and MYRA the record at Paris Prefecture of Police on "SOBOLEVICIUS" applied to him, and that he was asked to leave Paris, 1937; that while in Paris, 1937, ROBERT hailed a taxi, one night entered it; the driver was one "MOLINERE" a well-known Trotskyite; ROBERT had been a Trotskyite, had just returned from Spain where he served in medical corps of "Revolutionists".

MYRA cannot recall what ROBERT was doing in Paris, but a couple of days after meeting "MOLINERE", ROBERT was called to Prefecture of Police and requested to leave France. Stated JACK said he met ROBERT in Paris, while he, JACK, was on Soviet Mission against the Trotskyites at Paris. ROBERT never mentioned if he knew ZBOROWSKI, even after his name appeared in newspapers.

Stated ROBERT treated GUBITCHEV, who came to him from H.I.P. that GUBITCHEV one time presented ROBERT with a very

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expensive hand-painted Russian cigarette box. Stated ROBERT said GUBITCHEV twice attempted to "talk" privately to him, but ROBERT would not do so. Stated knows JANE gave JACK reports, but never saw them. Believes JANE prepared reports on all her contacts in Salzburg.

JANE introduced MYRA to "EDDIE STEPCZYK" and wife at Salzburg, and JANE told her "EDDIE" was on secret mission for US. Does not know if report prepared by JANE on "STPCZYK".

Knows JANE and GEORGE received \$150 monthly salary from JACK. Stated does not recall GEORGE, at JACK's request, sought US Government job. Recalls while at ZLATOVSKI apartment, GEORGE read her a letter he was writing to someone, protesting refusal of some position because GEORGE was considered a security risk. JANE laughingly told MYRA, after listening to GEORGE'S protests in the letter, she, JANE, was almost convinced GEORGE was not a security risk.

JACK told MYRA in 1947 about trip to Canada, 1947, with JANE and meeting BORIS SOBLE. JACK told MYRA he met JANE accidentally at railroad station. JACK, on 4/16 last, admitted to MYRA of his "affairs" with JANE in NYC, 1947.

MYRA will be re-interviewed 4/25 next.

b7c Phonograph records, made by Boris Morros Music Co. obtained by JACK while on trip to Hollywood with STERN, 1947, furnished NYO by [REDACTED] 4/24 instant. Will be exhibited to subjects for identification.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SOBLE, was
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SOBLE was interviewed 4/25/57 P. M. at the F.C.I., Danbury, Conn. He said that he now is fairly sure that his first meeting with GEORGE ZLATOVSKI occurred at the STERNs' apartment. SOBLE stated that in his opinion, ZLATOVSKI knew that he, SOBLE, was a Soviet agent at that time. SOBLE was not sure whether ZLATOVSKI learned this from JANE ZLATOVSKI, the STERNs, or himself.

SOBLE recalled hearing that ZLATOVSKI, while in the US Army, had the assignment of interrogating people crossing into the US zones in Europe. SOBLE was unable to recall who he heard this from.

SOBLE repeated that ILYA WOLSTON gave him a package for delivery to the Soviets on one occasion. SOBLE said that this incident occurred after WOLSTON returned from Alaska, and before WOLSTON went to the San Francisco Conference in 1945. He was questioned closely on this matter and insisted that WOLSTON gave him the package before going to San Francisco.

SOBLE said that OSCAR YOLLES helped MENDEL LADSKY at the Soviet Trade Mission in Berlin around 1929, but that YOLLES was not officially employed by this mission. SOBLE again denied that IRVING SOLLINS was connected with the Soviets.

SOBLE repeated the story of offering LUCY BOOKER money, around 1948, and stated that this money was from his own pocket. He was unable to explain why he did this. SOBLE was unable to recall when ROBERT SOBLE stopped seeing JOHANNA BEKER, and denied knowing VON BAHRENSPRUNG and HANS HIRSCHFELD. SOBLE denied that he had ever met RUTH FISCHER in the US and repeated that he met her in Germany.

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SOBLE identified Dr. BRAUER (FNU) as a Czech dentist who left Lithuania on the same train with him in 1940. He said that BRAUER threatened to tell the US authorities that he and ROBERT SOBLE were Communists unless given \$3,000. SOBLE stated that no payment was made, and that he does not know BRAUER's present whereabouts. He said that BRAUER had no connection with the Soviets.

SOBLE claimed to be unable to furnish the names of other individuals sent out as agents by the Soviet Union. He said that he was unable to recall if the STERNS, MARTINS, RANDS, or MARK ZBOROWSKI mentioned the names of any Soviet agents other than the individuals he has already furnished in this series of interviews.

SOBLE said that the name, DAVID BERTIN, was not familiar to him. SOBLE was again questioned about his trips to Moscow. He identified "ALEXEI" as ALEXEI N. PRUDNIKOV (ALEXEI PROKHOROV), and said that on his way back from Moscow, in 1947, he landed at the Vienna Airport and was driven by car to Prague. SOBLE said that he then flew from Prague to Paris.

SOBLE related that he saw JACOB ALBAM in Paris when he returned from the 1947 trip, and that he told ALBAM the details of his trip to Moscow. SOBLE said that he delivered gifts from ALBAM to ALBAM's wife, child, and brother while in Moscow, in 1947.

