

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-404849)

DATE: 4/5/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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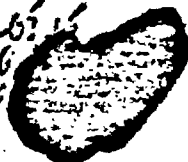
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Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Staff member, Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York	
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TITLE OF CASE

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED]
at NY.

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York Trust Company,
154 Fifth Avenue,
NYC

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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. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)
it contains information which if disseminated, could reveal the identity of _____ who is of continuing value and whose disclosure could have an adverse effect on the national security interest of the country. b2

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

8. ☐ 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.
9. ☒ 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 a 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 association with known CP members.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) subject was with her husband in Mexico in 1950 living under an assumed name when arrested by Mexican Security Police and deported to the US. DAVID GREENGLASS, self-admitted former Soviet Espionage Agent, advised in 1950 that JULIUS ROSENBERG had told him to

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flee to Mexico to avoid arrest in the United States.
This would indicate at least a knowledge and acquiescence
on subject's part of her husband's espionage activities
in behalf of the Soviet Union.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Report of:

Date:

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100-109849

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

b7c Office: New York, New York

Bureau File #: 100-404849

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 30 Charlton Street, New York City, and to be employed by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS), 150 Fifth Ave., NYC, as a National Staff member. She continues to participate actively at meetings, conferences and other activities of the Committee in NYC as well as in other cities.

Information set forth regarding payments to subject by CSJMS and regarding publicity received by subject in connection with her CSJMS activities.

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INTERMEDIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF 100-404849
DATE 4-10-71 AP/16

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DETAILSI. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The current New York City telephone directory for the Borough of Manhattan contains a listing for Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, 30 Charlton Street, telephone WAtkins 9-9061.

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Date of Declassification Indefinite

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

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MORTON SOEELL was convicted on March 20, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, New York City, for conspiring to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. On April 5, 1951, he was sentenced to a term of thirty years imprisonment and is currently serving this sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were executed on June 19, 1953, following their conviction in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY), New York City, on March 29, 1951, for conspiring to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union.

II. ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF
OF THE CSJMS

A. Participation in Meetings
and Conferences

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that HELEN SOEELL was, at that time, visiting relatives in Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised that HELEN SOEELL and her son, MARK SOEELL, visited MORTON SOEELL on Saturday, June 27, 1964 and Sunday, June 28, 1964.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
The informant advised that subject spoke at this affair and stated that her husband was a victim of the "Mc Carthyism era" and was unjustly imprisoned. [REDACTED]
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Date of Activity

Activity

Informants who furnished information regarding the activity

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Date of Activity	Activity	Informants who furnished information regarding the activity
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

B. Financial Affairs

The following information furnished by NY T-10 pertains to payments made to HELEN SOBELL from the CSJMS as determined from the records of the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser
4645	3/2/64	HELEN SOBELL	\$ 30.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
4654	3/6/64	HELEN SOBELL	70.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
4661	3/12/64	Cash	1,000.00	HELEN SOBELL
4663	3/16/64	HELEN SOBELL	500.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company

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Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser
4758	5/21/64	Cash	\$ 194.04	HELEN SOBELL
4759	5/21/64	Cash	90.00	HELEN SOBELL
4818	7/9/64	HELEN SOBELL	200.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
4874	9/11/64	HELEN SOBELL	148.05	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
4887	9/18/64	HELEN SOBELL	148.05	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
4930	11/4/64	HELEN SOBELL	46.14	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
4943	11/17/64	HELEN SOBELL	70.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
4956	12/3/64	Cash	100.00	HELEN SOBELL
4959	12/7/64	Cash	100.00	HELEN SOBELL
4969	12/11/64	Cash	65.00	HELEN SOBELL
4971	12/14/64	HELEN SOBELL	95.73	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
4974	12/16/64	HELEN SOBELL	1,000.00	West Side Savings, 165 Varick Street, New York City
4975	12/16/64	HELEN SOBELL	147.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
5096	3/25/65	HELEN SOBELL	36.64	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company

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The above information furnished by NY T-10 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, and NY T-10 advised that he no longer has custody of the basic documents from which information furnished by him was obtained.

