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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-85896)
SUBJECT: JACK SCHLE, was ET AL
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MIRA SCHLE interviewed 6/19/57, at House of Detention for Women, NYC.

MIRA SCHLE advised the name DOUGLAS FOX is unknown to her. MIRA SCHLE also failed to identify photo of FOX. Previous investigation reflects that FOX was associated with JANE POSTER SLATOVSKI at Red-White-Red Radio Station, Salzburg, Austria.

MIRA was again questioned concerning ILVA WOLSTON. Advised she had furnished complete information regarding WOLSTON. She stated that JACK SCHLE never mentioned to her that he had ever seen ILVA WOLSTON, in Frankfurt, Germany. Advised that she did not know, and never met REBECCA GUTZOW (EVA GARDNER).

MIRA stated she first met SREVA PRICA in Canada. Knew him as "MAX" PRICA. Recalled he was formerly connected with a Yugoslav newspaper in the United States, but did not know if the newspaper was a Communist publication.

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Advised she has furnished complete information on ALFRED K. STEIN and MARTHA DODD STEIN. Stated she never typed a report intended for the Soviets, for STEIN.

MYRA again stated she has furnished complete information on ROBERT SOBEL. Advised she had no information regarding the following:

1. JACK SOBEL has advised that VASHIL ZUBILIN told ROBERT SOBEL that ZUBILIN's wife, LIZA ZUBILIN, would handle ROBERT and be his superior.

2. JACK SOBEL has advised that ROBERT SOBEL told him that LIZA ZUBILIN had introduced ROBERT SOBEL to WILHELM KOENEN's daughter, JOHANNA (BECKER).

3. JACK SOBEL has advised that ROBERT SOBEL told him that ANJA RABINOWITZ (HEATRICH SPIZ) had furnished ROBERT SOBEL information for the Soviets.

4. JACK SOBEL has advised that one of ROBERT SOBEL's superiors was the wife of CHALIAFIN, "the ugly woman."

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MYRA SOBEL advised that she had testified before the Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, on 6/18/57.

Stated that she was advised by another prisoner in prison van that JACK SOBEL has been in the hospital at the Federal House of Detention, NYC, since Sunday, 6/16/57.

Information concerning hospitalization of JACK SOBEL furnished Bureau by teletype on 6/18/57.

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6/24/57

AIR-TEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352356)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SCHLE; ET AL
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AUSA THOMAS GILCHRIST advised 6/24/57, he had requested Bureau of Prisons to move SCHLE to Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Connecticut, at request of SCHLE and his attorney, GEORGE WOLF, for a week or ten days, effective as soon as possible.

SCHLE reportedly had convulsions morning of 6/24/57. GILCHRIST believes removal may relieve SCHLE of current mental attitude and physical condition due partly to incarceration at Detention Headquarters, NYC.

GILCHRIST also reported he had conference with ALICE and JAMES MARTIN, together with attorney O. JOHN ROGGE, 6/24/57. MARTIN continued to deny espionage activity with SCHLES.

Bureau will be advised of results of conference.

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MYRA SOBIE interviewed 6/24/57 at House of
Detention for Women, NYC.

MYRA was shown photograph of LEONID
DMITRIEVICH ABRAMOV. She advised ABRAMOV is unknown
to her and stated that ABRAMOV is definitely not
identical with LEONID DMITRIEVICH PETROV.

MYRA SOBIE was again questioned regarding
Dr. ACKERKNECHT (BAUER). She stated that she first
heard about ACKERKNECHT from ROBERT SOBIE around 1928
in Leipzig, Germany. Advised that she met him two or
three times in Leipzig, but did not have any lengthy
conversation with him because MYRA had not yet learned
to speak German.

She advised that ROBERT SOBIE referred to
ACKERKNECHT as "BAUER" after the incident in NYC
around 1953 or 1954 when ROBERT met ACKERKNECHT on
the street and they ignored each other because,
according to MYRA, they were distrustful of each other
because of their backgrounds in the Trotskyite movement
in Germany. She stated that this was the first and only
time she heard ACKERKNECHT referred to as BAUER. ROBERT,
in telling MYRA about the incident, advised that BAUER
was teaching at a midwest university. Investigation
reflects that ACKERKNECHT is teaching a course in the
"History of Pharmacy" at the University of Wisconsin
at Madison, Wisconsin.

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MYRA SOBIE advised that she had no information regarding ACKERKNECHT's political activities in France nor his reported close association with TROTSKY. Advised she did hear from ROBERT SOBIE that ACKERKNECHT had become a member of the Nazi Party in Germany, probably in Leipzig.

Concerning LOUISE ANELIE HICKS, MYRA advised that JACK SOBIE used her for transfer of funds from France to the United States on several occasions. She advised that she believes that HICKS was referred to JACK by OLGA LUTZ, who, like HICKS, was probably involved in black market operations in Paris.

MYRA stated that while HICKS was used by JACK SOBIE for transfer of funds, she is not certain that JACK ever met HICKS. She advised, however, that HICKS knew of JACK SOBIE if she did not actually meet him. [REDACTED] b3

MYRA advised that she saw JACK SOBIE on Friday, 6/21/57. Also in attendance was the SOBIE Attorney, GEORGE WOLF and Special Departmental Attorney WILLIAM S. KENNEY. She advised that [REDACTED] was also present. She stated that JACK seemed somewhat improved physically and mentally over the last time she had seen him. She advised that JACK said something about being concerned with what [REDACTED] would think of him if he (JACK) were to furnish information regarding ROBERT SOBIE and ILYA WOLSTON. [REDACTED] rather forcefully, according to MYRA, told JACK to tell everything and "get it off your chest." b7c

MYRA said that she feels that [REDACTED] made a very definite impression on JACK. She advised that it is her feeling after the conference on 6/21/57 that JACK will furnish complete information to the FBI. She stated however, that she believes he is to be given several days rest prior to resumption of interviews.

