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

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JACK SOBIE, was; ET AL  
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SOBIE interviewed at US Marshal's Detention  
Quarters, US Court House, NYC, 10/1/57. SOBIE related that  
in Spring of 1945, he was instructed by CHOUDENKO to turn  
over his contacts to his brother ROBERT SOBIE.

SOBIE stated he now definitely recalled that HAL  
(FLOYD C. MILLER) had worked for him in behalf of Soviets  
and that material furnished by MILLER was in reference to  
Trotskyites. SOBIE claimed inability to recall specific  
material turned over by MILLER.

SOBIE related that he worked with MILLER for several  
months and at CHOUDENKO's instructions introduced him to  
ROBERT SOBIE. SOBIE recalled that he also introduced LUCY  
BOOKER to ROBERT and turned her over to ROBERT. SOBIE claimed  
he thinks he introduced ROBERT to BOOKER on a NYC street by  
cannot recall exactly where he introduced MILLER to ROBERT.

SOBIE stated he also turned over ESTHER RAND to  
ROBERT, but does not think that RAND furnished ROBERT with  
any information. SOBIE claimed he did not receive any  
instructions from CHOUDENKO on ALICE MARTIN and did  
not instruct RAND to introduce ALICE MARTIN to ROBERT,  
but ESTHER RAND did so.

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SOBIE stated that ALICE MARTIN was aware that ROBERT was a Soviet agent, and that she had furnished information to JACK SOBIE for the Soviets. SOBIE related CHOUDENKO in instructing him to turn over his contacts told him that the Soviets wanted him to meet with a man from Washington, D.C., for another assignment. SOBIE stated that his trip to Canada in spring of 1945 had nothing to do with his new assignment. SOBIE stated when and if he mentioned that Soviets approached him in Canada on the Washington proposition he was making up the story.

SOBIE was questioned in relation to his meetings with ANATOLI GROMOV and the dress shop without eliciting any substantially new information. SOBIE now stated that the dress shop was probably a combined men and womens clothing store, and that the Soviets already had a contact at this store and the \$300,000 was to purchase it. SOBIE claimed that he did not know and was not told the necessity of establishing such a store. SOBIE maintained that GROMOV only told him that he was operating a group of young people who were employed at various government agencies in Washington, D.C.

SOBIE claimed that he was supposed to assume control and operate this group. SOBIE claimed he recalled GROMOV mentioning that he (GROMOV) was going to return to Russia shortly. SOBIE denied that GROMOV ever told him who SOBIE's contact or Soviet superior was to be.

Interview was interrupted and curtailed by SOBIE's conference with GEORGE WOLF, his attorney.

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Interview of SOBLE to continue 10/2/57.

AUSA GILCHRIST stated that he was convening Grand Jury on 10/3/57, and possibly 10/4/57. GILCHRIST stated that he expected to have JACK SOBLE before Grand Jury on 10/3/57, and if necessary 10/4/57.

Bureau will be advised.

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SUBJECT: JACK SOBIE, was Et Al  
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On this date Federal Judge RICHARD H. LEVET heard motion for reduction of sentence of JACOB ALBAM. ALBAM's attorney, HAROLD O. FRANKEL, stated that ALBAM had been persecuted by the Russians and that he was definitely anti-Communist. ALBAM was compelled to become a partner of a group in Russia although he did not want to. FRANKEL stated ALBAM committed no overt acts against the US. He stated ALBAM surprised when he was contacted by BORIS MORROS and fear of Russians caused him to render a report to BORIS MORROS. ALBAM was also fearful for his daughter and brother, who are presently in Russia. FRANKEL stated much can not be said concerning ALBAM for security reasons.

USA PAUL W. WILLIAMS, SRNY, stated the Government takes no position concerning the motion of ALBAM for reduction of sentence.

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Federal Judge LEVET heard USA WILLIAMS on sentencing of JACK SOBIE. WILLIAMS reviewed the indictment and counts of indictment JACK SOBIE charged with. He stated SOBIE and family came to the US in 1941 pursuant to instructions of LAVERNE HERIA on forged passports with idea of doing work for the Soviets. WILLIAMS stated SOBIE's activities covered for the past ten years by BORIS MORROS, who was furnishing information to the FBI. WILLIAMS stated SOBIE in 1944 became head of a loosely knit ring of American citizens and aliens who gathered information for the Soviets. He stated this information ranged from harmless to that which could have caused grave danger to the security of the US. WILLIAMS went on to state SOBIE became involved in the BORIS MORROS Music Company, which was financed by ALFRED K. STERN. This company was to furnish cover for Soviet agents in the US and South America. WILLIAMS also stated SOBIE acted as peace-maker between STERN and MORROS.

WILLIAMS stated the S & W Cafeteria, located in W 30's, NYC, was opened by JACK SOBIE for the purpose of furnishing a cover for Soviet agents. SOBIE also became closely identified with ALFRED K. and MARTHA DOED STERN, whom he was introduced to by VASSILI ZUBILIN, and in turn JACK SOBIE was introduced to GEORGE and JANE FOSTER ZLATOVSKI by the STERNS. WILLIAMS stated JANE ZLATOVSKI turned over a report on Indonesia, which she had made while employed by the US Government, to JACK SOBIE.

WILLIAMS stated following JACK SOBIE's return to the US from Europe in 1952, he was less active but did show an interest in maintaining his Soviet contacts.

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WILLIAMS stated when JACK SOBIE pled guilty, he said he would disclose all of the information he had concerning Soviet activities in the US and during the last 6 months, he has been interviewed by FBI agents and has testified before the Federal Grand Jury, NYC. This information furnished by him helped indict the STERNs and ZLATOVSKIS. WILLIAMS stated SOBIE has confirmed information which the FBI had but has furnished little information concerning matters which the FBI was not aware of.

WILLIAMS stated JACK SOBIE has a complex personality and at times has been a victim of psychological maladjustment. WILLIAMS stated before court that JACK SOBIE, during long periods of time, has not freely and readily submitted to interrogation. He said the crime JACK SOBIE was charged with was a heinous one and warrants term punishment. WILLIAMS stated SOBIE has acted and will be required to continue to act as a Government witness. He stated JACK SOBIE has minimized his own role and has continuously minimized the character of the information, as pertaining to the national defense, gathered by him and others who were in contact with him.

WILLIAMS concluded by stating JACK SOBIE has cooperated extensively and has furnished a certain amount of valuable information and this should merit consideration.

JACK SOBIE's attorney, GEORGE WOLF, made a very short statement before the court and the main part of his statement appeared to have been that JACK SOBIE and his wife, MYRA, are dedicated in exposing the activities of the Russian espionage agents in the US and in the future will demonstrate that fast better than he has in the past. He made a plea that no monetary

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fine be imposed on JACK SOBIE and that JACK SOBIE's cooperation should be taken into consideration. WOLF stated the eight months JACK SOBIE has been confined and also the long interviews he has gone through with many agents of the FBI should merit consideration.