SOBLE denied having any assignments for MORROS when he, SOBLE, returned to the US in 1947. SOBLE said that he, himself, had been given no Soviet assignments in the US in Moscow in 1947. SOBLE stated that he did not recall urging MORROS to go to Moscow with him via Poland in 1948. SOBLE said that on his 1948 trip to Moscow, he was met in Warsaw, Poland, by a Russian who was about 6' tall, heavy set, full face, black hair. This man gave SOBLE a "White Paper" under another name for travel to Moscow. SOBLE claimed that he could not recall the name used in the paper. SOBLE also met this individual on the way back from Moscow.

SOBLE said that he was met by PETROV when he arrived in Moscow. SOBLE then recalled that he kept his American passport on his 1947 trip to Moscow and showed the passport to ZUBILIN, who

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handed it back with the comment, "We can make better ones."

SOBLE said that he saw KORNITOV on the 1948 trip to Moscow, and that KORNITOV told him to "keep away from Jews." SOBLE said that KORNITOV had been in Soviet Intelligence for a long time, and had worked in France and Germany. SOBLE said that KORNITOV's wife also must have played an important role in Soviet Intelligence.

SOBLE related that he learned through one VASSIA SPIRO, a Rumanian newspaper man in the 1930's in Moscow, that a prominent O.G.P.U. agent, whose first name was also VASSIA, had taken as a second wife, a Rumanian named LIZA and SOBLE claimed that he later connected this information with VASSIA and LIZA ZUBILIN.

SOBLE, on frequent occasions, when questioned about specific details, stated that he was presently unable to recall these details, but might recall them at some future time. He was emphatically reminded that he was not to withhold information, and that a complete, detailed, and accurate disclosure of all information must be made immediately.

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TO: BUREAU (100-352386)
FROM: NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SOBIE, was., et al
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JACK SOBIE interviewed at Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn., on the morning of 4/25/57.

SOBIE volunteered that he now recalls the name of ROBERT MARTENS but stated that MARTENS was not involved in Soviet espionage. SOBIE stated that MARTENS, SUSAN CHICK and OLGA LUNZ were involved only in black market exchange dealings. SOBIE stated that JEAN GURTLE, whom he had never met, must also have been involved only in black market transactions. SOBIE stated he had no knowledge that any of these people were used by the Soviets for espionage transactions.

SOBIE claims he is unable to recall exact date or place where he met MORROS but claims that he must have been connected with the S & V Cafeteria before meeting MORROS.

SOBIE denied any knowledge of the activities of VASSILI and ELIZABETH ZUBILIN prior to meeting them in New York in early 1940.

SOBIE stated that he once saw EARL RADEK, Soviet journalist, in Moscow, but claimed he was not acquainted with RADEK, though he knew RADEK had been sent to Siberia for Trotskyite activities and was later reestablished in the Communist Party in Russia.

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SOBLE claimed that the Boris Morros Music Company was never actually used as a cover company, explaining that since the company never reached a point where Soviet agents could be placed therein, it could not be so used. He denied any knowledge of any Soviet agent being placed with the company in the U. S. or abroad.

SOBLE recalls that MARTHA STERN frequently called him "Baby." SOBLE claimed that he did not know whether ALFRED STERN was ever repaid by the Soviets for the \$30,000 not repaid to STERN by MORROS. SOBLE would not be specific but said he believed he furnished a handwritten report to CHOUDENKO concerning the discussion of the Morros Stern Company. SOBLE denied that he told MORROS that he would submit a dead report on MORROS to the Soviets because of MORROS' lack of cooperation.

SOBLE stated that he went to Europe aboard the SS Rossia in 1947 only because he could obtain no other reservation. SOBLE denied that there was an important man aboard the Rossia with whom he was travelling. SOBLE stated that once ALFRED STERN had seen him on the subway with ARNOLD WOLSTON and STERN believed that the individual accompanying SOBLE must be an important man. SOBLE denied any Soviet connection of ARNOLD WOLSTON.

SOBLE denied telling MORROS in 1947 that MORROS would have to cooperate with the Russians when he, SOBLE, returned from Europe. SOBLE stated that the STERNS must have submitted a derogatory report on MORROS through another Soviet contact because of a statement by MARTHA STERN prior to SOBLE'S trip with ALFRED to Los Angeles in 1945 that the Soviets knew about the trouble in the company.

SOBLE claimed that he did not know NIKHAIL KALOTZOV. SOBLE claimed that he did not know and had never heard of NICHOLAS NAPOLI. He claimed he did not know whether the Soviets ever used ANIKINO as a cover for agents.

SOBLE recalled meeting NILA MAGIDOFF on the ship from the Far East to the United States in 1941. He said that MAGIDOFF was unknown to him either in Russia or the United States but that he and ROBERT SOBLE had seen her on the ship and understood that she was married to an American correspondent.

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SOBLE claimed that he could not remember introducing ROBERT SOBLE to MONROS at the Essex House Hotel in November, 1947.

SOBLE stated that he learned in Moscow in 1947 for the first time that ZUBILIN'S real name was ZARUBIN and insisted that he had previously known ZUBILIN only as VASILY MIKHAILOVICH. In 1947 ZUBILIN was in charge of the I.N.O. in Moscow but denied telling MONROS that ZUBILIN was then known as GEORGINOFF.

