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84	3/24/61	NY Report to HQ with 1 copy & 1 CHANGED PAGE	34 34	30 30	dupe 3p
85	3/27/61	NY airtel to HQ	1	1	
NOT RECORDED	4/10/61	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
86	6/29/61	Letter from another gov't agency to Bureau	1	1	
87	9/21/61	WFO airtel to HQ with with 1 page LHM encl. & 4 encl.	2 4	2 4	dupe 4.
88	10/7/61	WFO airtel to HQ	1	1	
89	10/10/61	WFO airtel to HQ with LHM and other enclosures	4	1/4	
90	1/5/62	"CHANGED TO" SHEET	1	0	
91	12/4/61	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
92	12/18/61	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
NOT RECORDED	1/10/62	Letter from Bureau to State Dept. with 2 pg. memo.	2 2	—	SEE HQ 101-2453

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93	1/19/62	LA airtel to HQ with 1 page LHM enclosure and 4 enclosures	2 4	2 4	dupes 4
93	1/24/62	letter from Bureau to Dept. of State	3	3	
94	1/26/62	NY airtel to HQ with 2 page LHM encl. with 1 enclosure copy	3 2	3 2	dupes 2
95	2/5/62	NY airtel to HQ	1	1	
NOT RECORDED	2/10/62	news article w/ attached routing slip	1	1	
NOT RECORDED	2/19/62	memo from another govt agency	1	-	referred to another govt agency
96	2/20/62	letter from HQ to AG	1	-	See Hq. 101-2483
97	2/15/62	LA airtel to HQ with 1 page LHM encl. 4 encl. copy	2 1	2 1	dupes 1
97	2/20/62	Bur letter to White House	2	-	See Hq. 101-2483
98	2/16/62	Cablegram to HQ	1	0	
99	2/27/62	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
100	2/28/62	Bureau letter to HQ with 10 page LHM enclosure	3 10	2 1	

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101	3/4/62	NY airtel to HQ	1	1	
102	3/16/62	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
103	3/8/62	NY airtel to HQ	1	1	
104	3/5/62	LA airtel to HQ with 1 page LHM enclosure	1	1	
105	3/15/62	LA airtel to HQ	1	1	
106	3/6/62	interdepartmental letter from another gov't agency	1	-	referred to another gov't agency
107	3/24/62	LA airtel to HQ	1	0	
NOT RECORDED	3/26/62	Bonn letter to HQ with letter enclosure	1	1	
108	3/30/62	letter from another gov't agency to the Bureau	1	-	referred to another gov't agency
NOT RECORDED	4/13/62	HQ letter to NY	1	1	

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109	4/9/62	Paris letter to HQ	3	0	
110	4/10/62	NY report to HQ	24	18	
111	4/27/62	London letter to HQ with 1 page LHM encl. with 3 encl. copy	2 4	1 4	
112	5/11/62	LA letter to HQ	1	1	
113	5/21/62	London letter to HQ	1	1	
NOT RECORDED	11/15/62	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
113 X	2/6/63	memo with enclosure	1	0	
NOT RECORDED	4/25/63	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
114	4/29/63	NY report to HQ	27	19	
NOT RECORDED	6/20/63	Interdepartmental letter from another govt agency	1	-	referred to another govt agency
115	6/24/63	WFO letter to HQ, copy of letter and 1 page LHM encl.	2 1	2 1	dup 1
116	6/21/63	Home cable to HQ with 1 copy	1	0	

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118	6/25/63	HQ cable to Bonn, London, Paris, Rome	2	2	
119	6/24/63	NY teletype to HQ	1	1	
119	6/25/63	HQ cable to Rome	1	1	
120	6/25/63	NY airtel to HQ with 2 pages LHM enclosure and copies of both	3	3	1 DUPE 3
121	6/26/63	Bonn. cable to HQ	1	0	
122	6/24/63	Buletter to Dept. of State	3	3	
122	6/21/63	NY airtel to HQ with 2 pages LHM enclosure	1	1	
123	6/26/63	NY airtel to HQ with 1 page LHM enclosure with copy attached	2	2	dupes 2
124	6/26/63	Interdepartmental letter from another gov't agency	1	-	referred to another gov't agency
125	7/8/63	Bonn letter to HQ with 3 pages of enclosures	1	0	
NOT RECORDED	7/11/63	London letter to HQ	1	1	

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**Figure 1**

Helen Sobell

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>MAR 24 1961</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/20 - 3/13/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL aka</b>		Report made by <b>CARLYLE W. MILLER</b>	Typed By: <b>lgb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA CARLYLE W. MILLER, dated 2/29/60, at New York.

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This case will be reopened upon receipt of any information reflecting that subject might be planning a trip abroad. The NYO will remain alert for such information.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are

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8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates)
- ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Subject is actively engaged in campaign to free her husband, MORTON SOBELL, through employment with the CSJMS and appearances at various meetings, including those sponsored by CP clubs, as well as her continued associations with known CP members.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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**CARLYLE W. MILLER**Office: **New York, New York**

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Title:

**HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL**

Character:

**SECURITY MATTER - C**

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 30 Charlton Street, NYC and to be employed by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, NYC, where her duties involve extensive travel, radio and television appearances and newspaper interviews, to interest people in the case and to raise funds. During 1960, she participated in activities of local SOBELL committees in Boston, Washington, St. Paul, Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia and NY. Subject reportedly wrote the President of the US in early 1960 regarding the MORTON SOBELL case.

[REDACTED] as well as her associations with CP members and interest expressed by CP members regarding her activities. Subject applied for passport renewal on 11/18/60, stating she contemplated departing NYC about 1/5/61, for 3 weeks in England, France, and Italy. No info received to date reflecting that subject has made such a trip.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF *declines*  
DATE *RP/mm 7-6-78*

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DETAILS

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The 1960-1961 New York City Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan contains a listing on Page 1529, for Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, 30 Charlton Street, telephone Watkins 9-9061.

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A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (hereinafter referred to as the CSJMS) is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

[REDACTED] advised on July 18, 1960, that the CSJMS 67A is an organization engaged in activities to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. MORTON SOBELL was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage with his co-defendant, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and sentenced to serve 30 years in prison. The committee was formed about ten years ago to secure the freedom of all three persons - ETHEL ROSENBERG, JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL, but a few years ago it was decided that concentration should be on the living person and after he was freed, concentration of the committee would be on vindication of the names of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

The committee hopes to secure MORTON SOBELL's release by retrial (new trial) of the case or by petitioning the President of the United States for executive clemency or pardon, during the Christmas amnesty period.

The headquarters of the CSJMS is 940 Broadway, Room D, New York City. This national headquarters is also used as the meeting place for the New York Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, usually the first Wednesday of each month and a work committee meeting every two weeks.



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The subject is a salaried member of the National Staff of the committee. She travels extensively, giving television, radio and newspaper interviews to interested people in the case and to raise funds over and above her travel expenses.

Officers of the CSJMS are ROSE and HILLEN SOBELLE, MORTON SOBELLE's mother and wife. Their names appear on committee letterhead stationery as chairmen, along with a partial listing of sponsors.