Federal Judge LEVET asked JACK SOBIE if he wanted to make a statement. JACK SOBIE replied in a highly emotional state, crying that he deeply regretted the crime he committed against this country that gave him refuge. He stated he fully intended to cooperate with the US Government; that he had had a wonderful opportunity and did not take advantage of it. JACK SOBIE made a tearful plea that he was telling the full truth and that he knew what he had done to the country which gave him refuge.

Judge LEVET stated that any facts not put before him for security reasons which he might consider in passing sentence should be brought to his attention by counsel for JACK SOBIE.

Judge LEVET adjourned all matters concerning JACOB ALBAM, MYRA SOBIE and the sentencing of JACK SOBIE until 10/8/57 at 4 p.m.

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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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SOBLE interviewed 9/30/57, at US Marshal's Detention Quarters, US Court House, New York City. SOBLE confronted with FLOYD CLEVELAND MILLER and was vague as to whether he recognized MILLER. After intensive questioning SOBLE finally advised that he definitely remembered MILLER as individual who had furnished him with information for Soviets.

SOBLE claimed that he cannot recall who introduced him to "HAL" (MILLER), but that it could possibly have been EVA GETZOFF, but SOBLE would not confirm or emphatically deny this.

SOBLE stated that either CHALIAPIN or CHOUDENKO must have told him to meet with "HAL", but claimed he cannot recall instructions or reason why he was to meet MILLER. SOBLE admitted meeting MILLER several times and paying him and obtaining receipts signed "HAL" for information he gave to SOBLE but claimed inability to recall what this information was. SOBLE stated that information must have been in connection with the Trotskyite work. SOBLE claimed he could not recall how long he met MILLER and at first to whom he turned him over.

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SOBLE eventually related that he turned HAL over to his brother ROBERT SOBLE at the instruction of ORGUCHENKO. SOBLE claimed he could not recall for what reason he turned MILLER over to ROBERT, but did not deny that this reason was because he was to receive a more important assignment.

SOBLE denied that he ever discussed "HAL" with ROBERT after ROBERT became "HAL'S" superior. SOBLE claimed he did not know if HAL ever furnished information to ROBERT.

SOBLE admitted that at the same general time he was instructed to turn over all his contacts and that he arranged for ESTHER RAND to meet ROBERT but claims this association between RAND and ROBERT was for medical reasons only.

SOBLE also denied that he turned the MARTINS over to RAND at this time. SOBLE claimed that he cannot recall ever introducing "HAL" to anyone and denied introducing him to LUCY BOOKER.

SOBLE denied he could recall the circumstances of his first meeting with MILLER or times and places of his meeting with him. SOBLE further denied that he could recall circumstances surrounding introducing ROBERT to MILLER but stated introduction could have taken place on 57th Street in New York City.

SOBLE also denied he turned BOOKER over a successor or that he introduced BOOKER to any other person.

Interview of SOBLE will continue 10/1/57.

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AUSA GILCHRIST advised on afternoon of 9/30/57, that he had conferred with GEORGE WOLF, Attorney for the SOBLES. GILCHRIST stated that the sentencing of JACK SOBIE is now scheduled for 4:00 PM, 10/1/57, at the same time as the decision on MYRA'S motion for modification of sentence will be made.

GILCHRIST advised that he did not plan to dismiss the other two counts of the indictment of JACK, however, he had no immediate plans to schedule trial on these counts. GILCHRIST continued that he planned not to dismiss the counts so that they might be used as a continued lever on JACK SOBIE. He added that WOLF might move to have the counts dismissed.

GILCHRIST had not as yet decided on the remarks he would make to the court concerning JACK SOBIE and his sentence but did expect that JACK would receive the maximum of 10 years with possibly some reduction for time already spent in prison.

With regard to the above, GILCHRIST said he would confer with USA PAUL WILLIAMS on the morning of 10/1/57.

GILCHRIST advised that he was resigning as Chief Assistant USA effective 10/4/57. He stated that AUSA ARTHUR H. CHRISTIE would thereafter handle this and related cases. GILCHRIST expressed the desire for agents to confer with him and CHRISTIE during the next few days, and this will be done. Bureau will be advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SOBIE, was; ET AL  
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SOBIE interviewed in PM, 10/2/57, at US  
Marshal's Detention Quarters, US Court House, NYC.  
SOBIE was not available for interview in AM due to  
claim of illness.

SOBIE related that he is now not positive he  
turned LUCY BOOKER over to ROBERT SOBIE. SOBIE stated, however,  
that BOOKER must have met ROBERT because he recalls  
her stating that ROBERT looked very much like JACK  
and must be JACK's brother. SOBIE stated he is definitely  
sure that he turned MILLER and ESTHER RAND to ROBERT.

SOBIE stated that he payed BOOKER's rent every  
month, which amounted to \$40 or \$50 per month. SOBIE  
related that other than KOENANS daughter he did not know  
any of ROBERT's contacts. SOBIE related that the statement  
about four or five other women operated by ROBERT was made  
to him by ROBERT, but ROBERT never identified these contacts.

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SCHEE stated he always suspected that IRVING SALLINS might have worked for ROBERT because of SALLINS' Pro-Soviet attitude, his background of having been in Russia and his constant close association with ROBERT. SCHEE claimed he really did not know if SALLINS was a soviet agent and source of ROBERT.

SCHEE claimed he could furnish no additional details on trip to Washington in 1945 and claimed he did not regain his contacts from ROBERT after he refused offer from GROMOV in Washington. SCHEE related that shortly thereafter he went to Canada and told CHORNESENKO he was doing so.

SCHEE admitted that during this period he saw STEVE and met JANE ZLATOSKI, but had no definite assignments or contacts re ILNA WOLSTON. SCHEE stated he met WOLSTON in Europe for first time in 1948 at time of WOLSTON marriage. SCHEE stated he asked ILNA for information at this time and WOLSTON furnished him with names of individuals who worked with him, who could be approached by Soviets. SCHEE related that he furnished this information to "NISHA" (NOVSENEV) in Paris, but "NISHA" thought the material was too brief. SCHEE related he saw ILNA in Nice, France about two weeks after the Paris meeting in conjunction with a business trip he was making to Southern France. SCHEE related that ILNA furnished him names of more individuals in a hatch. SCHEE stated he cannot recall these names, but were as he recalls names of individuals WOLSTON worked with in Berlin.

SCHEE stated it might have been in Nice that he told WOLSTON that Soviets would contact him in Berlin. SCHEE stated that NISHA had told him to tell WOLSTON that Soviets would contact him in Berlin. SCHEE stated

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that prior to the time he met WOLSTON in Cologne, WOLSTON was contacted by Soviets in Berlin, and meeting arranged but not effected between Soviets and WOLSTON in Berlin. SOBIE stated WOLSTON told him this in Cologne, and that WOLSTON told him manner in which Russians had contacted him had scored him. SOBIE related that WOLSTON furnished him with information about school for administrators in Germany and names of individuals who attended school. SOBIE claimed inability to recall names.

According to ALISA GILCHRIST, SOBIE will testify before Grand Jury on morning 10/3/57, particularly re ROBERT SOBIE. Interview of SOBIE will continue thereafter.