In the event the information furnished by NY T-10 is to be utilized, the person to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York City. b7d

III. OTHER ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF MORTON SOBELL

A. Appeals

The April 15, 1965 issue of the "Morning Freiheit" on page 8, contained an article captioned "New Morton Sobell Appeal to Government for Parole" which is quoted in part as follows:

"Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, stated that she received a letter from REED KOZART, Justice Department Pardon Lawyer, that SOBELL's appeal for pardon would be forwarded to the Chief United States Lawyer and to the judge who sentenced SOBELL, for both of them to state their position on the petition.

"Mrs. SOBELL stated that her husband still insists that he is innocent and that he was convicted without cause in the cold war atmosphere."

A characterization of the "Morning Freiheit" (MF) is contained in the Appendix hereto.

The April 26, 1964 issue of the MF on page two, contained an article captioned "Big Meeting at Cooper Union Calls for Liberation of Morton Sobell".

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This article is quoted in part as follows:

"Three thousand signatures on petitions to free MORTON SOBELL, victim of the 1951 MC CARTHY hysteria were presented to his wife HELEN SOBELL at a big meeting at Cooper Union on Thursday evening, April 23rd. SOBELL has been behind bars for fourteen years on a thirty year sentence. The almost one thousand people gave an ovation to the appeal by Mrs. SOBELL (whose two children were seated on the platform), that they continue to collect thousands of signatures in this country and abroad demanding the liberation of her husband and the father of his two children."

Subject's appearance at the above affair was also reported by [REDACTED]

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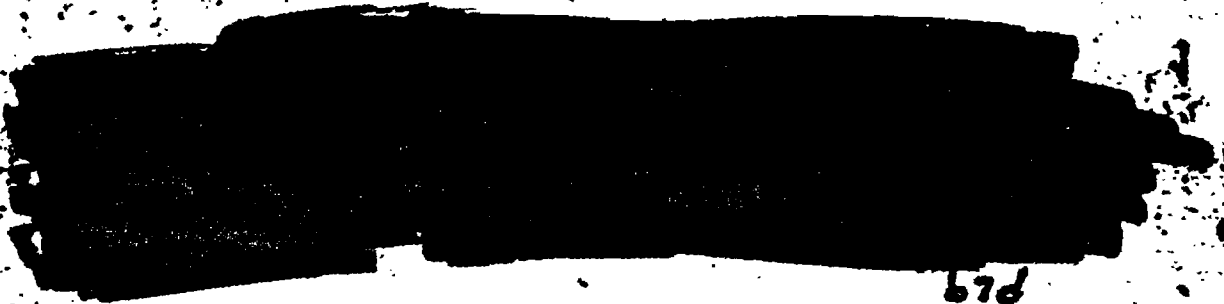
B. Publicity :

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an end to capital punishment. The letter will point out that the above mentioned book will show that MORTON SOBELL and JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG are innocent, but that the ROSENBERGS are beyond help since they have been executed. The Committee expects that SCHNEIR will obtain 500 copies of the book which will be sent to important persons on the mailing lists of the CSJMS.

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Farband (YKUF)



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

1.APPENDIXCOMMITTEE 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 December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

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 Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 20, 1964, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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APPENDIX A

1.

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

"Morning Freiheit

- "1. The Communist International 'subsidized * * * the founding of the CPUSA's newspaper, Freiheit.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 18, 1956, p. 159.)
- "2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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156	6-29-65	NY LETTER TO HQ ENCLOSURE	1/2	1/2	
NR	10-4-65	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ ENCLOSURE	2/3	2/3	
NR	11-8-65	JONES MEMO TO DELOACH/ENCLOSURE	2/1	2/1	
NR	4-22-66	NY FD-122 TO HQ	1	1	
NR	4-22-66	NY FD-366	1	1	
NR	5-11-66	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	2	-	SEE HQ 101-2483
NR	5-13-66	HQ TELETYPE TO NY BRANIGAN MEMO	1	-	SEE HQ 101-2483
NR	5-13-66	TO SULLIVAN	2	-	SEE HQ 101-2483
NR	6-28-66	NY FD-122 TO HQ	1	1	
NR	6-28-66	NY FD-366	1	1	
NR	7-14-66	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
57	7-15-66	NY REPORT TO HQ	27	25	