There are functioning affiliates of the CSJMS in many of the cities of the United States and elsewhere and in March of 1960, the SOBELLE committees were structured into regions and representatives attended national conferences held at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Mc Burney Branch, 23rd Street, New York City, where they received a timetable of work to explore and agree on the MORTON SOBELLE freedom campaign for 1960.

The representatives were told how to build regional committee activities so their efforts would all coordinate into a strong power of results, rather than independent diffused activities. They were told methods of increasing and coordinating work through paid and voluntary personnel; how to plan special projects, such as tours and use of the available printed materials.

Eastern Regional Committees to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELLE, are located in Boston, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Toronto, Washington, D. C., Atlanta and New Haven. . Midwestern Regional Committees are located in Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minnesota, St. Louis and Cleveland. The western region includes Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno, Portland, San Diego, Seattle, Vancouver, Phoenix, Tucson, Salt Lake City and Denver. In addition, there are group activities in Israel and England. These committees are all independent of the National Committee but receive publicity releases and program suggestions for fund raising campaigns and clergy appeal help, as well as literature for sale from the National Committee staff.

II. ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE CSJMS

A. Participation in Meetings and Conferences

The following is a list of meetings and functions of the CSJMS, in which HELEN SOBELL is reported by various informants to have participated. It is noted that in some instances, the subject only attended the meeting; however, at most of these meetings she reportedly was a speaker

[REDACTED]

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<u>Date of Activity</u>	<u>Activity</u>		
January 15, 1960	Speaker, meeting of the Boston SOBELL Committee, Boston, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	b7D
February 26, 1960	Speaker, Washington SOBELL Committee, Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED]	b7D
March 2, 1960	Attended meeting of the CSJMS, New York City	[REDACTED]	b7D
March 19 and 20, 1960	Speaker at the National SOBELL Work Meeting, held at 215 West 23rd Street, New York City	[REDACTED]	b7D
May 24, 1960	Speaker at a public meeting held at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York City	[REDACTED]	b7D

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Date  
of  
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Activity

June 16, 1960

Speaker,  
Minneapolis SOBELL  
Committee Meeting,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

June 18, 1960

Speaker at meeting  
of the Minneapolis  
SOBELL Committee,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 23, 1960

Speaker at meeting  
of the Cleveland SOBELL  
Committee, Cleveland,  
Ohio

June 25, 1960

Speaker, meeting  
of the Chicago  
SOBELL Committee,  
Chicago, Illinois

July 6, 1960

Attended meeting of  
the New York SOBELL  
Committee, New York City

July 23, 1960

Attended social function  
at 75 Bank Street, New York  
City, for the purpose of  
raising funds

August 3, 1960

Attended meeting of  
the New York SOBELL  
Committee, New York  
City

August 18, 1960

Attended meeting of  
the New York SOBELL  
Committee, New York  
City

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Date  
of  
Activity

Activity

November 5, 1960

Speaker, Philadelphia  
SOBELL Committee meeting,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November 18, 1960

Speaker, meeting of  
Philadelphia SOBELL  
Committee, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania

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III. OTHER ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF  
OF MORTON SOBELL

A. Appeals

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[REDACTED] advised on February 10, 1960, that HELEN SOBELL had written a letter to President EISENHOWER regarding the MORTON SOBELL case. According to the informant, subject's letter was acknowledged by Mr. KENDALL, an assistant to the President, who stated that the file on the SOBELL case was being referred to Mrs. COZART, United States Pardons Attorney. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on May 16, 1960, that on that date a luncheon and meeting, under the sponsorship of the CSJMS, was held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. A number of prominent ministers of the Washington, D. C. area attended this affair. The informant went on to furnish the following additional information: b7D

[REDACTED] Unitarian Minister of Los Angeles, California, was the principal speaker and he stated he was interested in the MORTON SOBELL case because of his acquaintanceship with [REDACTED] Chaplain while SOBELL was at Alcatraz. [REDACTED] stated that he had given one entire sermon on the west coast concerning the MORTON SOBELL case and that he thought SOBELL's sentence was too severe. He urged the ministers in attendance to sign an appeal to the President requesting commutation of MORTON SOBELL's sentence. b7C

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Mrs. MORTON SOBELL also spoke at this affair and urged persons in attendance to sign an appeal to the President requesting commutation for sentence of her husband. Mrs. SOBELL mentioned that a group of persons had visited Pardons Attorney REED COZART, at 10:00 a.m., May 16, 1960, with the request that MORTON SOBELL be granted a pardon. She said that she did not know what action would be given to their request.

Mrs. SOBELL was questioned as to whether she and her husband were Communist Party (CP) members at any time or had any affiliation with the CP in any manner. She replied that neither had been a member of the CP but that during their student days, they were affiliated with organizations interested in civil rights. She left the impression that these organizations were subsequently designated by the Attorney General and that this fact was held against SOBELL at his trial.

Mrs. SOBELL was questioned as to how the organization derived its funds, and she replied that funds were obtained voluntarily and from rummage sales and the like. She stated that at the conclusion of this meeting, a delegation would visit DAVID W. KENDALL, Special Counsellor to President EISENHOWER, and present an appeal with respect to the SOBELL case.

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[REDACTED] advised on June 13, 1960, that a monthly meeting of the CSJMS was held at 940 Broadway, New York City, on June 8, 1960. According to the informant, the subject attended this meeting [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on November 20, 1960, that a reception and banquet was held by the CSJMS at the Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D. C. on November 19, 1960. The informant said that approximately 100 persons were in attendance at the reception and about 150 attended the banquet. According to [REDACTED] the subject spoke at this banquet and emphasized the "injustice" of the accusation against her husband and stated; that she had appealed to the President to have her husband released from prison before Christmas.

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[REDACTED] also advised that subject attended the above function, the purpose of which was to raise funds for the continued work of the CSJMS.

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[REDACTED] advised that at the above affair, the subject made a plea for funds and stated that pressure must be placed on the White House to secure MORTON SOBELL's release. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on December 22, 1960, that on December 18, 1960, the subject attended an exhibition called "Americans Appeal for MORTON SOBELL", which was held at the Christian Association Building, of the University of Pennsylvania, 3601 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. b7D

The informant reported that literature regarding the MORTON SOBELL case was distributed at this meeting and that the subject greeted each person as he came into the auditorium.

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] Committee to Secure JUSTICE for Morton Sobell  
[REDACTED] on February 17, 1961, advised that HELEN SOBELL spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the CSJMS, which was held on February 12, 1961, at the Brighton Beach Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The informant said that subject spoke of efforts being made and work being done by the committee. She also remarked that there was a changed atmosphere in Washington and that she hoped the new administration would listen with some favor regarding MORTON SOBELL's plea for freedom. b7D  
[REDACTED]



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B. Publicity

The January 10, 1960, issue of "The Worker" contained a notice on Page 15, Column 5 that HELEN SOBELL would speak about the MORTON SOBELL case on January 15, 1960, at a meeting sponsored by the New England Committee for MORTON SOBELL at the Community Church, 565 Royston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

[REDACTED] advised on January 12, 1960, that several members of the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee had contacted representatives of Philadelphia radio stations, in an attempt to obtain speaking time for HELEN SOBELL on one of these stations. According to the informant, these efforts were unsuccessful as of January 12, 1960. b7D

The June 20, 1960 issue of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York City, contained a half page, paid advertisement, captioned "An Urgent Public Issue: Freedom for MORTON SOBELL". This advertisement described itself as a summary of a meeting attended by 600 persons, which was held on May 24, 1960, at the Community Church of New York for the purpose of discussing the MORTON SOBELL case. The advertisement concluded by urging its readers, who believed SOBELL should be released, to write to the President.