GILCHRIST introduced agents to ALISA ANTHON CHRISTIE, Chief, Criminal Division of USA's Office. GILCHRIST briefly discussed this and related cases with CHRISTIE, who will handle case after GILCHRIST's resignation, 10/4/57.

Bureau will be advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-36836)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86836)

JACK SCHEE, was; ET AL  
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SCHEE interviewed briefly in PH, 10/3/57,  
 at U. S. Marshal's Detention Quarters, U. S. Court  
 House, NYC.

SCHEE related that although he cannot  
 recall incident it is probable that he introduced his  
 brother ROBERT to LUCY BOOKER.

SCHEE stated that in 1947 VASSILI ZHULEN  
 instructed him to visit BOOKER on his return to the US  
 and to give LUCY ZHULEN's regards. SCHEE related  
 ZHULEN also told him on this trip that he was not  
 in good standing with the Soviets and would probably not  
 see SCHEE again. SCHEE stated that ZHULEN did not  
 tell him why he was falling from favor with the NKVD.

SCHEE advised that after he returned from  
 Europe in 1947 he called BOOKER as requested by ZHULEN  
 and made an appointment to meet her. SCHEE stated he met  
 with BOOKER and gave her ZHULEN's regards. SCHEE related  
 that he also offered money to BOOKER as ZHULEN told him  
 to give her assistance, but BOOKER refused the money.

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SOBIE stated that in Moscow ZUBILIN told him his young son was sick with TB. SOBIE advised that he knew the ZUBILINS had a small child in the US, but did not know where child was born. SOBIE recalled that both YASSILI and LIZA ZUBILIN had told him that they had resided in later years before departure from US in Greenwich Village, NYC. SOBIE claimed he did not know exactly where and never been to the ZUBILINS' apartment.

SOBIE claimed that JACOB ALBAN had once told him that he knew of the ZUBILINS in Russia. SOBIE claimed he did not know, and ALBAN did not state how he knew the ZUBILINS or if he knew them personally.

SOBIE testified before the Grand Jury in AM, 10/3/57, in relation to ROBERT SOBIE. SOBIE conferred with GILCHRIST and was introduced in PM by AUSA GILCHRIST to AUSA CHRISTY. SOBIE to be interviewed 10/4/57.

GILCHRIST advised Grand Jury had been recessed without date of recall specified. He characterized SOBIE's testimony re ROBERT as good and would have minutes available as soon as typed. GILCHRIST advised that SOBIE was apprehensive concerning other counts of indictment and was advised that disposition of those counts had not been decided upon.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-85896)

JACK SOBIE, was; ET AL  
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MYRA SOBIE interviewed on 10/4/57, at House  
of Detention for Women, NYC.

Mrs. SOBIE was questioned at length for information  
regarding HANK ZBOROWSKI. She advised that JACK  
SOBIE told her around 1945 about ZBOROWSKI, who was  
to get material about the Trotskyites and turn it  
over to SOBIE.

Mrs. SOBIE advised that JACK told her later  
that ZBOROWSKI was very active in the Trotskyite movement  
in Europe, and that arrangements to bring him to  
the US were made by DAVID and LYDIA DALLIN. She  
advised that ZBOROWSKI was married and had one child  
and lived in the Bronx, NYC. She advised that ZBOROWSKI  
was attending school in NYC, and his wife was working  
to support the family.

She advised that she had no information regarding  
the possible relationship between ZBOROWSKI and SEDOV  
TROTSKY or between ZBOROWSKI and ROBERT SOBIE.

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Mrs. SOBIE advised that JACK SOBIE never discussed with her the subject matter of ZBOROWSKI's reports, and advised that she did not know the identities of ZBOROWSKI's Soviet contact, but believes he was known to CHURCHENKO. She advised she was not clear on this, and that it was just an impression she had.

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SOBLE interviewed in PM, 10/4/57, at US Marshal Detention Quarters, US Court House, NYC. SOBLE related that the photograph of the Soviet farm house, displayed to him, was the place where he had been taken by VASSILI ZUBILIN in 1942. SOBLE claims that he never heard from any of his contacts or from ROBERT that they had been to this farm house.

Re JAMES MARTIN, SOBLE offered that he had recalled on one occasion meeting with JAMES MARTIN in the Edison Hotel, in NYC, probably in 1948, and on this occasion, accompanied MARTIN to MARTIN's new home in L.I. SOBLE related he does not recall that MARTIN furnished him with any information on this occasion. SOBLE claimed that he could not recall ever having met MARTIN in the Oyster Bar in Grand Central Station, NYC.

Re MARK ZBOROWSKY, SOBLE stated that he now recalls that the basis of one of the reports furnished him by ZBOROWSKY was BORIS NIKOLAEVSKY. SOBLE related that another report by ZBOROWSKY contained ZBOROWSKY's desire to become a member of the Russian CP. SOBLE related that ZBOROWSKY told him on one occasion that he was well acquainted with the death of TROTSKY's son, LEON SEDOV. SOBLE advised that ZBOROWSKY did not believe that SEDOV died of natural causes and told SOBLE he thought the Soviets had influenced the doctors. SOBLE stated he did not know if ZBOROWSKY had anything

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to do with SEDOV's death directly. SOBIE stated ZBOROWSKY also told him that he knew both IGNATZ REISS and WALTER KRIVITSKY. SOBIE stated ZBOROWSKY was of the opinion that KRIVITSKY had been murdered.

SOBIE stated on another occasion, ZBOROWSKY related to him that SPIEGELGLASS, a well-known MEVD agent, was known to ZBOROWSKY. SOBIE related that he did not know how or when SPIEGELGLASS and ZBOROWSKY had met.

A large portion of interview taken up with a review with SOBIE of material for a signed statement from SOBIE on ROBERT SOBIE.

SOBIE was not interviewed in AM as AUSA office failed to notify US Marshal of desire for SOBIE to be brought to Court House for interview.

AUSA CHRISTY was advised of desire of SOBIE for interview on 10/4/57. SOBIE refused to be interviewed on 10/5/57 due to the fact it was a Jewish holiday. AUSA CHRISTY advised that it would be difficult for him to confer with agents during coming week on this matter as he was going to try FRANK COSTELLO case. CHRISTY advised if it were necessary he could be contacted during lunch hour. CHRISTY contacted late PM 10/4/57, and related he would have expenses paid for ZBOROWSKY trip from Boston for confrontation with SOBIE. Boston notified. Bureau will be advised.

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MYRA SOBIE interviewed on 10/7/57, at House  
of Detention for Women, NYC.

Mrs. SOBIE furnished signed statement *incorporating*  
information previously furnished concerning ILYA WOLSTON.

Review of Visitors Telephone Log reflects  
MYRA SOBIE has had the following visitors on the dates  
indicated:

September 20	ROBERT SOBIE	6 to 6:30 PM
September 21	DINA SOBIE	6 to 6:30 PM
September 30	ROBERT SOBIE	7 to 7:30 PM
October 4	ROBERT SOBIE	6 to 6:30 PM

Hearing on MYRA SOBIE's application for  
reduction of sentence scheduled for 4:00 PM, 10/8/57.