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NR	12-22-66	LETTER FROM ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY	2	0	REFERRED
158	3-13-67	LETTER FROM ANOTHER GOVT AGENCY	1	0	REFERRED
158	3-13-67	ENCLOSURE	8	0	REFERRED
NR	4-13-67	NY LHM	1	1	
NR	4-28-67	NY LHM	1	1	
NR	4-28-67	NY FD122 TO HQ	1	1	
159	7-13-67	NY REPORT TO HQ	20	18	
160	7-27-67	NY REPORT TO HQ	1	1	
160	7-27-67	ENCLOSURE	5	5	
160	7-27-67	(2 COPIES) ENCLOSURE	10	10	10 Dups
160	8-4-67	LETTER TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY	2	1	
161	8-10-67	LETTER TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY	1	1	

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163	9-20-67	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
163	9-20-67	ENCLOSURE	1	1	
163	9-20-67	(2 COPIES) ENCLOSURE	2	2	2 Dups
164	10-27-67	LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES LETTER TO HQ	1	0	
164	10-27-67	(1 COPY) ENCLOSURE	1	0	
165	7-12-68	NY REPORT TO HQ	22	20	
166	12-12-68	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
167	12-26-68	NY LETTER TO HQ	3	3	
NR	2-26-69	NY LHM	1	1	
NR	3-3-69	HQ O-1 TO NY	1	1	
NR	2-26-69	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	

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168	2-28-69	PH LETTER TO HQ (1 COPY)	1	1	
168	2-28-69	ENCLOSURE	3	6	3 dups
169	3-4-69	NY AERTEL TO HQ (2 COPIES)	1	1	
169	3-4-69	ENCLOSURE	6	9	6 dups
170	4-15-69	SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY	9	9	
NR	8-4-69	NY FD 366	1	1	
NR	8-4-69	NY FD 122 TO HQ	1	1	
NR	2-3-70	MEMO TO FILE	1	—	Refer
NR	2-3-70	ENCLOSURE	2	—	Refer
NR	10-5-70	NY FD 122 TO HQ	1	1	
NR	10-5-70	ENCLOSURE	1	1	
NR	10-21-71	ROUTING	1	1	

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			Actual	Released	
NR	10-21-71	ENCLOSURE	1	1	
171		MISSING			
172	11-15-71	NY REPORT TO HQ	17	17	
NR	11-19-71	NY FD122 TO HQ	1	1	
173	12-6-71	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
NR	9-13-72	LEGAL ATTACHE, ROME LETTER TO HQ	1	0	
NR	9-13-72	ENCLOSURE	1	0	
NR	10-17-72	LEGAT, ROME LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
NR	11-22-72	ROUTING SLIP	1	1	
NR	1-5-73	SEARCH SLIP	1	1	
174	8-23-73	LEGAT, HONG KONG LETTER TO HQ	1	0	
NR	9-3-75	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	3	3	

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849) DATE: 6/29/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

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

Rerep SA [REDACTED] 6/2/65, NY.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of Form FD-376, dated as above, and two photographs of subject which are dated November, 1958, and were obtained from passport records.

One Xerox copy of rerep and one of the above photographs have been disseminated locally to the New York Office of the Secret Service.

The enclosed FD-376 has been classified inasmuch as rerep was so classified.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 29, 1965

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (2)
U. S. Secret Service, New York, NY (RM)

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HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
November, 1958

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10/4/65

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-138315)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-44061) (P)

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Transmitted herewith are 17 copies of an LHM for the Bureau including three copies for the Legat in Ottawa, Canada. Also three copies for both New York and Cleveland.

Informants utilized in enclosed LHM are as follows:

WF T-1 is [REDACTED] b7D
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WF T-3 is [REDACTED] b7D
WF T-4 is [REDACTED]

The LHM is classified "Confidential" in view of the fact that information reported from all informants

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 - (10- 105-138315)
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could reasonably result in the identification of these informants and compromise their future effectiveness.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 4, 1965

DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING UNITED
STATES INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM

All sources used have furnished reliable information
in the past.

[REDACTED]

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CSJMS is described in the Appendix pages.

WF T-2 advised on October 3, 1965, that Helen and
Casey Gurewitz, 1112 Quebec Street, Silver Spring, Maryland,
had attended the above-described meeting on the evening of
October 3, 1965.