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**IV. CP INTEREST REGARDING THE SUBJECT'S  
ROLE IN THE CSJMS**

[REDACTED] advised on June 21, 1960, that a meeting of the CP Board for the Minnesota-Dakota District, was held on June 15, 1960, at 628 Jessamine Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. The informant reported that at this meeting, it was announced that Mrs. SOBELL would be in town Thursday (date not given) and that a meeting would be held at the Unitarian Church on Portland and Gratto Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on October 28, 1960, that the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee had scheduled a meeting at 8:30 p.m., November 5, 1960, at 1804 68th Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at which HELEN SOBELL would be the featured speaker. The announcement of this meeting indicated there would be a report on the National Freedom Appeal to be held in Washington, D. C., by the CSJMS.

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[REDACTED] advised on November 1, 1960, that a meeting of the District Executive Committee, CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, was held November 1, 1960, at 1145 West Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised on January 24, 1961, that on January 17, 1961, a meeting of the Upper East Side Section Committee, CP, was held at 340 East 66th Street, New York City. [REDACTED] b2D  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED]

V. OTHER ASSOCIATIONS  
OF SUBJECT

A. Jefferson School of Social  
Science (JSSS)

The JSSS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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A characterization of Camp Unity is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

Jefferson School  
of  
Social Science

B. Washington Area  
Forum (WAF)

[REDACTED] advised on May 25, 1960, that the WAF held a memorial meeting for GERTHIE EVANS in the Gray Room of the Hamilton Hotel, Washington, D. C., on the evening of May 20, 1960. According to the informant, the Chairman of this affair read several telegrams from people who could not attend, in which they praised EVANS for "working for the rights of all people". [REDACTED] reported that one such telegram was sent by HELEN SOBELL. b7d

A characterization of the WAF is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

C. Camp Midvale

[REDACTED] on September 9, 1960, furnished a copy of the "Camp Midvale News", dated August 28, 1960, which contained the following article: b7d

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"Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, and their son, spent the weekend with us, August 27 and 28. Helen brought interested couples up to date on the latest move in the campaign to free her husband. She reported encouraging support from a number of influential political, religious and labor groups. She collected funds to help continue the fight. Letters were also distributed for signatures and mailing to President EISENHOWER, helping her to free Sobell".

A characterization of Camp Midvale is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

[REDACTED] advised on September 2, 1960, that HELEN SOBELL was present at Camp Midvale, New Jersey on Sunday, August 28, 1960. b7D

D. Weekly Guardian Associates

A characterization of the Weekly Guardian Associates is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

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[REDACTED] b7D

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E. [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] advised on January 10, 1961, that HELEN SOBELL was scheduled to be the main speaker at a farewell testimonial to be held for [REDACTED] on January 21, 1961, at the Estonian Hall, 2001 Lexington Avenue, New York City. b7C b7D

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] b7D  
F. American Committee for the  
Protection of the Foreign  
Born (ACPFB)

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on January 30, 1961, that the affair at [REDACTED] residence, which was mentioned earlier herein, was held on January 28, 1961, and that HELEN SOBELL was the only speaker. It was further reported [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] that invitations to the affair had been distributed at a meeting of the ACPFB.

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G. "National Guardian"

The October 31, issue of the "National Guardian", Page 16, contained an article by HELEN SOBELL entitled "A Visit to a Prison", in which she told of a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, which she and her son had made for the purpose of visiting her husband, MORTON SOBELL, in the United States Penitentiary. In this article, subject criticized the fact that certain taxi cabs in Atlanta were only for white patrons while others were only for Negro patrons.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

VI. INFORMATION REGARDING  
TRAVEL PLANS

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The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., which were reviewed on December 1, 1960, by SA C. EDWIN GLASS reflected that on November 18, 1960, Passport Number 1269164, issued to HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, on November 24, 1958, was renewed at New York City, to be valid for a period of four years from date of issue.

The application was dated November 15, 1960, and contained the following information:

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Mrs. SOBELL's address was 30 Charlton Street, New York City. The person she wanted notified in the event of death or accident, was ROSE LEVITOV, her mother, 1079 Rustan Street, Silver Springs, Maryland.

She stated that she planned to depart New York City about January 5, 1961, by Pan American jet for three weeks in England, France and Italy as a tourist. She stated that she was not travelling on an organized tour and that she expected to take another trip abroad within two years.

On December 14, 1960, [REDACTED] Reservations Office, Pan American World Airways, 80 East 42nd Street, New York City, advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER that she had caused a check to be made of the reservation lists for all trans-atlantic flights of Pan America for January 4, 5 and 6, 1961, and had been advised that no reservation in subject's name was located. b7D

On January 4, 1961, [REDACTED] also of the Reservations Office, Pan American World Airways, advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER that she was unable to locate a reservation in the subject's name for any of Pan America's Flights going to England, France or Italy, on January 4, 5, or 6, 1961. b7D

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APPENDIX

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case' ...."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 50.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN OR WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. \* \* \* Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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CAMP WOODLAND

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Camp Woodland:

"Camp Woodland (Phoenicia, N.Y.)

- "1. 'The Communist management of six camps in New York State and another in California was exposed by committee investigations and hearings.' Listed among these is Camp Woodland, a children's camp directed by Norman Studer.  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, H. R. 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 2 and 10.)"

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CAMP UNITY (Wingdale, New York)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning Camp Unity:

"Camp Unity (Wingdale, N. Y.)

- "1. Cited as a 'notorious Communist rendezvous.'  
"(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, H. R. 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 9 and 10.)"

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WASHINGTON AREA FORUM, also known as  
Washington Area Citizens Forum,  
Washington Citizens Forum

A source reported on December 14, 1955, that the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PPDC) would be dissolved and a new organization formed from the PPDC in order to have a voice in civil rights matters and political campaigns in Virginia and Maryland. A second source advised on December 17, 1955, that the PPDC was to be dissolved because of the stigma attached to the name of the Progressive Party and it was hoped that the new organization replacing the PPDC would be more acceptable to persons not previously participating in PPDC activity. The first source reported on February 8, 1956, that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

A third source reported on March 13, 1956, that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was formed on March 12, 1956, at a meeting of the defunct Executive Committee of the PPDC. This source reported on May 10, 1956, that the name of the Washington Area Citizens Forum was shortened to that of Washington Citizens Forum at a meeting held May 3, 1956. On June 11, 1956, the first source made available information revealing that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was at that time being called Washington Area Forum.

The first source stated on May 17, 1960, that the Washington Area Forum remains in existence in Washington, D. C., and periodically holds meetings. This source stated he regards the Washington Area Forum as a communist front organization inasmuch as the speakers presented by this organization in recent months follow the Communist Party line. This source added that the officers of the Washington Area Forum, who are responsible for securing the speakers, have never secured as a speaker anyone who was critical of the Communist Party or the aims and objectives of the Communist Party.