SOBLE stated that on a 1947 trip to Moscow he travelled on an American passport to Prague. He then made contact with a person he believed to be a Vice Consul of the Soviet Union in Prague. The Vice Consul gave SOBLE a "white paper" which bore SOBLE'S picture and which SOBLE used for travel to the Soviet Union from Prague aboard a Soviet plane. SOBLE claimed he could recall no other passengers on such plane except an artistic group from Rumania. SOBLE claimed the paper on which he travelled to the Soviet Union was in another name. He claimed he could not recall what name was used but did state that he was described as a Russian citizen. SOBLE stated he did not receive special treatment by Soviet customs when he arrived at Moscow. The plane after leaving Prague stopped only in Lwow before arrival in Moscow.

SOBLE stated he resided in Moscow at the Hotel Moskva and that he had meetings with ALEXIE PROKHOROV (ZARUBIN KOROTKOV, who was then ZUBILIN'S deputy) and also met with FEDOTOV. The meetings took place in apartments on Sadovoe Kolgo (Garden Ring). SOBLE claimed inability to recall the exact address. SOBLE stated that he submitted written reports in Moscow on the STERN and the Boris Morros Music Company. SOBLE claimed that the Russians did not mention any other cover companies with which the STERN may have been associated. SOBLE reiterated his denial that the Inter-American Pharmaceutical Company was a cover company and stated that he knew of no other cover companies with which STERN was associated.

Interviews are being continued.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-85896)
SUBJECT: JACK SCHLE, ET AL
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MYRA SCHLE interviewed 4/25/Instant. Stated JACK SCHLE told her that when he met JACOB AIZMAN in court recently they discussed their intentions. AIZMAN told JACK he saw a copy of the letter he gave MORRIS; that it was his handwriting. But he will deny it on trial, as he has been practicing a new style of handwriting for weeks. JACK will be questioned on this. MYRA stated believes now she gave report on LADSKY, ELIAS and MARTIN to Soviet contact met at Bern, Switzerland, with JACK, 1950. Stated JANE KLATOVSKI carried a report, contents unknown to MYRA, at 1951 Zurich meeting with Soviets, hidden in her giraffe. Stated JACK refused to go to meet Soviet contacts at Zurich, 1951. Stated PETROV told JACK, 1950 meeting Vienna, that Soviets had an agent from Austria, they wished to place at the Verberie factory, under cover as chemist. JACK refused and to escape pressure sent MYRA on future meetings.

MYRA met ISAAC CHASEN, brother of HESSEL CHASEN, at Berlin, 1928; he was an honeymoon; then he returned to Ponevez, Lithuania. He was member of refuge that left Vilkeviscius, 1941. MYRA believes he knew that JACK had connections to get Soviet visas to travel. MYRA stated she does not know of any political or espionage activity of ISAAC CHASEN. Interview continuing 4/26/next.

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JACK SOBLE, ET AL
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MYRA SOBLE interviewed 4/26/57. Furnished information chronologically regarding all the information she has concerning ROBERT SOBLE. Stated she had no new information to furnish re ROBERT SOBLE but recalled that ROBERT had been in ZUBILIN'S company three times and not only once as she had previously stated. MYRA SOBLE again furnished details regarding ROBERT SOBLE'S trip to Moscow from Lithuania in 1938. Went for express purpose of having JACK SOBLE contact Soviets to make arrangements for SOBLES to get out of Lithuania. MYRA advised that JACK SOBLE saw a Soviet official in Moscow, and that she later learned that this official was BERIA. Stated she is not certain that ROBERT SOBLE saw BERIA, but does know that ROBERT SOBLE knew that JACK saw BERIA and was aware of purpose of JACK SOBLE'S interview with BERIA and also had knowledge of subsequent arrangements made for fraudulent passports to get SOBLES out of Lithuania.

Interview with MYRA SOBLE continuing 4/27/57.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
RE: JACK SOBLE, was, ET AL,
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JACK SOBLE interviewed 4/26/57 at Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut. SOBLE again stated that the first time he met GEORGE ZLATOVSKI was at apartment of ALFRED and MARTHA STERN in New York City. SOBLE claimed he could not recall the date of meeting or that GEORGE ZLATOVSKI was then in the Army. SOBLE related that the only discussion at this meeting concerned ZLATOVSKI's marital status.

Re ESTHER RAND, SOBLE admitted that he and MYRA visited a summer camp with JACK and ESTHER RAND. SOBLE claimed not able to remember date or name of camp, but that it was possibly "Chester's". SOBLE stated that it was a Communist camp as he saw the "Daily Worker" there. SOBLE and SOBLES stayed at camp for almost a week. Stated that both RANDS admitted their Communist Party membership to him. ESTHER RAND told SOBLE she was a member of the Communist Party cell in UJA where she was employed, but membership was not openly known. JACK RAND admitted he was a CP member, but membership always clandestine since he was union organizer at the time. SOBLE stated that the Soviets apparently were unaware that ESTHER RAND, while working for the Soviets, retained CP membership as this was contrary to general Soviet instructions. SOBLE stated ESTHER RAND admitted that she had been a member of CP while in Boston, but does not recall specific CP cell or group.