Bureau will be advised.

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**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)**  
**FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)**  
**SUBJECT: JACK SCHLE, was; ET AL**  
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On this date Federal Judge RICHARD H. LEVET, USDC, SDNY, reduced MYRA SCHLE's sentence from 5½ years to 4 years; JACOB ALBAM from 5½ years to 5 years and sentenced JACK SCHLE to 7 years in prison. Judge LEVET on the motion of USA WILLIAMS dismissed counts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of indictment against JACK SCHLE.

Judge LEVET before ruling on above gave background of case stating JACK SCHLE operated in under-cover activities from 1947 to 1957 and was under surveillance most of that time except when in Europe.

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He stated SOBLE has been interviewed frequently and has furnished some information of value. Judge LEVET stated MYRA SOBLE has supplied some information this confirmed by JACK SOBLE and has led to other indictments.

Judge LEVET stated disposition of this case must do justice to society and to the defendants and their future usefulness as Soviet Agents is nil. He stated there is strong indication of remorsefulness on part of defendants. He stated the Post Plea on part of defendants may be a deterrent to future persons engaging in spying. Judge LEVET stated JACOB ALBAN's medical difficulties will be favorably helped in Lewisburg Prison.

Judge LEVET commented that the disposition of the above disposes of all matters pertaining to defendants at which time court was adjourned.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352366)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

JACK SOBLE, was; ET AL  
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JACK SOBLE interviewed 10/9/57, US Marshal's  
Detention Quarters, US Court House, Foley Square, NYC.

SOBLE stated that he had expected to receive  
a longer sentence than the seven years he actually received,  
further was gratified to learn of the dismissal of the eleven *OTHER*  
counts in the indictment.

SOBLE referred again to MARK ZBOROWSKI and  
stated that he could not understand why ZBOROWSKI had  
not made a full and complete statement of his activities  
as a Soviet agent. He stated that ZBOROWSKI was lying  
if he stated that he did not know SOBLE as JACK SOBLE.  
ZBOROWSKI also knew that SOBLE's true name was SOBOLVICHUS  
and also "SEVIN" as he and ZBOROWSKI had discussions on  
this.

SOBLE stated that he cannot remember anyone  
who knows of the relationship between him and ZBOROWSKI,  
except ZBOROWSKI's wife, nor does he recall meeting anyone  
with ZBOROWSKI except CHALIAPIN.

SOBLE recalled that ZBOROWSKI had visited the  
offices of the American Trotskyite organization because  
ZBOROWSKI mentioned there were two secretaries in the  
office, one in the daytime and one in evening hours.

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It was in this connection that SCHLE mentioned that the Soviets had a secretary in JAMES P. CANNON's office (SOPHIE - SYLVIA CALMAN DOBNER) though SCHLE did not give ZBORONSKI her name.

SCHLE recalled one report that ZBORONSKI had given him in handwriting was on the split between RAPAKI ABRAMOVICH and THEODORE DASH, both Russian oppositionists. The split resulted from DASH's desire during World War II to find a way to reconcile himself with the Soviet Government.

ZBORONSKI also told SCHLE that there were many heated and bitter disputes between Trotskyites who met at ZBORONSKI's home and ZBORONSKI was afraid that neighbors might hear these disputes. SCHLE said ZBORONSKI told him that ZBORONSKI's wife was disturbed by these disputes and while they were going on desired to leave the house.

SCHLE said he definitely met ZBORONSKI at three different places, among others he could not recall ex. restaurant on 43rd Street, restaurant bar between 107-108th Streets and Broadway, and in Bryant Park near NY Public Library, all NYC. On one occasion during a walk in upper West Side, NYC, ZBORONSKI pointed out the house in which he lived.

ZBORONSKI also complained to SCHLE that he had been promised membership in Russian Communist Party at the time he first began working for Soviets in Paris. ZBORONSKI gave SCHLE a report on this.

SCHLE reiterated that his relationship with ZBORONSKI was close as they were at one time going

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to introduce their respective wives to each other, but this was not done. He recalled that ZBOROWSKI's wife's name was REGINA and she knew of the relationship of SCHLE with ZBOROWSKI.

SCHLE again restated incident about ZBOROWSKI reporting of KRAVCHENKO's defection (though ZBOROWSKI did not know KRAVCHENKO's name) about a week or two before SCHLE read this in the newspapers.

ZBOROWSKI, according to SCHLE, furnished him a report on the machine shop in which ZBOROWSKI was working when SCHLE just met him. SCHLE said the machine shop worked on government contracts, as he recalled, but stated he could not recall any further details.

SCHLE also advised that he remembered that ZBOROWSKI had also submitted one report and possibly two on his work in research at Columbia University. SCHLE recalled this research as being in anthropology or a related field. ZBOROWSKI also submitted many reports on BORIS NIKOLAEVSKY, VLADIMIR ZEMELIN, TROTSKY, MENSHIEVINS and White Russians, but SCHLE said he could not remember details, at this time.

SCHLE denied that there was any other person or incident about whom he had not been asked or had not mentioned to agents.

SCHLE conferred on afternoon of 10/9/57, with GEORGE WOLF, his attorney, and continuing on 10/10/57. SCHLE will be interviewed 10/11/57.

Bureau will be advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

SUBJECT: JACK SOBIE, was., ET AL  
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SOBIE interviewed 9/27/57 at US Marshal's Detention Quarters, US Court House, NYC. SOBIE was questioned at the outset of interview if he had any matters he wished to discuss with agents and SOBIE related that he had told agents all that he could presently recall and requested that he be questioned as he had no new information to relate.

SOBIE denied that he knew of anyone else who was involved in Soviet espionage other than those persons about which he has already related.

SOBIE stated that he would be willing to be interviewed by agents even after sentence. SOBIE further related that if necessary he would testify against anyone in court including his brother ROBERT, but the matter of testifying would be distasteful to him.

Re REBECCA GETSOFF:

SOBIE stated he is now not positive that it was LUCY BOOKER who took him to EVA GARDNER'S apartment. SOBIE states it must have been CHALIAPIN who told him to meet with EVA, but he cannot recall reason he was told to do so.

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SOBLE related it was possibly SOPHIE (SYLVIA CALLEN DOKES) who took him to meet EVA GARDNER. SOBLE states he cannot recall exact date of introduction, but thinks it was during the time he had the cafeteria.

Re FLOYD CLEVELAND MILLER:

SOBLE again denied he introduced any man to BOOKER or ROBERT SOBLE and failed to identify photograph of MILLER.

Re ROBERT SOBLE and his contacts:

SOBLE stated he was sure WILHELM KOENIG'S daughter (JOHANNA BEKER) was a contact of ROBERT'S as ROBERT had told him this. SOBLE stated he also knew that ROBERT operated a group of women but did not know these contacts as ROBERT never told him who they were.

SOBLE related he knew from ROBERT that he was receiving information from OSS but was not sure of exactly how he received but that it was from KOENIG'S daughter.