A fourth source in September 1958, reported that on September 12, 1958, HELEN GUREWITZ discussed the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., area with GEORGE MYERS, Acting Chairman of the Communist Party District of Maryland and the District of Columbia. This source advised GUREWITZ stated in this regard: "We have the Washington Area Forum and that's all."

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A fifth source on October 10, 1958, identified HELEN GUREWITZ on October 6, 1958, as a current Communist Party member.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The PPDC is characterized separately in the appendix.

The Progressive Party, nationally, is characterized separately in the appendix.

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PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (PPDC)

On January 15, 1948, Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD, an admitted member of the Communist Party (CP) and Communist Political Association (CPA) in Washington, D. C., from 1943-1949, advised that at a meeting of the City Committee of the CP of the District of Columbia on January 11, 1948, motions were passed to set up a Political Action Committee in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of coordinating all activity with regard to the "Third Party Movement." It was decided to set up "Wallce for President Clubs" in Washington, D. C. These groups subsequently became the PPDC. On December 17, 1951, Mrs. MARKWARD advised that the PPDC, during the years 1948 and 1949, was dominated and controlled by the CP of the District of Columbia.

A source on February 25, 1952, November 14, 1952, November 27, 1953, and January 31, 1955, identified the leaders of the PPDC, as of the above dates, as either Communist Party members or Communist Party sympathizers. This source added that the PPDC has never opposed the CP on any issue or program.

It is noted that another source on February 8, 1956, reported that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

The Progressive Party, nationally, is characterized separately in the appendix.

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PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Regarding the Progressive Party, nationally, the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released on January 2, 1957, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on page 74, states:

- "1. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the Progressive Party. - \* \* \* The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S.Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, P. 91.)"



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CAMP MIDVALE

On March 26, 1954, a confidential source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which, on page 1, states that the recently formed Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for Nature Friends of America, Inc. (NFA) was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A confidential source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York local of NFA, held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the MRA was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a confidential source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, sets forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well-being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present....."

The MRA, as of May 12, 1960, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

NFA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Date: 3/24/61

File Number: New York 100-109849 Bureau: 100-404849

Title: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

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[REDACTED], as well as her associations with CP members and interest expressed by CP members regarding her activities. Subject applied for passport renewal on 11/18/60, stating she contemplated departing NYC about 1/5/61, for 3 weeks in England, France, and Italy. No information received to date reflecting that subject has made such a trip.

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## REFERENCE

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are Interested

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8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject is actively engaged in campaign to free her husband, MORTON SOBELL, through employment with the CSJMS and appearances at various meetings, including those sponsored by CP clubs, as well as her continued associations with known CP members.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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DETAILS

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The 1960-1961 New York City Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan contains a listing on Page 1529, for Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, 30 Charlton Street, telephone Watkins 9-9061.

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A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (hereinafter referred to as the CSJMS) is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

[REDACTED] advised on July 18, 1960, that the CSJMS <sup>b7D</sup> is an organization engaged in activities to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. MORTON SOBELL was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage with his co-defendant, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and sentenced to serve 30 years in prison. The committee was formed about ten years ago to secure the freedom of all three persons - ETHEL ROSENBERG, JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL, but a few years ago it was decided that concentration should be on the living person and after he was freed, concentration of the committee would be on vindication of the names of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

The committee hopes to secure MORTON SOBELL's release by retrial (new trial) of the case or by petitioning the President of the United States for executive clemency or pardon, during the Christmas amnesty period.

The headquarters of the CSJMS is 940 Broadway, Room D, New York City. This national headquarters is also used as the meeting place for the New York Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, usually the first Wednesday of each month and a work committee meeting every two weeks.

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The subject is a salaried member of the National Staff of the committee. She travels extensively, giving television, radio and newspaper interviews to interested people in the case and to raise funds over and above her travel expenses.

Officers of the CSJMS are ROSE and HELEN SOBELL, MORTON SOBELL's mother and wife. Their names appear on committee letterhead stationery as chairmen, along with a partial listing of sponsors.

There are functioning affiliates of the CSJMS in many of the cities of the United States and elsewhere and in March of 1960, the SOBELL committees were structured into regions and representatives attended national conferences held at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Mc Burney Branch, 23rd Street, New York City, where they received a timetable of work to explore and agree on the MORTON SOBELL freedom campaign for 1960.

The representatives were told how to build regional committee activities so their efforts would all coordinate into a strong power of results, rather than independent diffused activities. They were told methods of increasing and coordinating work through paid and voluntary personnel; how to plan special projects, such as tours and use of the available printed materials.

Eastern Regional Committees to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, are located in Boston, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Toronto, Washington, D. C., Atlanta and New Haven. , Midwestern Regional Committees are located in Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minnesota, St. Louis and Cleveland. The western region includes Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno, Portland, San Diego, Seattle, Vancouver, Phoenix, Tucson, Salt Lake City and Denver. In addition, there are group activities in Israel and England. These committees are all independent of the National Committee but receive publicity releases and program suggestions for fund raising campaigns and clergy appeal help, as well as literature for sale from the National Committee staff.



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II. ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE CSJMS

A. Participation in Meetings and Conferences

The following is a list of meetings and functions of the CSJMS, in which HELEN SOBELL is reported by various informants to have participated. It is noted that in some instances, the subject only attended the meeting; however, at most of these meetings she reportedly was a speaker

[REDACTED] b7D

<u>Date of Activity</u>	<u>Activity</u>		
January 15, 1960	Speaker, meeting of the Boston SOBELL Committee, Boston, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	b7D b7U
February 26, 1960	Speaker, Washington SOBELL Committee, Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED]	b7D
March 2, 1960	Attended meeting of the CSJMS, New York City	[REDACTED]	b7D
March 19 and 20, 1960	Speaker at the National SOBELL Work Meeting, held at 215 West 23rd Street, New York City	[REDACTED]	b7D
May 24, 1960	Speaker at a public meeting held at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York City	[REDACTED]	b7D

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June 16, 1960

Speaker,  
Minneapolis SOBELL  
Committee Meeting,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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June 18, 1960

Speaker at meeting  
of the Minneapolis  
SOBELL Committee,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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June 23, 1960

Speaker at meeting  
of the Cleveland SOBELL  
Committee, Cleveland,  
Ohio

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June 25, 1960

Speaker, meeting  
of the Chicago  
SOBELL Committee,  
Chicago, Illinois

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July 6, 1960

Attended meeting of  
the New York SOBELL  
Committee, New York City

July 23, 1960

Attended social function  
at 75 Bank Street, New York  
City, for the purpose of  
raising funds

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August 3, 1960

Attended meeting of  
the New York SOBELL  
Committee, New York  
City

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August 18, 1960

Attended meeting of  
the New York SOBELL  
Committee, New York  
City

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Date  
of  
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Activity

November 5, 1960

Speaker, Philadelphia  
SOBELL Committee meeting,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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November 18, 1960

Speaker, meeting of  
Philadelphia SOBELL  
Committee, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania

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**III. OTHER ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF  
OF MORTON SOBELL**