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ESTHER RAND was attached to in Boston. SOBLE claimed ESTHER RAND had told him little about her past life, though SOBLE admitted that he knew ESTHER had studied law. SOBLE stated that he did not tell ESTHER of his own past except that he came from Russia and was an old time CP member. SOBLE recalled that MYRA SOBLE had told him that in 1948 when MYRA applied for a passport, the passport was delayed. MYRA mentioned the delay to ESTHER and ESTHER told MYRA that there was a lawyer associated with Jewish organizations in Washington who took care of passports for the organization and that ESTHER would expedite MYRA's passport through such a lawyer. MYRA also told JACK that ESTHER had told MYRA that ESTHER had contacted the lawyer, and the lawyer had gone to the passport office and expedited MYRA's passport. MYRA later received the passport through the mail. MYRA SOBLE will be interviewed concerning this matter, including possibility that lawyer had Soviet connections.

JACK SOBLE claims his last meeting with ESTHER was in Paris in 1948, and he did not subsequently meet her in New York. SOBLE stated that recently before arrest, he inquired of ROBERT SOBLE who told him that ESTHER was still a patient of ROBERT'S. SOBLE claimed that the last Soviet contact he had with ESTHER RAND was in late 1945, that is a month or two before he last saw CHOUDENKO.

SOBLE reiterated that reports of ESTHER RAND dealt solely with Jewish organizations, Arab - Jewish relations and Mid-East oil concessions. He stated that the reports ESTHER gave to him were typewritten and about two to four pages in length. Claimed he could not recall the number of such reports. SOBLE denied that he ever took any reports of ESTHER to the Soviets in Europe. SOBLE stated that ESTHER RAND gave him a copy of "Black Book", which concerned Nazi atrocities, and on parts of which ESTHER claimed to have worked. SOBLE again claimed he could not now recall the Soviet code name of ESTHER nor the name with which she signed her reports, though he believed his Soviet contacts referred to her as ESTHER. In 1949 KOROTKOV mentioned "Jewish Cosmopolitan", and told SOBLE to stay away from Jews.

Re ALICE MARTIN, SOBLE claimed that ESTHER RAND did not supply biography on ALICE before introduction to SOBLE. SOBLE claims that ALICE MARTIN never told him she was member of CP, but he presumed he was from association with ESTHER RAND. He claimed he did not know the basis for association of ESTHER RAND with ALICE MARTIN. Stated ALICE WAS not regularly employed during his association with her as her father was wealthy, however, she did have some secretarial and research jobs. SOBLE claims he does not recall what these jobs were. SOBLE claims that JAMES MARTIN told him he had been member of CP before war, but had left party while in Army. SOBLE recalled last meeting with JAMES MARTIN was in 1950, when MARTIN refused offer of money by MYRA SOBLE. SOBLE claims last meeting was friendly and he did not try to exert any pressure on MARTIN. SOBLE claims he does not know whether ALICE had Soviet contact prior to him (SOBLE) but that from incident re RICHARD LAUTERBACH as previously mentioned by SOBLE, SOBLE presumed that ALICE had some type of acquaintance with the Soviets. SOBLE claims that neither ESTHER RAND nor ALICE MARTIN introduced or suggested any other person to him for use of such person by the Soviets.

Re ALFRED STERN, SOBLE admitted that in 1946, ALFRED and MARTHA STERN made SOBLE a gift of \$4,000 in cash. Cash was paid to him by ALFRED STERN in STERN's office, NYC, where STERN kept money in a safe. SOBLE claimed that this gift had nothing to do with Soviets, but was merely a personal gift.

Re MARK ZBOROWSKI, SOBLE recalled that in 1949, in Moscow, KOROTKOV told SOBLE that he, SOBLE was not to meet ZBOROWSKI as ZBOROWSKI was "being taken care of" or "is being taken care of". SOBLE claimed he could not be more definite on this point, but stated that this indicated to him that ZBOROWSKI had a new Soviet contact or some other Soviet contact. SOBLE claimed that the photos of "BILL" and "CATHERINE" are not familiar to him. SOBLE again shown photos of FLOYD CLEVELAND MILLER and said the photo was familiar, but claimed no further recollection of this person. He claimed he did not know the names of MILLER or

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MICHAEL CORT. SOBLE again shown photographs of JOSEPH KATZ and REBECCA GETZOFF. SOBLE denied that photo of KATZ was familiar, but stated that photo of GETZOFF was familiar and again claimed no further recollection of GETZOFF. SOBLE claimed he did not connect the photos of MILLER and GETZOFF with any time, place or incident. SOBLE intensively questioned about meetings with BOOKER or other persons who furnished him with information of any nature including Trotskyite information. He denied any recollection of meeting any persons with BOOKER, and getting information from BOOKER'S apartment, other than that supplied by SYLVIA DOXSEE. SOBLE denied meeting any person such as MILLER with ROBERT SOBLE. SOBLE would not make a clear denial on these matters but stated he could not recall. During interview, SOBLE continued to assert that he formerly had good memory, but blamed stay at Bellevue Hospital for poor memory now. He stated that he may recollect in the future but was again vigorously informed that it was necessary for him to supply all information immediately. During interview, Warden HETSTROM, FCI, Danbury, Connecticut, advised SOBLE in presence of Agents, that in accordance with instructions of AUSA GILCHRIST, SOBLE is to be sent to New York City on 4/29 next for conference with SOBLE's attorney.