SOBLE related that he suspected that ADJER ROUBINOWITZ (BEATRICE SPIZZ) had worked for ROBERT because at one time probably in 1947 he was taken by ROBERT to the SPIZZ'S apartment in Greenwich Village and ADJER told ROBERT that "we don't do anything now, we only have contacts with the Austrian section of the CP."

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SOELE stated he cannot recall what prompted BEATRICE SPITZ to make this statement but stated it came up in general conversation.

SOELE claimed HENRY SPITZ was not home at time he and ROBERT arrived at SPITZ apartment but returned later and made no comments re his activities.

SOELE claimed he did not see SPITZS'-again until Vienna, 1950.

SOELE still denies that photographs offered to him by SPITZS in 1950 contained any atomic bunkers or referred to atomic installations in anyway.

Re MARK <sup>ORONSKI</sup> ZEROWSKI:

SOELE stated he could recall no further information in relation to ZEROWSKI.

Re ESTHER RAND:

SOELE identified photograph of restaurant on North side of 43rd Street in front of which he met ESTHER RAND.

SOELE also definitely identified photograph of MIKHAIL FOMIN as man who he met at Amtorg in 1942.

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SOBLE still claims nervousness and anxiety over his own and his wife's sentence.

SOBLE refused to be interviewed on 9/29 or 28/57, and stated he would meet again with agents on 9/30/57.

SOBLE stated on 9/30/57, he again wanted to confer with AUSA GILCHRIST and his attorney.

NYC contemplates confrontation of FLOYD CLEVELAND MILLER on morning of 9/30/57 at time of interview.

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SOBLE interviewed 10/15/57 at US Marshal's Detention Quarters, US Court House, NYC. SOBLE interviewed in A.M. and constantly complained of nervousness and burning sensations inside his mouth and nose, pains in his chest, and inability to sleep but would continue interview. Could not logically explain reason for such nervousness. Interview was interrupted by SOBLE's conference with his attorney GEORGE WOLF. Re LUCY BOOKER, SOBLE insists that he met BOOKER on street near her apartment while he was in the company of the ZUBILINS. SOBLE relates that the meeting and stop at restaurant took about one hour. SOBLE stated that ZUBILINS told him either prior or during meeting with BOOKER that BOOKER was a devoted worker who ZUBILINS had known for a long time. SOBLE states that he does not recall ZUBILIN mentioning SOPHIE (SYLVIA CALLEN) DOXSEE, but it is possible that ZUBILIN did and also that SOPHIE would bring Trotskyite information to BOOKER.

SOBLE related he knew from either CHALIAPIN or ZUBILIN that SOPHIE worked in office of a JAMES P. CANNON. SOBLE claims after introduction to BOOKER he did not meet with her for about a month. SOBLE stated that his first actual meeting with BOOKER took place at the instruction of CHALIAPIN. SOBLE advised that CHALIAPIN might have also advised him of details concerning SOPHIE. SOBLE claims he did not pay SOPHIE for information on a regular basis, but only when SOPHIE requested it. SOBLE states he cannot now recall details of information furnished by SOPHIE other

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than fact it was material taken from JAMES P. CANNON's office and that it dealt mainly with fights and splits in the Trotskyites.

SOBLE claims that on several occasions he paid SOPHIE at least \$75.00. SOBLE related that he learned from SOPHIE that her true name was SYLVIA and knew that she used the names of CALDWELL and CALLEN. SOBLE stated that he knew SOPHIE had been married by the name ZALMOND FRANKLIN was unfamiliar to him. SOBLE maintains that SOPHIE requested to be released from work and also that he told "Professor" (CHOUDENKO) about this. SOBLE claims Professor first told him that SOPHIE must continue to work but later allowed him to release her. SOBLE stated that SOPHIE gave only reason that work was making her nervous and she desired her release.

SOBLE claimed he could not recall incident of introducing BOOKER to a second man but it was possible. SOBLE denied that he could recall meeting with BOOKER and 2nd man in "Silver Palms" restaurant. SOBLE stated that if BOOKER said it was ROBERT he would have to agree but he denied he could recall any introduction. SOBLE could not logically explain who he turned LUCY BOOKER over to in Spring of 1945 when he was instructed by the Professor to transfer his contacts to ROBERT SOBLE. SOBLE also denied that he ever transferred SOPHIE to any other superior.

SOBLE interviewed briefly after conference with his attorney. Interview curtailed by SOBLES constant complaints about his nervous condition and his desire for neurological examination.

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SOBLE to confer with attorney GEORGE WOLF and wife MYRA SOBLE on 10/16/57.

USA PAUL WILLIAMS advised that he had conferred SOBLE's attorney GEORGE WOLF 10/15/57, and that WOLF had advised him in reference to articles being written by SOBLE for International News Service that these articles would be submitted to the government prior to any release to INS.

SOBLE's comments about his physical condition made known to WILLIAMS, and WILLIAMS related SOBLE's attorney made no request for any neurological examination and WILLIAMS would not order examination.

SOBLE to be interviewed 10/17/57 next, and Bureau will be advised.

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SOBLE interviewed 10/21/57 at U. S. Marshal's  
Detention Quarters, U. S. Court House, NYC.

Re "YASNOMAIISKY": SOBLE related that he never knew  
anybody by this name who worked for Soviets either in U. S.  
or elsewhere. SOBLE stated it was possible that he knew a  
person named YASNOMAIISKY in Canada, but if he did, the  
person was not a Soviet agent. SOBLE states that the name  
YASNOMAIISKY is a common name in Russian language and he  
possibly could have known a person by this name.

Re "The Carpenter": SOBLE claims he never had  
anyone by name of, or referred to, as the Carpenter. SOBLE  
stated he recalls a secretary to the Mayor in Verberie,  
France, was named CARPANTIER and he probably reported to  
Russian that he was friendly with CARPANTIER, but CARPANTIER  
was not an agent of his. SOBLE related that he does not  
know anyone who worked for Soviets under real name or cover  
name of SPRIDENOV.

Re MOLTCHATSKY: SOBLE stated he knew of a GPU  
man in Russia by name of MOLTCHATSKY, but knew nothing else  
about him or activities.

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**Re Agent at Encyclopedia Britiannica: SOBLE** claims that if he ever made such a statement he could not recall it, but if he did he never had any contact at the Encyclopedia Britiannica and did not know anyone who ever worked for this organization.

**Re ALICE and JAMES MARTIN: SOBLE** relates that he thinks that ALICE MARTIN had some romantic interest with RICHARD LAUTERBACK. SOBLE states he recalls that ALICE MARTIN worked on a Jewish magazine called, "New Currents." SOBLE advised that he thought ALICE MARTIN and LAUTERBACK became acquainted in connection with the literary field. SOBLE claims he cannot recall exactly when he first met ALICE MARTIN but thought it was shortly after he met ESTHER RAND.

Large portion of interview with SOBLE in preparation of signed statements on MARK ZBOROWSKI, JAMES and ALICE MARTIN and ESTHER RAND.

SOBLE to confer with his attorney, GEORGE WOLF, and wife, MYRA SOBLE, 10/22 next.