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6/25/57

AIR-TEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SOBIE, ET AL
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Warden of Federal Detention Headquarters, NYC,
advised SOBIE moved to Federal Correctional Institution at
Danbury, Conn., 6/24/57.

AUSA THOMAS GILCHRIST advised SOBIE indicated that
after about ten days at Danbury Institution, he will be
receptive to interview by Bureau agents.

GILCHRIST reported sentencing of SOBIE, et al,
will be adjourned to about one month from 6/28/57, date
scheduled for sentencing.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
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MYRA SOBLE interviewed at House of Detention
for Women on 6/26/57.

Advised that her son, [REDACTED] expects to
leave next week for Montreal, Canada to visit his aunt,
[REDACTED] for an indefinite period. b7c

Was again questioned regarding JOHANNA BEKER.
Advised she did not know BEKER and never heard Dr. ROBERT
SOBLE mention BEKER's name. Stated that JOHN P. MARSALKA
and his wife, MILADA MARSALKA, who became patients of
Dr. ROBERT SOBLE, are unknown to her.

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AIR-TEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SOBLES; ET AL
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b7c Departmental Attorney WILLIAM KENNEY advised 7/1/57 MYRA SOBLES and son, [REDACTED] scheduled to visit JACK SOBLES at Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Conn., 7/1/57. KENNEY stated that on advice of SOBLES' counsel, GEORGE WOLF, SOBLES are to tell son, [REDACTED] he is an adopted child and that reason for advising [REDACTED] of adoption is to clear up any question of present citizenship, as [REDACTED] may visit relatives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Montreal, Canada. KENNEY reported WOLF believes [REDACTED] may leave U.S. and return, as he, WOLF, has consulted local INS.

MYRA SOBLES to be interviewed 7/2/57 for results of Danbury visit.

KENNEY also reported JOHN O. ROGGE had advised that his clients, ALICE and JAMES MARTIN, are going on two weeks' vacation and that he, ROGGE, will advise KENNEY what transpires upon MARTIN'S return.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SOBLE, was. ET AL
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b7c MYRA SOBLE was interviewed on 7/2/57 at House of Detention for Women, NYC, and advised that she and [REDACTED] visited JACK SOBLE on 7/1/57 at Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut. She advised meeting was suggested by the SOBLE attorney, GEORGE WOLF for purpose of having the SOBLES advise [REDACTED] that he was adopted by the SOBLES and is not their natural son. She stated that [REDACTED] reacted very well to the news and said that he still loved JACK and MYRA and would do all he could to help them. [REDACTED] again told JACK that he should furnish complete information regarding his activities to the FBI. JACK, as he has in the past, said in effect, that if he had

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to testify against his brother ROBERT, it would be reported in the newspapers .

MYRA stated that JACK SOBIE feels that ROBERT (because he has not talked up to the present time) will deny anything that JACK testifies to and as a result the members of the SOBIE family "will curse me" for accusing ROBERT.

██████████ advised JACK, according to MYRA, that ROBERT was not concerned about JACK and that JACK should tell the truth about ROBERT, regardless of the consequences.

MYRA advised that ROBERT has made no effort to visit either her or JACK, although he has told ██████████ that he was making every effort to visit them.

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Concerning the SOBIES telling ██████████ he was adopted, MYRA advised that this was suggested by WOLF in view of ██████████ plan to go to Montreal, Canada next week to visit the ██████████ for an indefinite period. WOLF felt that if publicity regarding ██████████ adoption came out after he went to Canada it might complicate matters when he would want to re-enter the US. ██████████ apparently is going to make application for US citizenship in view of this development re his family status.

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Doctor ROBERT SOBIE is going to sublet his apartment at 128 Ft. Washington St., NYC, and he and DINA SOBIE are going to live at Rockland State Hospital.

MYRA advised that JACK SOBIE looked better physically but that he is in poor condition from a mental and emotional standpoint. She stated that JACK is by himself at Danbury and has a lot of time to think and has gotten himself into a very depressed state.

Mrs. SOBIE was asked what she thought JACK's attitude would be now about again talking to the FBI. She stated that JACK indicated that he would probably wait until GEORGE WOLF returned from his vacation and then would decide what he was going to do. MYRA advised that WOLF will be on vacation until 7/15/57. MYRA SOBIE was then asked if this meant that JACK would definitely not talk to the FBI until 7/15/57 and she advised that she did not believe so and that he might be amenable to interview at the present time.

MYRA SOBIE again stated that she would cooperate, in any way possible, to get JACK to furnish complete information.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SCHELE, was., ET AL.
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MIRA SCHELE interviewed on 7/5/57 at House
of Detention for Women, NYC.

MIRA SCHELE reviewed information that she
furnished regarding JANE and GEORGE ZLATOVSKI in
signed statement 5/7/57, and advised that information
contained therein is correct and complete. This
material was reviewed inasmuch as indictment against
ZLATOVSKIS will probably be returned by Special
Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, on 7/8/57, and MIRA SCHELE
is expected to be called before the Grand Jury by
GILCHRIST. Mrs. SCHELE was not advised, however, that
she was going to testify before the Grand Jury on
7/8/57.

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MYRA SOBIE was shown photograph of ROBERT BROOKLEY GRAY and she stated that GRAY is unknown to her. She advised that GRAY is definitely not identical with the person who had dinner with MYRA SOBIE and JANE and GEORGE ZLATOVSKI in a Balkan restaurant in Bad Gastein in 1950. She advised that this person had a rounder face than GRAY's and that his hair was graying at the temples.