Interviews continuing.

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SONNE shown unlabeled photographs of persons entering and leaving Soviet Consulate, NYC, in 1941. Claimed he only recognized photos of NIKHAIL CHILIAPIK and "SMITHSON ICH" (LEONID D. ANTONOV) also failed to recognize photo of HARRY GOLD and stated he had never met GOLD, nor was he ever proposed by Soviets that SONNE take over the contact of GOLD.

SIMON stated that he and ROBERT SCHULZ were mentioned in a red covered book by THURNEY. SCHULZ stated that he and HORNSTEIN were referred to as Soviet agents. JACK SCHULZ stated that among the Trotskyites, he had the pseudonym of "HENRI" and HORNSTEIN had the code name of "VIN" (WILL).

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In the book mentioned TROTSKY testified about travelling to Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1932. TROTSKY mentioned that "SEMIN" visited him in Copenhagen as a friend. TROTSKY then testified that "There were two brothers in Germany, 'SEMIN' and 'SEMI'." "SEMIN" is a pseudonym. Their pseudonym name is "SCHOLYVITZKY." TROTSKY then testified that "SEMIN" came to accuse TROTSKY that he "SEMIN" was not a Stalinist agent. TROTSKY continued that "SEMIN" and his brother organized a split in the Trotskyites. "They published a paper. We were absolutely sure it was paid for by the GPU." TROTSKY also testified that in 1936 when he was in Norway he received "letters that SEMIN is abroad," (outside the Soviet Union?). SCHULZ was again questioned about JOSEPH KATZ, FLOYD CLEVELAND MILLER and HENRIETTA GRYZOFF, and ZOLA BLANOTINA and though he claimed the photos of MILLER and GRYZOFF were familiar, he stated he could not remember anything concerning them.

Again denied meeting any person with LUCY BOOKER or picking up material at BOOKER's apartment other than the information from SYLVIA CALLEN BOOKER.

Denied turning a Soviet agent he was controlling over to ROBERT SCHULZ. SCHULZ denied that he had ever conducted any surveillances or had any of the persons he was controlling for Soviets to conduct surveillances. SCHULZ admitted that about 1936 or 1937 he was called to GPU office in Moscow and interviewed by SPINKHOLASS, a high ranking GPU agent. SPINKHOLASS wanted SCHULZ to go to Belgium to engage in a cover company for the Soviets. According to SCHULZ there was no definite mention of the type of company to be used and claimed that he was unwilling to accept this assignment. SCHULZ claimed that the matter was not mentioned further.

Re assignment in France in late 1936 and early 1937 regarding TROTSKY's secretary, JAN FRANKEL. SCHULZ now admits that his assignment was to approach FRANKEL and attempt to defect FRANKEL Trotskyism to Stalinism.

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SOBIEK stated that he did not speak to FRANK or attempt to desert FRANK. In 1937, after this incident and after ROBERT SOBIEK had come to Paris from Spain at the Soviets' direction in unsuccessful attempt to infiltrate Trotskyites in Paris, the names of ROBERT and JACK SOBIEK appeared in the Trotskyite publication in Paris, "The Bulletin of Russian Opposition" as Stalinist agents. SOBIEK stated that the Soviet agent under whom SOBIEK worked in Paris, one APHANASY, was also known to ROBERT SOBIEK. JACK SOBIEK believed that APHANASY had brought ROBERT SOBIEK back to Paris from Spain in 1937. ROBERT SOBIEK, in Spain, was working for Loyalists as a doctor in Albacete.

SOBIEK denied there was any other person known or suspected by him to have worked for Soviets in U.S. about whom he had not given information.

SOBIEK again denied that he was withholding any information and pleaded that he was endeavoring to recall all details. He denied that there was any information he had not told agents that he wished to disclose to the Grand Jury, his own attorney or to Departmental attorneys or the U.S.A.

SOBIEK in questioning about other subjects and unknown subjects in this case, mentioned concerning RACINE that he only met NOEL RACINE once in Paris and had not known IRA RACINE in Lithuania. SOBIEK stated that he did not know the RACINES to be Soviet agents. SOBIEK said he suspected NOEL RACINE because it appeared suspicious that the RACINES had been permitted to leave Russia, though SOBIEK stated that he did not know when the RACINES left Russia. He also remarked that the RACINES continued to reside in Paris without losing U.S. nationality through employment by a U.S. company.

With regard to Indonesian report furnished by JANE FOSTER and given to Soviets, SOBIEK recalled that when MANULISKY'S speech on Indonesia in the U.S. was publicized, JANE also noticed that points mentioned by MANULISKY were the same as she made in her report and appeared to be based on her

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report. SCHLE stated that JANE FOSTER was very happy about this incident and did not exhibit any fear that she might be detected.

SCHLE also stated that photos of VLADIMIR PRAVDIN and ANATOLI YAKOVLEV looked familiar but claimed he could not connect them with any recollection he had.

SCHLE stated that he would testify in court to all the statements he had made to agents in the course of interviews. SCHLE advised he received letter from his attorney and that he is to be taken to New York on April 29 next to confer with his attorney. SCHLE mentioned that while at Federal House of Detention, NYC, he had been permitted to walk in the jail but that at Danbury he was confined to a room and did not have opportunity to exercise.