Re NY airtel on Interview of SOBLE 10/18/57. Page II, paragraph two--Re Professor Talked to by FBI in U. S.--last sentence should read: "SOBLE claims he does not know doctor's name."

SOBLE to be interviewed 10/23/57 and Bureau will be advised.

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ReBulet to NY, 10/16/57.

SOBIE interviewed 10/18/57 at US Marshal's  
Detention Quarters, US Court House, Foley Square, NYC.  
Re SOBIE contact at White House. SOBIE at first related  
that this story was a complete lie but later in interview  
stated if he did at any time make this statement he could  
not recall it. SOBIE claimed he never had any contacts  
at the White House and denied furnishing such information  
to the Russians. SOBIE then related that if he furnished  
such information to the Soviets he must have read it in  
the paper.

Re three US Army officials in Germany. SOBIE  
claims only contact in US Army in Germany was ILYA WOLSTON.  
SOBIE claims his trips to Germany other than his visit to  
see ILYA WOLSTON in Cologne had nothing to do with the  
Soviets, but were trips to visit bristle dealers in Germany.

Re two agents of ZUBILIN who were arrested, SOBIE  
stated he never made this statement then remarked if there  
were such agents, what were their names, and, If I know  
them I will say.

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Re Big Man in Paris. SOBIE claimed this was man sent by KOROTKOV and that maybe he was called Jack but he was not an important member of Soviet espionage system.

Re Professor talked to by FBI in US. SOBIE claimed this man must be the doctor that ROBERT SOBIE told him about who ROBERT referred GUBITCHEV to. SOBIE claimed in referring to this man as Professor he was using the European terminology of Professor in referring to a doctor. SOBIE claims he does know doctor's name.

Re JACOB ALBAM. SOBIE claims the term LEVY in relation to ALBAM was familiar to him and it was probably the parol that NISHA in Paris gave him to give to ALBAM. SOBIE denied that he ever arranged contact for ALBAM in US after he left and denies ever meeting any Soviets in US after 1945. SOBIE claimed he could not recall remainder of parol in connection with the name LEVY.

Re SOBIE contacts in Switzerland. SOBIE offered that he recalled that he had received two letters or postcards from Soviets at the factory at Verberie in 1952. SOBIE claimed he recalled these letters were signed EDMOND and LIBERMAN. SOBIE stated the younger blond Soviet in Bern told him his name was EDMOND when he first met him in Switzerland and knew when he received the correspondence he knew when name EDMOND stood for Soviets and that name LIBERMAN also stood for Soviets.

Re Soviet Agents in Britain. SOBIE claims he never knew any Soviet agents in Britain including Two More FUCHS, TONY, contacts in EDEN's and CHURCHILL's offices. Two sons of Industrial was reference to JOHN and PAUL LOWBER who SOBIE believed were brothers.

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SOBLE claims he has made full disclosure on all persons he knows or knew in the US and elsewhere. SOBLE stated he might recall details of certain events when he is transferred to a Federal Prison where he can rest and have more time to think.\*

SOBLE to be interviewed 10/21/57 and Bureau to be advised.

\*SOBLE was vigorously interrogated on above matters and it was strongly pointed out to SOBLE that his failure to remember was not in accordance with known facts.

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JACK SOBLE was et al Espionage-R. SOBLE interviewed 10/23/57, at US Marshal's Detention Quarters, US Court House, Foley Square, NYC. Re SERGEI RODITCHENKO. SOBLE denied knowledge of this individual by name and ~~advised~~ discussion with MORROS in name after MORROS trip to Moscow in 1950. SOBLE related this Soviet was referred to by EKATARINA as the "Professor." SOBLE claims he does not know correct name for Professor but also remembers calling him "JACQUES". SOBLE stated he referred to this Soviet as "Big Man" because he came from Moscow. SOBLE claims Professor was not as high in GPU as KOROTKOV and KOROTKOV asked SOBLE in Moscow on later occasion if SOBLE wanted to meet the man who had been sent to Paris to meet him. SOBLE stated Professor was in reality an assistant of KOROTKOV. Inconsistency of SOBLE as to time of contact with this individual pointed out to SOBLE.

SOBLE related that Professor had come to Paris specifically to get SOBLE to take a trip to Yugoslavia but SOBLE did not want to make trip because he did not know feelings of SROJA PRICA at that time. SOBLE stated

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that Professor also inspected the factory at Verherie and also requested SOBIE to point out JANE and GEORGE ZLATOVERSKI. SOBIE stated he brought JANE to restaurant and Professor observed JANE in SOBIE's company. SOBIE claims Professor also told SOBIE to go to Geneva and check to see if money was sent to "Two Tailors" (JOSEF MINTZ, Buenos, Aires.) SOBIE stated he went to Geneva and checked that money had been sent and reported this to Professor. SOBIE claims Professor spent only a short period of time in Paris and according to SOBIE was not travelling on Soviet Passport. SOBIE claims Professor told him he had been in Paris before for a short time *DATE* unknown to SOBIE.

Re ESTHER RAND and ALICE MARTIN

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HIM THAT* SOBIE stated that sometime after he had been working ESTHER RAND and he became friendly with her. ESTHER RAND told him that she had been recruited into espionage network by an old man about 70 years old. SOBIE related he knew this man had been in jail recently for Communist activity and had formerly been associated with the "Freiheit" publication. SOBIE stated he recalled this man was a Russian-Jew. SOBIE then stated this man was ~~A~~ Alexander BITTELMAN (Serial 100-57091). SOBIE related that BITTELMAN was always contacted by the Soviets for recruits into espionage. SOBIE related that BITTELMAN would choose ardent workers and recommend them to Soviets. SOBIE recalled that ESTHER RAND once told him that BITTELMAN had supplied many workers to the Soviets.

SOBIE stated that at a later date, ALICE MARTIN also told him that she had been recruited into the work by BITTELMAN. SOBIE related that he knew from ALICE MARTIN and ESTHER RAND that they knew BITTELMAN personally and had probably gotten to know him through the Communist Party. SOBIE stated that he never met BITTELMAN and only understood from ALICE MARTIN and ESTHER RAND that he had been supplying recruits to the Soviets for a long time. SOBIE claimed he was familiar with

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BITTELMAN name when RAND and MARTIN mentioned it from the CP newspapers.

Re GERHARDT EISLER

SOBLE stated on one occasion when he visited ALFRED and MARTHA STERN in 1946, or 1947, that STERN's mentioned that GERHARDT EISLER had been to visit the STERNS. SOBLE related that ALFRED STERN asked SOBLE to have EISLER stop coming to see them in such an open manner and what did SOBLE think about such an action on EISLER's part. SOBLE stated MARTHA STERN was friendly with EISLER and he had come to see MARTHA. SOBLE related he told the STERNS that they were grown people and could do as they wanted to do. SOBLE claimed he never met EISLER and did not know how MARTHA had known EISLER.

b7c When CHRISTY advised 10/23/57, that U.S. PAUL WILLIAMS had arranged for GEORGE WOLF, attorney for SOBLES and [REDACTED] to have visit with both JACK and HYRA SOBLE on Friday, 10/23/57. CHRISTY also arranged to confer personally with SOBLE on 10/25/57. CHRISTY advised that he is awaiting Judge's decision on the COSTELLO case and thereafter will be exclusively engaged on a brief in the MIRANTI-BRANDO case. He estimated that he would be so occupied until about 11/7/57, at which time he will devote attention to this case/

SOBLE to be interviewed 10/24/57, and Bureau will be advised.