Mrs. SOBIE again advised that CHARLES FLATO is unknown to her.

Mrs. SOBIE was again questioned regarding her relationship with NOEL and IDA RACINE. She advised she first met IDA RACINE in NYC in late 1947 or early 1948 through PENA SOBIE's sister, Mrs. LIZA MILLER, a resident of South Africa, who was visiting NYC. MYRA advised that she next saw IDA RACINE when she was invited to the RACINE home in Paris around September, 1948 for lunch. JACOB ALBAN was also present. After lunch had started NOEL RACINE came home, apparently from business. About two weeks later MYRA and JACK saw the RACINES at the Coupole Restaurant, Paris. Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. BROTHA and possibly JACOB ALBAN although she is not sure of the latter. MYRA saw IDA RACINE several times in 1950 subsequent to the Coupole Restaurant meeting, all social occasions. She advised that IDA RACINE's sister SONIA later took over the SOBIE apartment on Dailo Zola Way in Paris and

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that she (MYRA) had a disagreement with SONIA as to who would pay for repainting the apartment and as a result of this, relations between MYRA and IDA RACINE became strained and MYRA discontinued seeing Mrs. RACINE. MYRA again stated that IDA and NOEL RACINE were not, to her knowledge, involved in espionage.

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TO : BUREAU

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)(TIME: 10:30 A.M.)

JACK SOBLE; ET AL; ESPIONAGE DASH R. THOMAS GILCHRIST, CHIEF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY, SDNY, ADVISED JULY FIVE INSTANT HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE REQUEST FROM SOBLE, THROUGH WARDEN, FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, DANBURY, CONN., FOR IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE JULY FIVE INSTANT, TOGETHER WITH MYRA SOBLE. GILCHRIST BELIEVES THIS REQUEST SIGNIFICANT AND WILL VISIT SOBLE TODAY. GILCHRIST IS ARRANGING TO HAVE MYRA BROUGHT TO DANBURY BY U.S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE. GILCHRIST WILL ADVISE NYO OF RESULTS OF CONFERENCE, UPON RETURN TO NYC. GILCHRIST STATED WARDEN OF DANBURY INDICATED NEWS REPORTS OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT CHANGES MAY BE BASIS OF SOBLE'S REQUEST. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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URGENT -- PLAIN TEXT

TO : BUREAU

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)(TIME: 1:35 P.M.)

JACK SOBLE, ET AL; ESPIONAGE DASH R. FEDERAL GRAND JURY,
SDNY, JULY EIGHT INSTANT, PRESENTED FIVE COUNT INDICTMENT
AGAINST GEORGE ZLATOVSKI, WAS: GEORGE MICHAEL, RECTOR; AND
WIFE, JANE FOSTER ZLATOVSKI, WA: SLANG. COPY OF PROPOSED
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AIRTEL

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b7c SOBIE interviewed 7/10/57 at Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, jointly with his wife, MYRA SOBIE. SOBIE stated he felt physically fit and appeared to agents to be in good physical condition. SOBIE at the outset of interview expressed emotional concern as to the future of his son, [REDACTED]

SOBIE stated that he had requested to see agents to discuss preliminaries of his making disclosures on "certain minor points." SOBIE then contradicted himself stating that he has told agents everything. SOBIE still expresses great concern of ever having to testify against his brother, ROBERT, or nephew, LINA WALSTON. SOBIE stated that he could not recall any persons who were involved with him in espionage whom he has not already mentioned.

Throughout interview MYRA SOBIE continually pressed JACK SOBIE to tell everything, especially about ROBERT SOBIE. MYRA SOBIE stated that she would testify fully against ROBERT SOBIE although it would be distasteful to her. MYRA

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SOBLE stated to JACK SOBLE that in her opinion a trial for ROBERT SOBLE would never come to pass as he would plead guilty if arrested. SOBLE stated since he heard from someone that there are 12 witnesses against ROBERT, his testimony is unnecessary. JACK volunteered he had been listening to prison inmates that he did not have to be "cooperative."

Re ERWIN HENRY ACKERNECHT. Both JACK and MYRA SOBLE identified photographs of ACKERNECHT. MYRA SOBLE stated she met ACKERNECHT on two occasions in Leipzig, Germany, in company of DINA and ROBERT SOBLE. MYRA stated she could not understand conversations which DINA and ROBERT had with ACKERNECHT at that time, as she could not speak or understand German. MYRA SOBLE stated she met ACKERNECHT and wife in Leipzig at the apartment of DINA and ROBERT. MYRA SOBLE states ACKERNECHT's wife was a pretty German girl who was an artist and designer. MYRA SOBLE states that she knew from DINA and ROBERT that ACKERNECHT was CP member and also known as "Dr. BAUER." JACK SOBLE relates he knew ACKERNECHT in the German CP and later as a Trotskyite who performed similar speaking engagements in party as SOBLE did himself. SOBLE also related ACKERNECHT was a journalist and was more a friend of ROBERT's than his. SOBLE related that ACKERNECHT and ROBERT became friends at the Leipzig University. SOBLE related he also met ACKERNECHT's wife and described her in similar way as did MYRA SOBLE. JACK and MYRA SOBLE both related that ACKERNECHT's wife "was aware" of ACKERNECHT's activities in behalf of CP and Trotskyites. SOBLE stated he last saw ACKERNECHT in Copenhagen in 1938 with Trotsky. Stated ACKERNECHT used name Dr. BAUER in both CP and Trotskyite Party, while JACK used name ADOLF SENIN in both parties.