SCHLE was told that matters relating to his incarceration were under the control of the Department of Justice and prison authorities. Interviews of SCHLE to be resumed when he is again available.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SCHULZ, was; ET AL
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wife MYRA SCHULZ interviewed 4/27/57. Again stated she brought JACOB ALBAN to ALICE MARTIN's apartment at corner of 90th Street and Riverside Drive, NYC. MYRA advised she had previously arranged the meeting by telephone and had told ALICE MARTIN that she wanted her (MARTIN) to help find a husband for ALBAN. MYRA advised that ALBAN also knew purpose of visit to ALICE MARTIN's apartment. MYRA and JACOB ALBAN stayed in ALICE MARTIN's apartment about 30 minutes. She advised she believes she introduced ALICE MARTIN by name, to ALBAN. She stated, subsequently ALICE MARTIN called her and said she was not impressed with ALBAN and would not do anything to help obtain husband for him.

wife MYRA again advised that ROBERT SCHULZ was in ZUBILIN's company on three occasions, as follows: 1, at a party at the Village Barn Restaurant, NYC, in 1943, attended by JACK, MYRA and ROBERT SCHULZ and ZUBILIN; 2, MYRA heard from JACK SCHULZ that shortly after the Village Barn Party, ROBERT SCHULZ was riding in a car with ZUBILIN and that car developed engine trouble and ZUBILIN raised the hood and was looking at the engine. ROBERT volunteered to help him and ZUBILIN very heatedly told ROBERT not to interfere; 3, ROBERT was later in the company of ZUBILIN and Mrs. ZUBILIN. MYRA advised that

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JACK SCHLE told her that after this meeting ZUKLIN told JACK SCHLE he was not impressed with ROBERT SCHLE. MYRA advised she did not know where this meeting took place.

MYRA SCHLE advised she now recalls that in 1948, as she was leaving for France, ROBERT RAND accompanied her to the boat. The story of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's furnishing information concerning her espionage activities was in the newspapers at the time and ROBERT RAND said in effect that it was not good that BENTLEY was talking. MYRA advised further that she saw ROBERT RAND at RAND's U.S.A. office, NYC, about two weeks before she (MYRA) was to sail and RAND asked her if she had her passport yet. MYRA replied in the negative and RAND said she would ask a lawyer friend of hers to help expedite the securing of the passport. RAND told MYRA that this lawyer handled passport matters for U.S.A. personnel. About two days later, MYRA received her passport and she assumed that the lawyer had something to do with expediting it. She stated she does not know identity of this attorney or what he had done specifically in the passport matter.

Interview to continue on 4/29/57.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a blank memorandum setting forth results of interview with MYRA SCHLE on 4/25 and 27/57.

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201 East 69th Street
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April 27, 1957

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Re: Jack Soble, with aliases

Myra Soble was interviewed on April 26 and 27, 1957. She advised that to her knowledge Robert Soble was in the company of Zubilin three times. The first time was at a party at the Village Barn, New York City, in 1943. Those in attendance were Robert Soble, Zubilin, Jack Soble, and Myra Soble.

A short time later Robert Soble was again in Zubilin's company. On this occasion Robert and Zubilin were riding in a car which developed engine trouble and Zubilin raised the hood and was looking at the engine. Robert volunteered to help him and Zubilin very heatedly told Robert not to interfere.

According to Myra, Robert Soble was later in the company of Zubilin and Mrs. Zubilin. Myra advised that she did not know where this meeting occurred but heard from Jack Soble later that Zubilin had remarked to Jack Soble after this meeting that he was not impressed with Robert.

Myra Soble furnished further details regarding Robert Soble's trip to Moscow from Lithuania in 1938. She advised that Robert went to Moscow to see Jack Soble, who was to contact the Soviets for the purpose of making arrangements for the Sobles to get out of Lithuania. Myra advised that Jack Soble saw a Soviet official in Moscow and that she has since learned that this official was Beria. She stated she is not certain that Robert Soble saw Beria but does know that Robert Soble knew that Jack saw Beria and was aware of the reason for Jack Soble's interviews with Beria, namely to make arrangements to get the Sobles out of Lithuania. She advised further that Robert Soble had knowledge of the subsequent arrangements made for fraudulent passports to get the Sobles out of Lithuania.

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Myra Sobie advised that she introduced Jacob Alben to Alice Martin for the purpose of obtaining Martin's assistance in obtaining a wife for Jacob Alben.

Myra Sobie advised that in 1948 about two weeks before she was to leave for France she visited Esther Rand at Rand's UJA office in New York City. Rand asked Myra if she had obtained her passport and when Myra replied in the negative, Rand stated that she would ask an attorney friend to help expedite it for her. Rand told Myra that this attorney handled passport matters for UJA personnel. About two day's later Myra received her passport and she assumed that the attorney had something to do with expediting it. She stated she does not know the identity of this attorney or what he had done specifically in the passport matter.