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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)**  
**FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)**  
**SUBJECT: JACK SOBIE, was**  
**ET AL**  
**ESP - R**

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DATE 8-19-99 BY 60267NLSPTNF

SOBIE interviewed 10/24/57 at US Marshal Detention  
Quarters, US Court House, Foley Square, NYC.

Re ESTHER RAND - SOBIE reiterated that ALEXANDER  
BITTELMAN was the man in the Communist Party who supplied  
agents for Soviets here in US. SOBIE related that he knew  
this as both ESTHER RAND and ALICE MARTIN told him this on  
separate occasions. SOBIE stated he recalled that either  
ESTHER RAND or ALICE MARTIN told him that they had worked  
for BITTELMAN in clandestine CP work for him. SOBIE claimed  
he could not recall what type of work or assignment this  
was. SOBIE related on one occasion after he had been working  
with RAND for some time, CHALIAFIN told him to secure a  
biography from ESTHER RAND. SOBIE stated he told RAND of  
this and she was very displeased telling SOBIE she had

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- 1 - New York (100-86896)

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previously furnished a biography to the Soviets and given it to a previous superior. SOBIE claims RAND did not mention who she furnished biography to and he did not ask. SOBIE claims ESTHER RAND gave him biography despite her protests and SOBIE gave same to CHALIAPIN. SOBIE denied that he read or could recall details of this biography.

Re REBECCA GETZOFF - SOBIE states he is "80% sure" that woman who took him to meet EVA was LUCY BOOKER. SOBIE stated he remembers going to EVA's apartment with an American woman (probably BOOKER) and that CHALIAPIN instructed him to do so but cannot recall further details. SOBIE states it was EVA who introduced him to "HAL" (FLOYD C. MILLER) but that he cannot recall where. SOBIE claims information he received from EVA must have been Trotskyite material but he is not sure of this. SOBIE still maintains that he is not sure if he turned LUCY BOOKER over to ROBERT SOBIE in Spring of 1945. SOBIE denies that he ever turned SOPHIE (SYLVIA CALLEN DOXSEE) over to his brother ROBERT and maintains that SOPHIE requested to quit work in early 1945 and that he allowed her to do so after discussing this matter with CHOUNDENKO. SOBIE denies that he had a joint meeting with ROBERT and CHOUNDENKO to effect transfer of his contacts to ROBERT. SOBIE claims both he and ROBERT were advised separately of this.

SOBIE again claimed that he had mentioned to agents all persons connected with him or known by him to be engaged on behalf of the Soviets in US or abroad. He again claimed that he is making full disclosure of info known to him.

SOBIE to confer briefly with AUSA CHRISTY on 10/25/57 prior to his meeting with son [REDACTED] and wife NYRA. 67c

Bureau to be advised.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)  
RE: JACK SOBLES, was  
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JACK and MYRA SOBLES conferred briefly with AUSA CHRISTY this date, separately. CHRISTY advised the SOBLES that in near future they would be transferred to a Federal Prison and he expected the SOBLES to continue to cooperate with the Government and confer when desired with agents. CHRISTY stated that possibility existed that he might wish to confer with both SOBLES in future and if such situation arose, SOBLES would be returned to NY area.

CHRISTY told SOBLES that he did not know where either of SOBLES would be sent or exactly when they would be transferred.

Both JACK and MYRA SOBLES stated they would be willing at any time to be interviewed by agents and JACK SOBLES claimed he wished to continue to cooperate with the Government and would attempt to recall all persons and details he knew in relation to his connection with the Soviets.

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- 1 - San Francisco (AM RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (AM RM)
- 1 - RE 100-86896-Sub B)
- 1 - RE 65-14702-Sub D)
- 1 - NY 100-86896)

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b7c JACK and MYRA SOBIE conferred remainder of day with son, [REDACTED] and Attorney GEORGE WOLF.

Stops have been placed by NYO at Federal Detention Quarters at West St., NYC, and Women's House of Detention, NYC, so that NYO will be notified in advance of the SOBIES' departure. Parole and Probation Officer FRANCISERA advised that JACK SOBIE is to be sent to Lewisburg Federal Prison, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. If SOBIE in NYC, 10/28/57, interview will be continued.

Bureau will be advised.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352306)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)

SUBJECT: JACK SOBIE, was; ET AL  
ESP - R

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DATE 8-19-99 BY 60267NISEPTA

SOBIE interviewed, 10/28/57, at US  
Marshal's Detention Quarters, US Court House,  
Foley Square, NYC. SOBIE at outset of interview  
claimed to be emotionally upset due to his last  
meetings with wife, MYRA, and son, [REDACTED] SOBIE  
wept over the fact that he would not see his wife  
for sometime.

Major portion of interview with SOBIE  
spent on his reading and making corrections on signed  
statement in relation to ILVA WALSTON and ROBERT  
SOBIE.

SOBIE interrogated on other pertinent  
phases of investigation such as REBECCA GETZOFF,  
LUCY BOOKER and SYLVIA COLLEN DOKSEE, etc, without  
eliciting any new information.

SOBIE will continue to be interviewed by  
NYO on daily basis until such time as SOBIE is  
transferred to Federal Prison.

SOBIE to confer in A. M., 10/29/57, with  
Attorney GEORGE WOLFE

Bureau will be advised.

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1-Washington Field (RAM)  
1-San Francisco (RAM)  
1-Los Angeles (RAM)  
1-New York (100-86896) (sub N)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)  
SUBJECT: JACK SOBIE, with aliases; ET AL  
ESP - R

SOBIE interviewed, 10/29/57, at U. S.  
Marshal's Detention Headquarters, U. S. Court House,  
Foley Square, NYC.

LUCY BOOKER. SOBIE now claims that he is  
almost sure that BOOKER was the woman who took him  
to meet EVA (REBECCA GUTENBERG). SOBIE, to illustrate  
BOOKER's nervousness, related that he recalled on  
one occasion that LUCY BOOKER took him to a window  
of her apartment and pointed to a church, which could  
be seen from the window, and told SOBIE that somebody  
was watching her from this church. SOBIE stated that  
BOOKER also claimed she went to church on one occasion  
with her mother and she was followed. SOBIE stated  
he recalled looking at the church and not observing  
anyone and telling BOOKER that she must be imagining  
this. SOBIE still claims that he can not definitely  
recall introducing BOOKER to ROBERT SOBIE.