Re Soviet Farm House. SOBLE tentatively identified photographs of a house shown to him of farm house located in Alpine, New Jersey. SOBLE stated that he had no objection to being interviewed by NYO agents in future.

Interviews of SOBLE to continue at Danbury [REDACTED] on 7/11/57. b7C

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AIRTEL

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MIRA SOBIE interviewed on 7/11/57 at House of
Detention for Women, NYC.

She advised that [REDACTED] has applied for
US citizenship and that he expects to go to Canada soon to
live with the [REDACTED] b7c

MIRA advised that she visited her husband, JACK
SOBIE, at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury,
Connecticut, on 7/10/57.

Mrs. SOBIE advised that she believed there was a
definite improvement in JACK's health both from a physical
and mental standpoint, although he is still emotionally
disturbed to some degree. She advised that JACK stated to
her that he is reluctant to testify against his brother,
ROBERT SOBIE. JACK told her that he was worried about
going to live with the [REDACTED] in Montreal, because the family
might become vindictive toward [REDACTED] if it became necessary
at a future date for JACK to testify against his brother,
ROBERT. b7c

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b7c MYRA advised that JACK's concern on this score is baseless and is not shared by her. She advised that [REDACTED] has been advised that [REDACTED] is an adopted child and that her learning of this has in no way lessened her affection for [REDACTED]. MYRA advised that [REDACTED] regard for [REDACTED] would not be affected by any subsequent developments regarding JACK and ROBERT SOBIE. She stated that she advised JACK accordingly on 7/10/57.

Mrs. SOBIE advised that she feels JACK SOBIE will furnish complete information about ROBERT but that he will probably be reluctant to testify against him should that occasion arise.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE, was., ET AL
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JACK SOBLE interviewed 7/11/57, Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut. SOBLE at outset of interview stated that he knows he has to tell his entire story and will do so. SOBLE related that he stopped talking to agents because he saw no future for himself and did not feel that he was representing "any side." SOBLE stated he did not understand the American judicial system when he first agreed to talk. SOBLE relates that he now more fully understands these points but states he would find it difficult for himself to testify against either ROBERT SOBLE or ILYA WOLSTON. SOBLE relates that he was aware that ROBERT SOBLE had requested immunity of AUSA GILCHRIST and JACK SOBLE stated that it was common sense that anyone requesting immunity had a "story to tell."

SOBLE questioned specifically on details of ROBERT's background and SOBLE stated that in 1937 both PARTIN and APHANASEV went to Spain to bring ROBERT to Paris to work in Trotsky movement. SOBLE questioned on his knowledge of ROBERT SOBLE's contact's in US and he related that he could add no further details other than already furnished to agents. SOBLE did relate that he was quite sure that ROBERT's contacts with the other 4 or 5 women were for OSS data. SOBLE claimed that ROBERT must have told him this fact.

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Re GEORGE and JANE ZIATOVSKI. SOBIE stated that he could not recall any other specific information which either JANE or GEORGE might have furnished him. SOBIE related that both JANE and GEORGE sought employment in US organizations on their own initiative. SOBIE explained that he had paid JANE and GEORGE \$150 per month because they continued promising him with more and valuable information in the future. SOBIE stated he could not recall any information which the ZIATOVSKI's furnished him which related to the French Government. SOBIE stated it was his opinion that US would not succeed in getting the ZIATOVSKI's back from the French. SOBIE stated he would be willing to testify against them if they were returned. SOBIE claimed that he hated the ZIATOVSKI's and called GEORGE a "parasite" and JANE a "drunkard" and had no reason to protect them.

Re ALFRED and MARTHA STERN. SOBIE claims he cannot recall any more information about the STERNS. SOBIE relates that he does not know the espionage assignments, activities, or contacts in US of STERNS prior to his meeting with them. SOBIE stated that neither ZUBILIN, JANE ZIATOVSKI, or STERNS ever told him about such prior activities but he thought that MARTHA's biography would be "rich." SOBIE states he does not think he ever heard MARTHA's code name but thinks ALFRED was "LOUIS" but cannot recall where he learned this fact. SOBIE expressed a friendly attitude during interview and requested time to concentrate and recall details and additional information regarding points on which he was interrogated. SOBIE was verbose on the reaction of American public and world re: brother testifying against a brother or a nephew, stating that the public would think that "the rat was now trying to save his own skin" no matter how truthful he would be at any trial.

Interviews with SOBIE to be continued 7/15/57.

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MYRA SOBLE was interviewed on 7/15/57. She advised that she had been interviewed on 7/12/57, by a representative of the Probation Office, relative to probation report.

She advised that JACK SOBLE will be interviewed by a probation officer on 7/16/57.

MYRA advised that [REDACTED] visited her on the evening of Friday, 7/12/57, and [REDACTED] will see the SOBLE attorney, GEORGE WOLF on 7/15/57, relative to [REDACTED] naturalization situation, and [REDACTED] plan to visit [REDACTED] in Montreal, Canada. b7c

MYRA questioned regarding DINA GLIKMAN, stated GLIKMAN never involved in espionage. Advised DINA was friendly with FANIA POSEN and FANIA's mother. GLIKMAN was born in Lithuania.

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MYRA was shown a list of names of 67 students, this being the unofficial roster of graduates from Detachment R at Oberammegau, Germany. It is noted that JACK SOBLE has advised that ILYA WOLSTON furnished him names of individuals who attended Detachment R.