**A. Appeals**

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[REDACTED] advised on February 10, 1960, that HELEN SOBELL had written a letter to President EISENHOWER regarding the MORTON SOBELL case. According to the informant, subject's letter was acknowledged by Mr. KENDALL, an assistant to the President, who stated that the file on the SOBELL case was being referred to Mrs. COZART, United States Pardons Attorney. b2D

[REDACTED] advised on May 16, 1960, that on that date a luncheon and meeting, under the sponsorship of the CSJMS, was held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. A number of prominent ministers of the Washington, D. C. area attended this affair. The informant went on to furnish the following additional information: b2D

[REDACTED] Unitarian Minister of Los Angeles, California, was the principal speaker and he stated he... became... interested in the MORTON SOBELL case because of his acquaintanceship with [REDACTED] Chaplain while SOBELL was at Alcatraz. [REDACTED] stated that he had given one entire sermon on the west coast concerning the MORTON SOBELL case and that he thought SOBELL's sentence was too severe. He urged the ministers in attendance to sign an appeal to the President requesting commutation of MORTON SOBELL's sentence. b7C

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Mrs. MORTON SOBELL also spoke at this affair and urged persons in attendance to sign an appeal to the President requesting commutation for sentence of her husband. Mrs. SOBELL mentioned that a group of persons had visited Pardons Attorney REED COZART, at 10:00 a.m., May 16, 1960, with the request that MORTON SOBELL be granted a pardon. She said that she did not know what action would be given to their request.

Mrs. SOBELL was questioned as to whether she and her husband were Communist Party (CP) members at any time or had any affiliation with the CP in any manner. She replied that neither had been a member of the CP but that during their student days, they were affiliated with organizations interested in civil rights. She left the impression that these organizations were subsequently designated by the Attorney General and that this fact was held against SOBELL at his trial.

Mrs. SOBELL was questioned as to how the organization derived its funds, and she replied that funds were obtained voluntarily and from rummage sales and the like. She stated that at the conclusion of this meeting, a delegation would visit DAVID W. KENDALL, Special Counsellor to President EISENHOWER, and present an appeal with respect to the SOBELL case.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on June 13, 1960, that a monthly meeting of the CSJMS was held at 940 Broadway, New York City, on June 8, 1960. According to the informant, the subject attended this meeting [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on November 20, 1960, that a reception and banquet was held by the CSJMS at the Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D. C. on November 19, 1960. The informant said that approximately 100 persons were in attendance at the reception and about 150 attended the banquet. According to [REDACTED] the subject spoke at this banquet and emphasized the "injustice" of the accusation against her husband and stated; that she had appealed to the President to have her husband released from prison before Christmas.

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[REDACTED] also advised that subject attended the above function, the purpose of which was to raise funds for the continued work of the CSJMS.

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[REDACTED] advised that at the above affair, the subject made a plea for funds and stated that pressure must be placed on the White House to secure MORTON SOBELL's release. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on December 22, 1960, that on December 18, 1960, the subject attended an exhibition called "Americans Appeal for MORTON SOBELL", which was held at the Christian Association Building, of the University of Pennsylvania, 3601 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. b7D

The informant reported that literature regarding the MORTON SOBELL case was distributed at this meeting and that the subject greeted each person as he came into the auditorium.

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] on February 17, 1961, advised that HELEN SOBELL spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the CSJMS, which was held on February 12, 1961, at the Brighton Beach Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The informant said that subject spoke of efforts being made and work being done by the committee. She also remarked that there was a changed atmosphere in Washington and that she hoped the new administration would listen with some favor regarding MORTON SOBELL's plea for freedom. [REDACTED] b7D

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B. Publicity

The January 10, 1960, issue of "The Worker" contained a notice on Page 15, Column 5 that HELEN SOBELL would speak about the MORTON SOBELL case on January 15, 1960, at a meeting sponsored by the New England Committee for MORTON SOBELL at the Community Church, 565 Royston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

[REDACTED] advised on January 12, 1960, that several members of the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee had contacted representatives of Philadelphia radio stations, in an attempt to obtain speaking time for HELEN SOBELL on one of these stations. According to the informant, these efforts were unsuccessful as of January 12, 1960. b7D

The June 20, 1960 issue of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York City, contained a half page, paid advertisement, captioned "An Urgent Public Issue: Freedom for MORTON SOBELL". This advertisement described itself as a summary of a meeting attended by 600 persons, which was held on May 24, 1960, at the Community Church of New York for the purpose of discussing the MORTON SOBELL case. The advertisement concluded by urging its readers, who believed SOBELL should be released, to write to the President.

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IV. CP INTEREST REGARDING THE SUBJECT'S  
ROLE IN THE CSJMS

[REDACTED] advised on June 21, 1960, that a meeting of the CP Board for the Minnesota-Dakota District, was held on June 15, 1960, at 628 Jessamine Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. The informant reported that at this meeting, it was announced that Mrs. SOBELL would be in town Thursday (date not given) and that a meeting would be held at the Unitarian Church on Portland and Gratto Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised on October 28, 1960, that the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee had scheduled a meeting at 8:30 p.m., November 5, 1960, at 1804 68th Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at which HELEN SOBELL would be the featured speaker. The announcement of this meeting indicated there would be a report on the National Freedom Appeal to be held in Washington, D. C., by the CSJMS. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on November 1, 1960, that a meeting of the District Executive Committee, CP of Eastern Pennsylvania, and Delaware, was held November 1, 1960, at 1145 West Sprague Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] b7D

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[REDACTED] advised on January 24, 1961, that on January 17, 1961, a meeting of the Upper East Side Section Committee, CP, was held at 340 East 66th Street, New York City. [REDACTED] b7D  
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V. OTHER ASSOCIATIONS  
OF SUBJECT

A. Jefferson School of Social  
Science (JSSS)

The JSSS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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A characterization of Camp Unity is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

B. Washington Area Forum (WAF)

[REDACTED] advised on May 25, 1960, that the WAF held a memorial meeting for GERTRUDE EVANS in the Gray Room of the Hamilton Hotel, Washington, D. C., on the evening of May 20, 1960. According to the informant, the Chairman of this affair read several telegrams from people who could not attend, in which they praised EVANS for "working for the rights of all people". [REDACTED] reported that one such telegram was sent by HELEN SOBELL. b2

A characterization of the WAF is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

C. Camp Midvale

[REDACTED] on September 9, 1960, furnished a copy of the "Camp Midvale News", dated August 28, 1960, which contained the following article: b2

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"Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, and their son, spent the weekend with us, August 27 and 28. Helen brought interested couples up to date on the latest move in the campaign to free her husband. She reported encouraging support from a number of influential political, religious and labor groups. She collected funds to help continue the fight. Letters were also distributed for signatures and mailing to President EISENHOWER, helping her to free Sobell".

A characterization of Camp Midvale is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

[REDACTED] advised on September 2, 1960, that HELEN SOBELL was present at Camp Midvale, New Jersey on Sunday, August 28, 1960. b7D

D. Weekly Guardian Associates

A characterization of the Weekly Guardian Associates is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

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[REDACTED] b7D

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E. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] advised on January 10, 1961, that HELEN SOBELL was scheduled to be the main speaker at a farewell testimonial to be held for [REDACTED] on January 21, 1961, at the Estonian Hall, 2061 Lexington Avenue, New York City. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] b7D  
F. American Committee for the  
Protection of the Foreign  
Born (ACPFB)

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on January 30, 1961, that the affair at [REDACTED] residence, which was mentioned earlier herein, was held on January 28, 1961, and that HELEN SOBELL was the only speaker. It was further reported [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] that invitations to the affair had been distributed at a meeting of the ACPFB.