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FROM SAC NEW YORK 2P

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JACK SOBLE, WAS, ETAL, ESP-R. JACK AND MYRA SOBLE INTERVIEWED JOINTLY FOR BRIEF PERIOD BY BUREAU AGENTS AM, APRIL THIRTY INSTANT AT DETENTION QUARTERS UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE, NEW YORK CITY. DURING INTERVIEW JACK SOBLE ADVISED THAT PHOTOGRAPH /REBECCA GETZOFF/ PREVIOUSLY SHOWN HIM, HE NOW RECALLS AS THAT OF EVA GARDNER, WHO MAINTAINED APARTMENT, NEW YORK CITY. SOBLE STATED HE BELIEVED LUCY BOOKER TOOK HIM TO "EVA-S" APARTMENT. EVA FURNISHED SOBLE INFORMATION ON TWO OR THREE OCCASIONS WHEN THEY MET. SOBLE CLAIMED INABILITY TO RECALL DETAILS OF SUCH MEETINGS, THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED, AND CLAIMED NO RECOLLECTION OF BEING INTRODUCED BY HER TO ANY OTHER PERSON. AUSA GILCHRIST AND DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY KENNEY CONFERRED WITH SOBLE-S ATTORNEY, GEORGE WOLF, AND ADVISED WOLF THAT SOBLE WAS WITHHOLDING
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INFORMATION. AT REQUEST OF GILCHRIST AGENT WAS PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. SUBSEQUENTLY WOLF CONFERRED WITH SOBLES FOR ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS AND THE SOBLES, WOLF, KENNEY AND GILCHRIST CONFERRED. AGENTS WERE ADVISED AT CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE, BY GILCHRIST, THAT THE SOBLES AND WOLF HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT COMPLETE DISCLOSURE MUST BE MADE. GILCHRIST ADVISED THAT PROSECUTION OF THE SOBLES FOR OTHER THAN THE CHARGE TO WHICH THEY PLEADED, WOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN BASED ON ANY DISCLOSURES THAT SOBLE MIGHT MAKE. AGENTS MADE NO COMMENT CONCERNING THIS CONFERENCE AND THE PLANS OF USA FOR PROSECUTION. INTERVIEWS OF SOBLES WERE REINSTITUTED BY AGENTS AND JACK SOBLE AGAIN CLAIMED INABILITY TO RECALL THAT THE ZLATOVSKIS HAD FURNISHED HIM INFORMATION RE MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN AUSTRIA. JACK SOBLE ALSO CLAIMED INABILITY TO RECALL AT THIS TIME FURTHER INFORMATION RE ROBERT SOBLE, ILYA VOLSTON AND OTHERS. JACK SOBLE CLAIMED HE COULD THINK OF NO OTHER PERSONS BESIDES THOSE ALREADY MENTIONED, BY HIM, WHO WERE INVOLVED IN SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES OR ABROAD. INTERVIEWS OF JACK AND ILYA SOBLE TO BE CONDUCTED SEPARATELY ON MAY ONE. GILCHRIST ADVISED THAT SENTENCING OF THE SOBLES ON MAY THREE HAD BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

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AIR-TEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SOBLES; ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

MYRA SOBLES interviewed 5/1/57. Failed recognition names or photos of: PAVEL STEPANOVICH KUZNETSOV, DAVID CHAVCHAVADZE, VALENTINE RYABOV, or ALEXANDER GRIGORIEVICH KOLESNIKOV. Stated while in Canada, 1954, SOBLES listed their telephone under name MARIA IRMAN to avoid incessant calls from SUZANNA SOBLES PERAKLA. Name IRMAN was that of MYRA's aunt in Russia, since deceased.

Denied knowing any involvement on part of NOEL or IDA RACINE in Soviet espionage at any time. Did not know ALEXANDER RACINE. MYRA volunteered information that she was married 1922 in Russia to URIY EHRLICH, a Communist and later a Trotskyite; divorced him six months later.

Stated JACK told her he went to Turkey, 1931 - 1932, on special mission for Soviets, met DA. ROBERT and DINA SOBLES there. MYRA denies knowing why ROBERT and DINA in Turkey. Cannot recall any additional information other than previously furnished regarding ROBERT SOBLES or ILYA WOLSTON. Funds received by MYRA, 1947 - 1950, (report of JOHN A. RUENLE, 5/16/50, NY) again reviewed with her, but she cannot recall receipt or disposition.

Stated MENDEL LADSKY and wife, RUCANA, in 1954 both related to MYRA that when they were in Shanghai, 1941, MENDEL went to the Russian Embassy to get money, which he

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got; that REICANA stated that when MENDEL went to the Embassy she did not believe he would make it, as the Japanese were in Shanghai and would stop him. MENDEL had story ready, if stopped, that he was going to Russian Embassy only to inquire about relatives in Russia.

MYRA to be interviewed 5/2/57.

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6/2/67

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-388666)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-388666)
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MYRA SOBLES interviewed 5/2/67. Stated she knew from JACK SOBLES, 1944-1965, that he was meeting "SOPHIE" at some apartment. Did not know when JACK paid rent for this apartment, but later heard this at USA conference with SOBLES. Stated that ALBAM never mentioned names JOSEPH KORNEN or STEPHAN KAN, or that he wanted to find sponsors to bring individuals to US.

Stated, in 1962, ALBAM told her, that his brother and wife, SOLOMON and REBECCA ALBAM had a friend who checked ALBAM's file at INS, that nothing suspicious was found in this file, and that this friend advised that ALBAM should wait.