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SUBJECT: JACK SOBIE, was
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JACK SOBIE interviewed 7/15/57, at Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn, regarding JACOB ALBAN. SOBIE claims that JACOB ALBAN knows all about ROBERT SOBIE and his activities in behalf of Soviets in Europe and the United States. SOBIE related there was "no question" in his mind that ALBAN knew ROBERT's story."

SOBIE was specifically questioned as to how he knew this and if he were ever present when ROBERT discussed his background, and SOBIE stated he could not recall ever being present when ROBERT SOBIE and JACOB ALBAN ever discussed anything in this regard, but knew they, ROBERT SOBIE and JACOB ALBAN, had many conversations on these matters. SOBIE could not logically explain how he knew that ALBAN knew of ROBERT working for the Soviets.

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SOBLE now admits that in 1931 he went to Turkey to gather information about TROTSKY and to ascertain for the Soviets if TROTSKY was ready to return to the CP. SOBLE stated he wrote a written report on this matter for the Soviets, reporting that TROTSKY was not ready to return to the Party. SOBLE related that he made the trip for the Soviets for the "cause" (CP). SOBLE reiterated his story on trip to Paris in 1937, for Soviets, and stated his assignment on this mission was to recruit TROTSKY's secretary FRANKEL into the CP.

Regarding MARK ZHOROWSKI:

SOBLE stated to his knowledge, ZHOROWSKI was not a member of the CP, and once told SOBLE that the Soviets had promised ZHOROWSKI membership in the Russian CP for his espionage activities. SOBLE stated that he recalled that ZHOROWSKI once wrote a report requesting Party membership in Russia.

SOBLE related that ZHOROWSKI did not receive this membership and was dismayed when he did not receive his membership. SOBLE related that he thought ZHOROWSKI was familiar with ROBERT's activities. SOBLE could not clarify his remarks in relation to this statement.

SOBLE continues to profess throughout interviews that he has told his whole story. SOBLE to be interviewed 7/17/57 next, as AUSA GILCHRIST advised that probation officer was to interview SOBLE on 7/16/57.

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SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE, was.
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MYRA SOBLE interviewed at House of Detention
for Women, NYC, on 7/24/57.

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Mrs. SOBLE advised that [REDACTED] visited
her on 7/23/57, and that [REDACTED] had earlier visited
JACK SOBLE at the Federal House of Detention, NYC.
MYRA advised that [REDACTED] told her that JACK was feeling
well and was in good spirits.

MYRA advised that there are no new developments
regarding [REDACTED]. She advised that he still plans to
visit [REDACTED] in Montreal, Canada.

Mrs. SOBLE advised that she did not know
and had never seen PAVEL KUZNETSOV. She advised that
she first heard about KUZNETSOV from JACK SOBLE around
1948 and that JACK called him "MISHA". She advised
that she believed that JACOB ALBAM introduced JACK SOBLE
to "MISHA". JACK told MYRA that "MISHA" was ALBAM's

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Soviet contact in Paris. Mrs. SOBLE advised that she believes that JACOB ALBAM also mentioned "MISHA's" name to her but advised that she is not certain of this.

Mrs. SOBLE advised that she never heard ESTHER RAND referred to as "CLAIRE". Previous investigation in this case reflects that JACK SOBLE during conversation with RAND on 1/14/48, addressed her as "CLAIRE".

MYRA advised that JACOB ALBAM never said anything to her about having or using microfilm for any purpose. She advised he was an excellent photographer, however, and would know how to use and process microfilm.

Mrs. SOBLE was again questioned regarding SAMUEL L. CAPLAN, Montreal, Canada. She advised that neither CAPLAN or any member of his family was ever involved in espionage.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
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SOBLE interviewed AM and PM on 7/17/57 at Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn. Re JACOB ALBAM: SOBLE stated that ALBAM definitely knew of ROBERT SOBLE's story about his association with CHOUDENKO. SOBLE stated that ALBAM also knows a great deal about ROBERT's activities in behalf of the Soviets, but did not think ALBAM knew "all" about ROBERT. SOBLE stated he recalls that he was present when ROBERT mentioned this to ALBAM. SOBLE relates that ROBERT told ALBAM about the Professor (CHOUDENKO), in the last few years, which he describes as from 1954, to 1956.

SOBLE stated he cannot recall exactly where this conversation took place, but thinks it was either at ROBERT's or his apartment or possibly at ROBERT's on Fire Island, Long Island, NY. SOBLE reiterated that he was "positive that ALBAM knows about ROBERT."

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SOBLE stated that in the 1930's, ROBERT SOBLE saw JACOB ALBAN's brother BOM, in Switzerland. SOBLE states that he knew BOM was working for GPU but does not know if ROBERT knows this.

Re JANE or GEORGE ZLATONSKI: SOBLE stated he never recalls meeting a DOUGLAS FOX in Bad Gastein, in 1950. SOBLE, when displayed a photograph of FOX stated that he did not recognize the individual as anyone known to him. SOBLE states that photo or name of EDMUND JKKENKO unfamiliar to him. SOBLE states that in 1941, after he arrived in Boston, he made a trip to NYC to Amtorg to inquire about Bristles. SOBLE relates he was not instructed to contact Amtorg, but made this trip in relation to bristle business. SOBLE relates that he met FORMIN on this trip, and gave him the address of BORIS SOBLE in Canada, where he could be contacted.

SOBLE stated he received a letter a short time later from FORMIN requesting SOBLE to come to NYC. SOBLE claimed his first trip had no connection with espionage activities but he suspected when he received letter from FORMIN that it had some connection with "political" dealings.

SOBLE claims that he never had any method for emergency contacts with ZUELIN, CHOUDENKO or CHALIAPIN, and was not aware until recently that CHOUDENKO and CHALIAPIN were connected with the Consulate.