NY 100-109849

G. "National Guardian"

The October 31, issue of the "National Guardian", Page 16, contained an article by HELEN SOBELL entitled "A Visit to a Prison", in which she told of a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, which she and her son had made for the purpose of visiting her husband, MORTON SOBELL, in the United States Penitentiary. In this article, subject criticized the fact that certain taxi cabs in Atlanta were only for white patrons while others were only for Negro patrons.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

VI. INFORMATION REGARDING  
TRAVEL PLANS

[REDACTED]

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The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., which were reviewed on December 1, 1960, by SA C. EDWIN GLASS reflected that on November 18, 1960, Passport Number 1269164, issued to HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, on November 24, 1958, was renewed at New York City, to be valid for a period of four years from date of issue.

The application was dated November 15, 1960, and contained the following information:

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Mrs. SOBELL's address was 30 Charlton Street, New York City. The person she wanted notified in the event of death or accident, was ROSE LEVITOV, her mother, 1079 Rustan Street, Silver Springs, Maryland.

She stated that she planned to depart New York City about January 5, 1961, by Pan American jet for three weeks in England, France and Italy as a tourist. She stated that she was not travelling on an organized tour and that she expected to take another trip abroad within two years.

On December 14, 1960, [REDACTED] Reservations Office, Pan American World Airways, 80 East 42nd Street, New York City, advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER that she had caused a check to be made of the reservation lists for all trans-atlantic flights of Pan America for January 4, 5 and 6, 1961, and had been advised that no reservations in subject's name was located. b7D

On January 4, 1961, [REDACTED] also of the Reservations Office, Pan American World Airways, advised SA CARLYLE W. MILLER that she was unable to locate a reservation in the subject's name for any of Pan America's Flights going to England, France or Italy, on January 4, 5, or 6, 1961. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b2D

[REDACTED] b7E

APPENDIX

NY 100-10849

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case' ...."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.



APPENDIX

NY 100-109849

NATIONAL GUARDIAN OR WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

'National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. \* \* \* Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

APPENDIX

NY 100-109849  
CAMP WOODLAND

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Camp Woodland:

"Camp Woodland (Phoenicia, N.Y.)

- "1. 'The Communist management of six camps in New York State and another in California was exposed by committee investigations and hearings.' Listed among these is Camp Woodland, a children's camp directed by Norman Studer.  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, H. R. 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 2 and 10.)"

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CAMP UNITY (Wingdale, New York)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, "revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning Camp Unity:

"Camp Unity (Wingdale, N. Y.)

- "1. Cited as a 'notorious Communist rendezvous.'  
"(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, H. R. 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 9 and 10.)"

APPENDIX

NY 100-109849

WASHINGTON AREA FORUM, also known as  
Washington Area Citizens Forum,  
Washington Citizens Forum

A source reported on December 14, 1955, that the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PPDC) would be dissolved and a new organization formed from the PPDC in order to have a voice in civil rights matters and political campaigns in Virginia and Maryland. A second source advised on December 17, 1955, that the PPDC was to be dissolved because of the stigma attached to the name of the Progressive Party and it was hoped that the new organization replacing the PPDC would be more acceptable to persons not previously participating in PPDC activity. The first source reported on February 8, 1956, that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

A third source reported on March 13, 1956, that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was formed on March 12, 1956, at a meeting of the defunct Executive Committee of the PPDC. This source reported on May 10, 1956, that the name of the Washington Area Citizens Forum was shortened to that of Washington Citizens Forum at a meeting held May 3, 1956. On June 11, 1956, the first source made available information revealing that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was at that time being called Washington Area Forum.

The first source stated on May 17, 1960, that the Washington Area Forum remains in existence in Washington, D. C., and periodically holds meetings. This source stated he regards the Washington Area Forum as a communist front organization inasmuch as the speakers presented by this organization in recent months follow the Communist Party line. This source added that the officers of the Washington Area Forum, who are responsible for securing the speakers, have never secured as a speaker anyone who was critical of the Communist Party or the aims and objectives of the Communist Party.

A fourth source in September 1958, reported that on September 12, 1958, HELEN GUREWITZ discussed the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., area with GEORGE MYERS, Acting Chairman of the Communist Party District of Maryland and the District of Columbia. This source advised GUREWITZ stated in this regard: "We have the Washington Area Forum and that's all."

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A fifth source on October 10, 1958, identified HELEN GUREWITZ on October 6, 1958, as a current Communist Party member.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The PPDC is characterized separately in the appendix.

The Progressive Party, nationally, is characterized separately in the appendix.

APPENDIX

NY 100-109849

PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (PPDC)

On January 15, 1948, Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD, an admitted member of the Communist Party (CP) and Communist Political Association (CPA) in Washington, D. C., from 1943-1949, advised that at a meeting of the City Committee of the CP of the District of Columbia on January 11, 1948, motions were passed to set up a Political Action Committee in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of coordinating all activity with regard to the "Third Party Movement." It was decided to set up "Wallace for President Clubs" in Washington, D. C. These groups subsequently became the PPDC. On December 17, 1951, Mrs. MARKWARD advised that the PPDC, during the years 1948 and 1949, was dominated and controlled by the CP of the District of Columbia.

A source on February 25, 1952, November 14, 1952, November 27, 1953, and January 31, 1955, identified the leaders of the PPDC, as of the above dates, as either Communist Party members or Communist Party sympathizers. This source added that the PPDC has never opposed the CP on any issue or program.

It is noted that another source on February 8, 1956, reported that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

The Progressive Party, nationally, is characterized separately in the appendix.

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PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Regarding the Progressive Party, nationally, the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released on January 2, 1957, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on page 74, states:

- "1. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the Progressive Party.-- \* \* \* The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S.Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, P. 91.)"

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APPENDIX

NY 100-109849

CAMP MIDVALE

On March 26, 1954, a confidential source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which, on page 1, states that the recently formed Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for Nature Friends of America, Inc. (NFA) was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A confidential source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York local of NFA, held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the MRA was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a confidential source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, sets forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well-being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present....."

The MRA, as of May 12, 1960, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

NFA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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Date: 3/27/61

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(OO:NEW YORK)

ReBulet 10/16/59, captioned "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL; IS - C", (Bufile 100-387835), instructing the New York Office to notify the Bureau whenever information is received regarding travel plans of subject.

[REDACTED] advised on 3/6/61 that a meeting of the New York Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, was held at Committee Headquarters, 940 Broadway, Room D, NYC, on 3/1/61, at which subject was in attendance.

NY will advise of any further information received regarding subject's travel plans.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

DATE: 4/10/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL aka  
SM - C

(OO:NY)

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Re 0-17 dated 3/30/61 to NY and rep on captioned subject dated 3/24/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 5 copies of an amended first page to the report of SA CARLYLE W. MILLER dated 3/24/61.

Page 6, first full paragraph, line one, date of May 20, 1961, should be May 20, 1960. NY copies corrected.