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**SOBIE stated that in his report to CHALIAPIN on MARTIN he mentioned ALEXANDER BITTELMAN and CHALIAPIN appeared to be aware of BITTELMAN's connection with the Soviets. SOBIE related that he now recalls that ESTHER RAND was requested to furnish 2 biographies while he was handling her. SOBIE stated RAND told him she had furnished a previous biography to the Soviets before. SOBIE took her over and was disturbed when asked to furnish another one but did. SOBIE stated on occasion he was told by CHALIAPIN to get another biography from RAND. He also questioned its necessity, but CHALIAPIN told him to get the biography which he did in spite of ESTHER RAND's protest.**

**SOBIE's interview was interrupted briefly for a short conference with his attorney, GEORGE WOLF. Interrogation again delayed by emotional outbursts of SOBIE as to fate of his son, [REDACTED] and wife, MYRA. SOBIE claims he will be able to more adequately concentrate on details of his activities when he is settled in a Federal Prison.** b7c

**Bureau will be advised.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352368)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86895)  
SUBJECT: JACK SOBIE, was. ET AL  
ESP - R

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DATE 8-18-99 BY 60267NISEPTM

MYRA SOBIE interviewed, 10/30/57, at House of Detention for Women, NYC. Mrs SOBIE advised that she had no information regarding the following: "Two more Fuchs," "Two Sons of English Industrialist," "Tony;" the above reported by JACK SOBIE to BORIS MORROS to be Soviet agents in England.

Mrs SOBIE advised she has furnished complete information on JAMES and ALICE MARTIN; never heard MARTIN referred to by any other name.

Concerning JACK SOBIE's acquaintances in England, Mrs SOBIE advised they were business contacts (bristles). She advised WOLF CHAJET, an acquaintance of JACK SOBIE in England was in bristle business and is now deceased. Advised CHAJET, to her knowledge, never involved in Espionage.

Visitors register at House of Detention for Women reflects ROBERT SOBIE visited MYRA on 10/21/57 and 10/23/57.

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1-Los Angeles (Info) (RM)  
1-San Francisco (Info) (RM)  
1-Washington Field (Info) (RM)  
1-New York (65-14708-Sub D)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)  
SUBJECT: JACK SOBIE, was; ET AL  
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DATE 8-19-99 BY 60267WJSEPT

JACK SOBIE interviewed, 10/30/57, at  
U. S. Marshal's Detention Headquarters, U. S. Court House,  
Poley Square, NYC.

Re ADJA ROUBINOWITZ, (BEATRICE SPITZ), SOBIE  
stated that he recalls in 1947, when he was in Moscow, that  
ZUBILIN and FEDOTOV questioned him if he knew ADJA and knew  
where she was living. SOBIE stated he told them that he had  
met ADJA with his brother, ROBERT, and she was more a friend  
of ROBERT's than his. SOBIE denied that ZUBILIN or FEDOTOV  
told him anything about ADJA ROUBINOWITZ or what she had done  
for Soviets. SOBIE claims that he can not recall discussing  
this with ROBERT SOBIE and denied that he knew that she had  
furnished material to ROBERT SOBIE for the Soviets. SOBIE  
stated after Soviets asked about ADJA, he was sure she had  
worked for Soviets, but never had any personal knowledge of  
this. SOBIE denied that he saw ADJA on his return to U.S.  
or was given instructions to contact her.

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SOBIE was again questioned on his knowledge of IRVING SOLLINS and readily admits that ZUBILIN and PEDOTOV, in Moscow, in 1947, questioned him about SOLLINS, but claims this was on a different occasion than when they questioned him about ADJA. SOBIE stated he got the impression from ZUBILIN that ZUBILIN knew SOLLINS personally, but did not know if ZUBILIN had seen SOLLINS in the U.S. SOBIE advised he thought ZUBILIN had known SOLLINS when SOLLINS was teaching in Moscow in the 1930's. SOBIE denied he knew SOLLINS was an Espionage agent of ROBERT SOBIE but stated he only "suspected" this and denied that he formulated any positive opinion on IRVING SOLLINS as being a Soviet agent after he was questioned by Soviets about him. SOBIE stated he knew from conversations he had with ROBERT that SOLLINS was "more Stalinist" in his thinking than ROBERT was. SOBIE stated he knew that SOLLINS had gotten ROBERT a job at URRAA and they were close friends, but did not know if SOLLINS had actually furnished ROBERT with information for the Soviets. SOBIE advised SOLLINS might have furnished ROBERT with material for Soviets, but he did not know this and ROBERT never told him this. SOBIE at one point stated that SOLLINS "must have been recruited by ROBERT", but that he did not know if this was actually so. SOBIE again denied that the Inter-American Pharmaceutical Company was formed as a cover company for the Soviets.

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During interview SOBIE constantly complained about burning sensation in his eyes, relating that this affliction prevented him from concentration during interview. SOBIE requested he be allowed to remain at Federal House of Detention for physical examination on 10/31/57 as the doctor is only there during the daytime.

SOBIE's attorney GEORGE WOLF request photographs of SOBIE's family which were taken at time of arrest be given to him.

AUSA CHRISTY requested that copies of such photos be made so that he could view them and determine whether they could be returned to WOLF. MR. CHRISTY advised that he desired that no material taken at times of arrest of subject be returned and he ordinarily would return such material only if attorneys made a court motion.

MR. CHRISTY further advised he had conferred with WOLF on 10/29/57, and again strongly pointed out to WOLF that the Government wanted to view those articles, written by SOBIE or WOLF based on SOBIE's conversations with WOLF, before any printing. CHRISTY stated that WOLF assured him that such articles would be made available to the Government.

CHRISTY further advised that he had been assigned to handle certain portions of ROYFA Bribery Case and this assignment would delay him from giving the SOBIE Case immediate attention.

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**NY 100-86896**

**SOBLE to request physical exam on 10/31/57  
and will be interviewed 11/1/57.**

**Warden KREMSKY, Federal House of Detention,  
NYU, advised SOBLE will be shipped to Lewisburg  
Federal Prison as soon as transportation is available  
to send him. He could not estimate when SOBLE would  
be transferred.**

**Bureau will be advised.**

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-352386)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86896)  
SUBJECT: JACK SOBIE, was; ET AL  
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DATE 8-19-99 BY 60267NISEPTM

Re NY telecalls, 10/31/57, and NY airtels  
concerning publication of articles on behalf of  
JACK SOBIE.

On 10/31/57, former Chief Assistant U.S.A.  
THOMAS B. GILCHRIST, JR., who handled prosecution of  
this case up to his resignation on 10/4/57, and who now  
practices law with BLEAKLEY, PLATT, GILCHRIST and WALKER,  
120 Broadway, NYC, contacted the NYO.

GILCHRIST stated that on 10/29/57, JACK LOTTO  
of International News Service, had shown to him rough  
draft articles to be published by INS. The articles,  
locally, will appear in the "NY Journal American."  
According to GILCHRIST, the articles were prepared by  
LOTTO after conversations with GEORGE WOLF, attorney for  
JACK SOBIE, and are based on discussions of WOLF with  
JACK SOBIE. GILCHRIST advised that he did not have  
copies of the articles as LOTTO had retained them. GILCHRIST  
stated that there were several points in which the facts  
of the articles might not be accurate. GILCHRIST interrupted  
the conversation at this point because of business  
commitments and stated he would contact the NYO later on  
10/31/57.

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