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SOBLE denies that he ever told MARIOS about a Professor he was supposed to pay \$80,000. SOBLE claims he never knew or payed any Professor any money for ZUBILIN.

Re ILYA WOLSTON: Names of individuals referred to in communication from Legat, Bonn, on 6/14/57 displayed to SOBLE without effecting an identification.

Interview of SOBLE continuing.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
SUBJECT: JACK SOHLE, was.
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SOHLE interviewed 7/24/57, at US Marshal
Detention Quarters, US Court House, Foley Square,
NYC.

At the outset of interview, SOHLE had an emotional outburst consisting mainly of his disgust of ROBERT SOHLE's treatment of him, JACK's, son [REDACTED] SOHLE claimed after [REDACTED] had told him of ROBERT's austere and cold manner of treatment, SOHLE realized how his wife could readily testify against ROBERT. SOHLE then stated that he would willingly testify against ROBERT if it became necessary. SOHLE stated he now realized that if he has told his story he must go through entirely to display his attitude toward the US and to bring out the stupidity of Communism and the Soviet leaders. SOHLE claims although he is aware that being a witness would not be easy, he understands he must go through with it against ROBERT, the ZLOTOWSKIS, the STERNs, ILYA HOLSTON or who ever else may be brought to trial. SOHLE stated that anything that he may recall that he did for the Soviets he would disclose.

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Re ROBERT SOBLE. SOBLE claimed that after the SOBLE group left Lithuania and were in Moscow awaiting transportation to Vladivostok, ROBERT and he attended a farewell dinner at the Caucasian Restaurant in Moscow. SOBLE stated that at the dinner were 6 or 7 members of the GPU including ~~LEONARD~~ RITCHMAN, JACOB MATUSOW, PETER FEDOTOW and several other members of the GPU whose names he cannot recall. SOBLE claimed that at this party he had the impression that FEDOTOW was the highest ranking GPU official there. SOBLE claimed he and ROBERT asked one of the GPU officials if they would return a large quantity of bristles which they had "nationalized" from the SOBLE family during the Russian occupation. SOBLE stated this offer was refused. The party was really held in honor of JACK and ROBERT by the GPU and consisted of a great deal of drinking. SOBLE states that he recalls that everybody who attended the party got drunk and that FEDOTOW got sick although he had not had as much to drink as the others. SOBLE relates that ROBERT's trip to Moscow just prior to his leaving Lithuania with the SOBLE group was arranged by the GPU and that JACOB MATUSOW accompanied ROBERT and BINA on this trip. SOBLE stated that ROBERT's trip included a visit with GPU officials and his promise to work for Soviets. SOBLE claims he knows that ROBERT saw one GPU representative named ANDREI MARTYNOV, whom SOBLE described as a minor official but does not know who else he saw.

Re FLOYD C. MILLER. SOBLE stated photograph of MILLER was familiar to him but that he could not say who he was or where he met him. SOBLE claimed that the

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NAME MICHAEL CORT was familiar to him in relation to TROTSKYISM in NYC matters but that he could not recall details surrounding his relationship to him.

CONTACTS

Re ROBERT SOHLE'S *CONTACTS* IN US. SOHLE claimed that the name HIRSCHFELD was very familiar to him in ROBERT's work, but that he cannot recall when ROBERT might have mentioned this name to him and the details surrounding his association with ROBERT. SOHLE stated that the name VON BARENSTERN is not familiar to him.

SOHLE reiterated that ROBERT's work was with O.S.S. because ROBERT had told him this fact. SOHLE claimed that ROBERT's specific assignments from LIZA EISENBERG, CHALIAPIN's wife, and CHOMENKO were never discussed with him as a matter of course. SOHLE also mentioned that CHALIAPIN was also known to ROBERT and probably had been ROBERT's superior at one time.

SOHLE claimed that he "suspected" that ANNA ROUBINOWITZ (BEATRICE SPITZ) was furnishing information to ROBERT but did not know exactly what type information she did furnish to ROBERT or if she actually did.

SOHLE also claimed that he "suspected" that IRVING SOLLERS was an agent of ROBERT's but did not know if he ever furnished ROBERT with information or what type of information he might have furnished.

SOHLE stated that he definitely knew, because ROBERT had told him, that JOHN and PAUL LOW BIER were Soviet agents and had worked for the Soviets in Czechoslovakia in 1937. SOHLE stated he did not know if the LOW BIER's had worked for the Soviets in

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Canada or if they had ever given information to ROBERT but knew they were very friendly with ROBERT.

RE STERN. SOULE claims that he never did read report the STERN furnished him in NYC in 1948 or 1949 before he tore it up but recalls from conversation with ALFRED and MARTHA that report contained information about the Progressive Party and HENRY WALLACE.

RE ZLATONSKI. SOULE claimed that GEORGE ZLATONSKI must have given him details in report form after GEORGE attempted to gain employment with US Army Engineers but that he cannot recall report or its details. SOULE claims he does not recall many details furnished him by the ZLATONSKIS in reports but if he does recall he will readily disclose these facts.

SOULE requested not to be interviewed 7/25/57.
Interviews to continue 7/25/57.