Page 8, the "3-2" is correct number for check dated 5/19/60.

Page 9, Paragraph three, line three, word "furnished" has been changed to "furnish" on NY copies.

Page 25, last paragraph, line two, word "discussion" has been changed to "discussed" on NY copies.

Page 27, paragraph one, line nine, word "Wallce" has been changed to "Wallace" on NY copies.

Page 27, paragraph two, line four, word "or" has been changed to "or" on NY copies.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: June 29 1961

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

Card U.T.D.  
7/15/61

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

Re: Helen Estelle Sobell  
File in FBI#: 100-404849  
C.C. - 100-398030

Reports of investigation of the above have been reviewed

☐ as requested by you on \_\_\_\_\_

It has been determined that subject's name should be

☒ retained on security index; ☐ removed from security index.

Remarks:

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Date: 9/21/61

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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM: SAC WFO (100-3074)

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

SM - C

(OO:NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum concerning subject's picketing of the White House on 9/20/61. Two copies of same are furnished New York, Office of Origin.

[REDACTED] advised SA G. MAYLON MILLER of attached information.

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T-symbol was utilized only where necessary to conceal the identity of source.

WFO will disseminate locally to ONE, PRNC, OSI, 4th District and G-2, MDW.

ENCLOSURE 5

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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September 21, 1961

HELEN SOBELL

On September 20, 1961, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] picketed the White House. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that Helen Sobell carried a sign  
that read: "President Kennedy, today is Yom Kippur. Release  
my husband, Morton Sobell". b7D

[REDACTED] related that the back of this sign bore the  
legend: "Morton Sobell is innocent". b7D

[REDACTED] concluded that Helen Sobell was accompanied  
by [REDACTED] observed but did not participate in the  
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b7D

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
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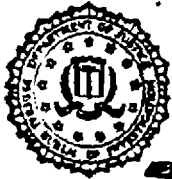
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-3074)

 SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL  
 SM - C  
 OO: NY

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 RABBITON

 ReWFOairtel dated 9/21/61 concerning subject's picketing of  
 White House on 9/20/61.

 No information currently available to WFO indicates any  
 picketing activity at White House on 10/9/61.

 ReWFOairtel disclosed picketing activity of HELEN SOBELL  
 at White House on 9/20/61; and, in view of same, it is being assumed  
 that her daughter's presence at White House on Monday, 10/9/61  
 will be for same reason.

Above for information.

 WFO has telephonically advised SIS, MPD Secret Service,  
 Protective Research Division, White House; and, U.S. Park Police.

 3-Bureau  
 2-New York (100-109849) (RM)  
 1-WFO

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 GMM: gmm

 SA Raptin advised contacts and  
 stated similar info already received.  
 He is handling info captioned  
 Sobell Committee
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 See NY airtel 10-6-61  
 Repl. "CSMS" letter  
 AG + O'Donnell 10-9-61

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-3074)

HELEN LEVITOV SORKIN  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)ReWFOairtel, 10/7/61, advising subject to be at  
White House on 10/9/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memo setting out details concerning this activity. Two copies each are being furnished the Atlanta and New York Divisions. Atlanta is receiving two copies since WFO files reflect that SYDNEY and GRAHAM PRINDLE reside in Atlanta territory.

The information attributed to [redacted] was received by SA HILMER H. KREBS. The information from the other police officers mentioned was obtained by SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR.

The picketing and related activity at the White House was observed by both SAs KREBS and CONNORS.

WFO will disseminate this information locally to G-2, MDW; ONI, PRNC and OSI, 4th District.

There is no subversive thumbnail available regarding [redacted]

- 3-Bureau (Enc. 5)  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 10, 1961

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL  
SECURITY MATTER - C

[REDACTED] Protective Research Division, United States Secret Service, Washington, D.C., advised on October 9, 1961, that Helen Sobell, accompanied by her daughter and son, had contacted him that date, and requested to see President John F. Kennedy. [REDACTED] said no appointment was granted. He advised that the subject then said she intended to publicize the imprisonment of her husband, Morton Sobell, by picketing the White House on October 9, 1961, and by advising the press of this intention. b7D

On October 9, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that that morning Helen Sobell, accompanied by her son, Mark, and her daughter and son-in-law, Sydney and Graham Prindle, appeared at the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the White House grounds. He said that these people all listed their home address as 30 Charleton Street, New York, New York. b7D

At approximately 11:40 a.m., October 9, 1961, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SAs of the FBI) observed the above four people begin to picket the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Helen Sobell led the procession followed by Mark Sobell, Sydney Prindle and Graham Prindle in that order. Three unidentified white women assisted in the operation by handing out literature.

The following placards were carried by the people indicated:

Helen Sobell

"President Kennedy, Justice Begins at Home. Free My Innocent Husband Morton Sobell." "Leaders of the World, Please Use Your Influence to Free My Innocent Husband Morton Sobell."

Attachments 2

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RE: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

Mark Sobell

"Mr. President, Please Free My Father Morton Sobell. He is innocent." "Mr. President, All My Life I've Only Seen My Father Morton Sobell in Prison. Please Send Him Home. He's innocent."

Sydney Prindle

"We are Morton Sobell's Family. We Love Him and Know That He's Innocent." "I Was 10 Yrs. Old When My Innocent Father Was Imprisoned, Mr. President. Will You Free Him Now."

Graham Prindle

"Bertrand Russell and Other World Notables Ask Freedom for My Innocent Father-in-law, Morton Sobell." "President Kennedy, 1500 Clergyman Say Free Norton Sobell. So do noted lawyers, educators, scientists, writers."

The picketing lasted until approximately 1:00 p.m. At that time the above four individuals entered an automobile driven by one of the women who had been handing out the literature.

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[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

A copy of each of the two pieces of literature passed out during the picketing is attached.

Morton Sobell was convicted in March, 1951, with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in the Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage. The Rosenbergs were executed in June, 1953, and Morton Sobell was sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment.

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# Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell

940 BROADWAY (Entrance on 22nd Street) NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

Algonquin 4-9923

October 2, 1961

Mrs. Morton Sobell  
Mrs. Rose Sobell  
Chairman

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

## HONORARY SPONSORS (partial listing)

Rev. Cross W. Alexander  
David Andrews  
Rabbi J. S. Bam  
Helen M. Beardsley  
Leo Berman  
Rabbi Samuel Bernstein  
Harold A. Craneheld  
Lloyd Donnell  
Prof. Kermit Eby  
Rev. John E. Evans  
Rabbi Morris Fishman  
Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes  
Waldo Frank  
Rev. C. Shubert Frye  
Rev. Erwin A. Goode  
Maxwell Gellman  
Rabbi Robert E. Goldberg  
Prof. Erwin R. Goodenough  
Rabbi Avery Grossfeld  
Dr. A. Eustace Haydon  
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Prof. Anatol Rapoport  
Prof. Oscar K. Rice  
Lord Bertrand Russell  
Prof. Malcolm Sharp  
Dr. D. R. Sharpe  
Sidney Silverman, M.P.  
Rev. Francis S. Tucker  
Dr. Harold C. Urey  
Mrs. Clara M. Vincent  
Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein  
Prof. Francis D. Wormuth

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,

On Monday, October 9 my children and I are coming to the White House. We come as uninvited guests out of our great need for help from your husband. My husband, Morton Sobell, has been in prison for more than eleven years in spite of the fact that he is an innocent man. We can no longer live quietly with the great injustice which is being done to him and our entire family.