MYRA also related that on the Sunday before they, the SOBLES, were arrested on 1/25/67, SOLOMON and REBECCA ALBAM visited the SOBLES, that both ALBAMS stated they knew a man who had access to INS files, that he checked JACOB ALBAM's file and found nothing suspicious, and advised that JACOB ALBAM should not do anything, but leave "it" the way "it" is. MYRA could furnish no information to identify this man.

REBECCA and SOLOMON ALBAM and JACOB ALBAM will be interviewed on this.

Report on interviews with MYRA 4/26 to 5/4/67 to be submitted 5/5/67 next.

MYRA to be interviewed 5/5/67 next.

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TO DIRECTOR 7

FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

JACK SOBLE, WAS, ET AL, ESP DASH R. SOBLE INTERVIEWED MAY SECOND, INSTANT, BY BUREAU AGENTS AT JERSEN-S HOUSE OF DETENTION, NYC, AT WHICH TIME SHE REQUESTED RETURN OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TAKEN DURING SEARCH OF RESIDENCE INCIDENTAL TO ARREST AND MAINTAINED BY SDB. UACB, NYO WILL OBTAIN PERMISSION USA, SDNY, TO RETURN THIS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO SUBJECTS ATTORNEY, GEORGE WOLF, AND OBTAIN RECEIPT FOR SAME.

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5/3/57

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

JACK SOBIE, was
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MYRA SOBIE interviewed 5/3/57. Furnished signed statement regarding activities of ALFRED and MARTHA STERN and Dr. ROBERT SOBIE. MYRA stated that ALFRED and MARTHA STERN were involved in Soviet espionage with JACK SOBIE in the Boris Morros Music Company; that BORIS MORROS and STERN were introduced by VASSILI ZUBILIN, and that the company was to be used as a cover for Soviet espionage.

Advised that MARTHA STERN was lover of Russian Embassy employee, BORIS VINOGRADOFF, in Berlin in the early 1930's. Stated prior to his departure from the US, VASSILI ZUBILIN gave JACK SOBIE, ALFRED K. STERN's name with instructions to contact STERN after ZUBILIN had left. MYRA stated she heard ALFRED and MARTHA STERN were old friends of ZUBILIN.

JANE FOSTER ZLATOVSKI told MYRA in Europe, 1950, she (JANE) met JACK SOBIE through MARTHA STERN.

Concerning ROBERT SOBIE, MYRA stated ROBERT in CP, Vilkaviskis, Lithuania, around 1929. ROBERT arrested, Vilkaviskis, for participation in May Day demonstration. In 1921, ROBERT in CP in Leipzig and around 1928, was in Trotskyite movement, Leipzig. ROBERT with Loyalists in Spain 1937, and 1938. ROBERT arrested Swiss-Austria border for carrying propaganda. MYRA, in statement, gave details of SOBIE's leaving Lithuania. ROBERT had knowledge of fraudulent passports and arrangements made by Russians to get SOBIES out of country. ROBERT in ZUBILIN's company three times

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and once had fight with the "Professor" (CHOURKHOV). Stated
ROBERT SCHULZ anti-Soviet since coming to US. DINA SCHULZ never
in CP or involved in espionage.

Above is signed statement which will be included in
report to be submitted at early date.

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5/7/57

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
RE: JACK SCHLE, was., ET AL
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(MAGAZ)

NERA SCHLE interviewed May 6, 1957 at House of Detention for Women, New York City. Reviewed with NERA SCHLE all information she has furnished to date regarding JANE and (GEORGE SLATOVSKI, preparatory to reducing information to signed statement. Interview to continue on 5/7/57.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-254565)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-88896)
RE: JACK SCHULZ, WHA;
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WHA SCHULZ interviewed 5/1/81 at home of
Detention for Women, New York City. SCHULZ signed
statement regarding her knowledge of activities of JACK
and GUNNIE CLAYTON. ADVISED SHE FIRST MET JACK FURBER
CLAYTON at Villavilla, Russia in the summer of 1940.
Attended following FURBER, summer of 1940 with JACK and
GUNNIE and through JACK met EDWARD BRENNER. JACK TOLD WHA
that BRENNER was working on some secret work for the United
States and was with GUNNIE.

WHA SCHULZ requested her meeting with two Soviets,
in company of JACK, in Russia, approximately in the spring of
1941, and stated they were from somewhere and she did not
know specifically in New York but had told JACK about it. JACK,
at times met with WHA, and a friend for Soviets contacted
in New York. STATED JACK and GUNNIE knew about JACK
and WHA's other contacts with the Soviets at home and
Russia.

WHA met GUNNIE CLAYTON in New York City in
1940, and has three times in New York City, prior to BRENNER
leaving for Russia in August, 1940. STATED JACK was
furnishing reports to JACK SCHULZ and that JACK was GUNNIE
on a trip to Philadelphia to meet on confidential basis. Was
one of BRENNER's first friends. The Soviet agent BRENNER
was in contact with JACK, approximately, 1940-1941 and BRENNER
STATED SHE WAS INTERESTED FOR NEW YORK but that JACK SCHULZ

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met JANE through MARTHA STEEN. JACK told NINA in 1950 that he had been paying \$150.00 per month to JANE and GEORGE. GEORGE ZIAKOVSKI had applied for a United States Government position in France and was turned down because he was a "security risk."

Interview to continue 5/8/57.

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