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MIRA SCHLES interviewed on 7/18/57 at House of
Detention for Women, NYC. Mrs. SCHLES advised that her
attorney, GEORGE WOLF, is arranging a meeting of JACK
MIRA and [REDACTED] for 7/18/57 or 7/20/57. She advised
that she believes WOLF will have some information relative
to [REDACTED] status with LHM and also regarding [REDACTED] trip
to Canada to visit [REDACTED]

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MIRA SCHLES was questioned regarding her meeting
with ALEXANDER M. KROMENOV in Geneva in 1948. She stated
this was only time she met KROMENOV. She advised JACK and
[REDACTED] were also present and advised meeting probably
arranged by SCHLES MOTHER. She advised the KROMENOV, after
meeting the SCHLES, told them that he wanted them to observe,
but not to meet, one of his contacts. She advised that
KROMENOV pointed out the contact to the SCHLES as he
walked by and advised them that he wanted them to see
what the contact looked like and also wanted the contact
to observe the SCHLES. Mrs. SCHLES has previously furnished
description of this man.

KROMENOV and the SCHLES then walked several
miles to the outskirts of Geneva to an outdoor cafe. She
stated that during the long walk to the cafe, JACK and
KROMENOV walked ahead and MIRA and [REDACTED] walked some
distance behind them. She advised that she does not
know what JACK and KROMENOV discussed. She stated that to
her knowledge, there was no exchange of words between
KROMENOV and JACK SCHLES.

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67c MYRA advised that enroute to the cafe they stopped at a zoo for several minutes. She stated that [REDACTED] would probably remember the incident as KOROTKOV entertained [REDACTED] by doing tricks with beer coasters.

MYRA advised that she had no information relative to possibility that while in Geneva, KOROTKOV was to attend a UN conference.

MYRA advised she had no information regarding trip JACK SOBLE made from Boston to NYC in 1941 to see FOMIN at Amtorg and does not know if ROBERT SOBLE would have accompanied JACK on such a trip.

MYRA SOBLE advised that she did not know that JACK and ROBERT SOBLE had written articles for the "Russian Bulletin" under the names of A. SENIN and R. VEL in 1930, but advised that JACK and ROBERT used the names of SENIN and VEL, respectively.

Mrs. SOBLE advised that the name CHAMPINER sounds familiar to her but could not recall that she ever met him or that JACK ever mentioned him. It is noted that CHAMPINER was a member of the Trotskyite faction in Russia who allegedly approached JACK in Moscow in 1927.

Advised she did not know that RAZANSKY (cover name OBIN, true name OKKIN) was editor of the Yiddish language Trotsky paper, "Klorkeit" in Paris. Advised that she did know this individual as OBEN (PH) in Moscow around 1935 or 1936. OBEN was married and had one child and was having difficulty getting employment. Finally got a job in a Soviet concentration camp near Siberia. Never heard that he used the name RAZANSKY.

MYRA advised that JACK SOBLE told her around 1933 that he had visited LEON TROTSKY in Turkey and that he had spent some time with TROTSKY. On his return, JACK told MYRA that he was disappointed with TROTSKY, because he was more interested in power than he was in the welfare of the people.

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SOBLE interviewed 7/26/57, at US Marshal
Detention Headquarters, US Court House, Foley Square,
NYC.

SOBLE at the outset of interview, stated
he wished to speak voluntarily about his entire story.
SOBLE stated he felt obligated to tell his entire
story and would do so with all the details he could
recall. SOBLE stated he has told a great deal of his
story but has omitted certain details and those he would
willingly tell as this country had never done anything
to him.

SOBLE claimed his first assignment for GPU
was his trip to Turkey in 1931 to visit TROTSKY. SOBLE
stated when he arrived in Turkey, ROBERT and DINA SOBLE
were already with TROTSKY. SOBLE states he really could
not say if ROBERT was in Turkey on GPU assignment at that
time but SOBLE did not think so. SOBLE claimed his
second assignment was to report on TROTSKYITE matters

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in Germany. SOBLE claimed in 1932 he made trip to Russia with a student group but this trip had nothing to do with GPU. SOBLE related after he returned from trip to Berlin he made trip to Russia in 1932 or 1933 to ascertain the activities of VICTOR SERGE who was doing translation work in Moscow at that time. SOBLE stated these first three assignments were given to him by BELOV in Berlin. SOBLE stated he also made trip to Copenhagen to visit with TROTSKY in 1932.

SOBLE stated in 1933 BELOV told him he was going home which SOBLE thought was Lithuania but BELOV meant Russia. SOBLE stated in 1933 he got a job in Moscow through RUBENOV whom he had met in Berlin through friends of MYRA at the Russian Trade Mission in 1931. SOBLE stated RUBENOV had no connections with the GPU but was the 3rd Secretary of the Moscow Party Control Committee. SOBLE stated the First Secretary was KHRUSHCHEV. SOBLE stated RUBENOV had told him if he ever returned to Moscow to come and see him. SOBLE related that about two months after he returned to Moscow, he got a job with RUBENOV's help in Baku. SOBLE related he later went to Kharkov when RUBENOV became Representative of Party Control Commission in Kiev. SOBLE related these jobs in Baku and Kharkov were not GPU assignments but Party assignments as writer on newspapers gotten only with the help of RUBENOV.

SOBLE stated in the latter part of 1935, he was called to GPU by JACOV NATUSOV. SOBLE stated he also met LEONID REICHMAN at this time. SOBLE stated NATUSOV introduced him to PARTIN at that time and told him that they were going to France to attempt to recruit JAN FRANKEL, TROTSKY's secretary. SOBLE stated that he and PARTIN travelled separately to Paris. SOBLE

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stated in Paris he met PARTIN and PARTIN introduced him to APHANSEV another GPU agent. SOBLE related both PARTIN and APHANSEV knew ROBERT was in Spain and requested his address. SOBLE related that shortly thereafter ROBERT came to Paris and was present when SOBLE was instructed to go to Strusburg to attempt to meet JAN FRANKEL on a train which was supposed to be coming from Czechoslovakia. SOBLE stated this was unsuccessful and he returned to Paris and then was told to go to Marseilles, France, to get on same ship with FRANKEL. SOBLE stated ship was Italian vessel manned by Italian black shirts. SOBLE stated he saw FRANKEL and FRANKEL recognized SOBLE but they did not speak. SOBLE claimed he did not approach FRANKEL because conditions were not right. SOBLE stated he returned to France after arriving in Italy but became ill after arriving in Nice and was later operated on for appendicitis in Paris by a friend of ROBERT's. SOBLE stated in 1937 after return to Moscow he again received job in newspaper with the assistance of RUBENOV. SOBLE related he stayed in this line till German-Russian pact. SOBLE stated in 1940 he was again approached by GPU for assignment abroad.