The children have asked me many times if I would not permit them to try to see the President. I have always wanted to protect them, especially the youngest, Mark who has never really known his father through his twelve years. Now I know, however, that they are right in wanting to give all that they can to bring about the ending of a monstrous injustice which has colored their lives.

Since you are a wife and a mother perhaps you can help us to see your husband. This is a case which has received world attention and the support of many eminent Americans. My children are good children, bright with the hopes and beliefs that youth can change the world into a happier, more noble place. Your help would nurture this faith, and give it strength.

On October 9, at 11 A.M. the children will ask to be permitted to see your husband, the President of the United States. Please reach out your hand to help.

Very sincerely yours,

Helen L. Sobell  
(Mrs. Morton Sobell)

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# THE NEW REPUBLIC

DECEMBER 5, 1960

## Morton Sobell

The horror of the Rosenberg atom-spy case brushed against the front pages again recently, when David Greenglass, Ethel Rosenberg's brother who confessed, was released after nearly ten years in jail. He had been sentenced to fifteen. Still in prison, on a sentence double that of Greenglass, is Morton Sobell, in any view of the case its most marginal and pitiable figure.

The jury found Sobell guilty — and quite probably he was — of something or other having to do with spying for the Russians. The evidence was meager, but there was at any rate none to link him with the atom bomb spying conspiracy in which the Rosenbergs and Greenglass were involved. Hence it was exceedingly prejudicial, and, as at least one judge, the late Jerome Frank, thought, illegal to try Sobell together with the Rosenbergs. Be that as it may, the gravely nagging sense of injustice left behind by the whole sorry affair was generated not by the verdict but by the sentences. These were brutal and erratic. There is no way for society to expiate the ghastly fact that the Rosenbergs were electrocuted. But Sobell's sentence — as barbaric in its fashion, considering the nature of the case against him — can be commuted to time served. This the President has been asked to do. We hope he will. It is a question not merely of humane feelings, but of a measure of justice.

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The Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell  
940 Broadway, N. Y. C.

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety under (b)(2) to the extent that the release of this information would disclose matters related solely to internal personnel rules and practices.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

DATE: 12/4/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-3074) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL  
SM - C  
(OO:NY)

Re WFO airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 10/10/61,  
captioned as above.

Future picketing activities in behalf of MORTON  
SOBELL will be reported under the caption "Committee To Secure  
Justice For MORTON SOBELL, aka".

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- 2 - New York (100-109849) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100 404849)

DATE: 12/18/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL  
SM C

(OO: New York)

On 12/15/61, [REDACTED] advised that on 12/14/61, at 12:30 p.m., HELEN SOBELL spoke on the south campus of City College of New York (CCNY). She was sponsored by the CCNY E.V. Debs Club. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that HELEN SOBELL spoke mainly of her husband's trial stating that he was convicted through the testimony of witnesses who lied and through the pressure of Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY and his group. b7D

She claimed MORTON SOBELL was innocent and claimed to be supported by such people as BERTRAND RUSSELL, Dr. REINHOLD NIEBUHR, Prof. THOMAS I. EMERSON of Yale, Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, and NORMAN THOMAS.

[REDACTED] also advised that she also spoke of her attempts and of attempts of her family to contact the President and the Attorney General and mentioned picketing at the White House. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that about 20 students attended the speech. b7D

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Date: 1/19/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45973) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, aka  
SM - C;  
CINAL  
(OO: New York)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, and for the New York Office two copies of letterhead memorandum, containing information received from [REDACTED] on 1/19/62 <sup>b7D</sup> by SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS. Extra copies of the letterhead memo are being designated for the Bureau for possible dissemination to appropriate Legats and interested governmental agencies.

The letterhead memo is being classified Confidential since data received from [REDACTED] could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof. <sup>b7D</sup>

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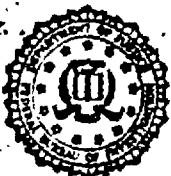
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

Los Angeles, California  
January 19, 1962

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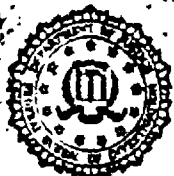
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1 - Mr. Krupinsky

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EX-116  
REC-13 100-404849-93

Date: January 24, 1962

To: Office of Security  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL  
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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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Reference is made to previous information furnished to you concerning the captioned individual.

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated January 19, 1962, at Los Angeles, California, pertaining to the captioned individual's contemplated travel abroad during February and March, 1962.

It is noted the enclosed memorandum discloses that Sobell has indicated she will urge that there be demonstrations before American Embassies and Consulates located in the cities where she intends to visit. These demonstrations will allegedly demand the release of her husband, Morton Sobell, who was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and who is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

The above is furnished for your information. No additional information is available concerning her exact itinerary; however, should such be received, it will be promptly furnished to you.

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  - Callahan \_\_\_\_\_ 2 - Rome (Enclosure) (See note page 2)
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**Enclosure**

1 - Director (Enclosure)  
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

NOTE TO SACs, NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, AND WASHINGTON FIELD:

SACs, New York and Los Angeles, are instructed to take necessary steps to ascertain further travel plans of the subject, her itinerary, and verification of her departure from the United States, as well as her return. Submit results of investigation in form suitable for dissemination and upon verification of subject's return to the United States, promptly advise the Bureau.

SAC, Washington Field, is instructed to contact Passport Office, United States Department of State, in an effort to determine particulars concerning subject's travel abroad. For your assistance, subject was issued Passport No. 1269164 on November 24, 1958 and her passport was renewed on November 18, 1960. Enclosed for your further assistance is a copy of referenced Los Angeles memorandum dated January 19, 1962.

NOTE TO LEGAL ATTACHES, BONN, LONDON, PARIS, AND ROME:

Enclosed is a copy of referenced Los Angeles memorandum dated January 19, 1962.

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For your assistance, subject was born March 3, 1918, Washington, D. C. She is described

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Office of Security  
Department of State

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as 5 feet 4 inches, 125 pounds, stocky build, and dark brown hair. Her name is included in the Security Index of the New York Office. She has been extremely active in activities centering around the demand for the release of her husband, Morton Sobell.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name is included in Security Index. State and CIA previously furnished all pertinent information.



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Date: 1/26/62

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)(-P-)

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

ReBulet to State Department 1/24/62.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth subject's itinerary 2/3/62 to 3/4/62.

This information was furnished by [REDACTED] Air India, 410 Park Avenue, NYC to SA CARLYLE W. MILLER on 1/25/62. b7D

The confidential source utilized in the characterization of Afton Tours is [REDACTED] who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning business firms operating in NYC. b7D

NY will verify subject's departure on 2/3/62, as well as her return on 3/4/62 and advise the Bureau.

Information copies are being sent to Los Angeles and WFO for the assistance of those offices in conducting the investigation instructed by the Bureau.

- 3 - Bureau (100-404849) (Encls. 8) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-4973) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (100-3074) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-109849)

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