RE ROBERT SOBLE - SOBLE stated that he cannot actually say if ROBERT worked for GPU before 1937. SOBLE related however, that ROBERT was a Soviet citizen in 1925 or 1926 and later worked at the Russian Trade Mission in Berlin. SOBLE stated ROBERT's citizenship was under the name of ROMAN SERGEYEVITCH SOBOLEFF.

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SOELE stated he still could not recall the photo of FLOYD CLEVELAND MILLER but does recall name of MICHAEL CORT but cannot recall details of when and where the name is familiar to him.

SOELE also stated name of HIRSCHFELD also familiar to him but cannot recall details of his knowledge of this name.

Interviews with SOELE continuing.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)
SUBJECT: JACK SOBLE, was
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JACK SOBLE was contacted at Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn., on 7/18/57. Upon interview, SOBLE related that he was in a highly nervous and emotional state as he had just been advised that he was being transferred to West St., Detention Quarters, NYC, and because of this fact, requested that no interview be conducted. SOBLE apologized for his inability to be interviewed and stated his extreme dislike of the conditions at West made him dubious of future cooperation with agents as long as he was incarcerated in NYC.

Warden HAGESTROM advised that he had received a wire from Washington in AM of 7/18/57, ordering SOBLE to NYC. HAGESTROM related that he did not know if SOBLE's transfer to NYC was permanent or not.

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b7c Departmental Assistant WILLIAM KENNEY has previously advised on 7/17/57, that SOBIE was to come to NYC on 7/19/57, for conference with attorney GEORGE WOLF, and his son, [REDACTED] and wife, MYRA.

On 7/18/57 KENNEY was advised of the transfer of SOBIE to West St. Jail at NYC, and of SOBIE's adverse reaction. KENNEY stated that he had no knowledge that this transfer was permanent, but that when he had requested an official of the Bureau of Prisons at Washington, DC, a few days ago to have SOBIE brought to NYC on 7/19/57, he was reminded that SOBIE was supposed to have been sent to Danbury for one week only in order to rest.

While SOBIE's reaction was brought to KENNEY's attention, no recommendation was made as to where SOBIE should be kept.

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)
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SOBIE interviewed on 7/29/57, at US Marshal Detention Quarters, US Court House, Foley Square, NYC. SOBIE, at outset of interview, reiterated he was willing to tell his whole story to every detail he could remember.

SOBIE states that in Japan in 1940, a Dr. (FNU) BRAUER, a dentist who had travelled to Japan at same time SOBIE and his family did, tried to blackmail SOBIE and his brother ROBERT, in that he would expose JACK and ROBERT SOBIE to American Consulate. SOBIE stated that BRAUER demanded \$3000 from SOBIE brothers to remain silent.

SOBIE stated that BRAUER was originally from Czechoslovakia, and had fled there after German occupation of that country. SOBIE stated that after fleeing Czechoslovakia, BRAUER settled in Kaunas, Lithuania, and practiced dentistry. SOBIE stated that in Lithuania, BRAUER was a friend of ROBERT's and when SOBIES were seeking visas to leave Lithuania, BRAUER once offered to sell them Czechoslovakian passports which SOBIE claims BRAUER got from Czech citizens who did not flee.

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SOBLE related when he and ROBERT did go to the American Consulate he told them that he had received a letter from an individual who had accused the SOBLE brothers of being chiefs of an Economic Soviet Mission. SOBLE stated that the Consulate, whose name he cannot recall, told the SOBLE brothers that it was BRAUER who wrote this letter. SOBLE stated that ROBERT SOBLE put on a terrible scene in denying these accusations.

SOBLE related that BRAUER went to Shanghai, China, but does not know if he ever came to US or Canada, and has never heard anything as to his present location.

SOBLE relates that MENDEL LADSKY knows BRAUER, but does not think that BRAUER ever worked for Soviets.

SOBLE relates that he became a Soviet citizen, known as ADOLF AVELITCH SOBOLEVICH, in 1933, and was also a member of CP of USSR. SOBLE also relates that he thinks JACOB ALBAM was a Soviet citizen, but could not say if ALBAM was a member of CP of USSR. SOBLE related that he travelled by bus to Chicago with ROBERT and DINA SOBLE after arriving in the US at San Francisco. SOBLE related in Chicago they visited distant relatives of his father and mother, who had immigrated to the US in the early 1920s. SOBLE related that these relatives were not connected with the Soviets, but recalls them as LOUIS and MORRIS SPARKIN and their families, and a LENA or HELEN SCHWITZKY.

SOBLE stated he left Chicago ahead of DINA and ROBERT to go to Boston. SOBLE related a few days after he arrived his brother, BORIS SOBLE, came to Boston and offered him a job in his factory at Montreal. SOBLE stated BORIS SOBLE then took him to NYC to introduce him to BORIS SOBLE's partner, FRED BROVERMAN. SOBLE recalled it was BROVERMAN