WF T-3 advised [REDACTED] that
Helen Gurewitz was a Communist Party (CP)
member as of that date. b7D

WF T-4 advised [REDACTED] that Casey
Gurewitz was a current CP member as of that
date. b7D

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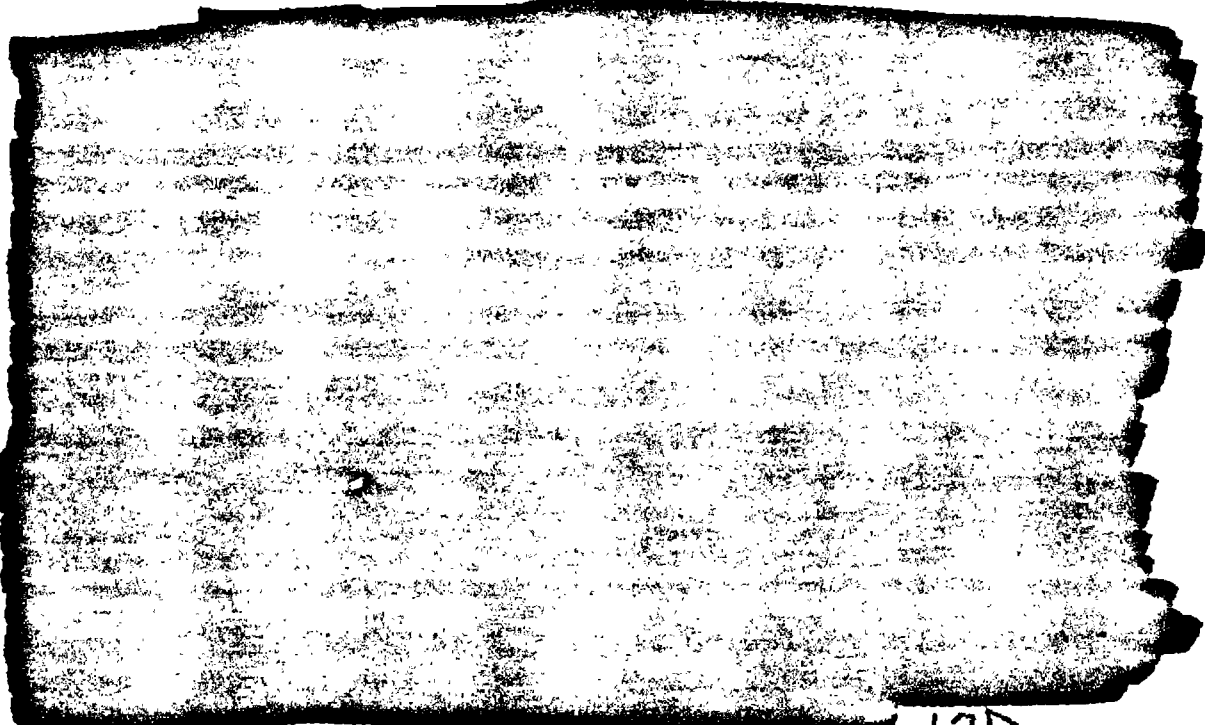
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Helen Sobell is the wife of Morton Sobell,
described in the Appendix page on CSJMS.

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**DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING APPENDIX
U.S. INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM**

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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 the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'"

("Guide to Subversive Control Organizations and Publications," dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

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 Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 6, 1965, lists the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as being located at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mrs. DeLoach

DATE: 11-8-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
PROPOSED TELEVISION PUBLICITY FOR BOOK
ENTITLED "INVITATION TO AN INQUEST"
CLEVELAND, OHIO
11-9-65

Handwritten signature/initials

By airtel dated 11-4-65, the Cleveland Office advised that Helen Sobell and Walter Schneir, one of the authors of captioned book, are scheduled to appear on Cleveland Radio Station WKYC on 11-9-65, at 10 p. m. The program, "Contact," is a one and one-half hour audience participation show which will undoubtedly be used by Sobell and Schneir to gain publicity for the sale of Schneir's book.

It is noted that we previously had received information concerning Schneir's efforts to appear on various stations throughout the country, and all field offices were instructed by SAC Letter 65-60, dated 11-2-65, to keep the Bureau advised regarding this publicity campaign. The Cleveland Office, in referenced airtel, requests Bureau authority to contact this radio station in an effort to have the appearance of Sobell and Schneir canceled.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles reflect the book entitled "Invitation To An Inquest" has been reviewed by the Bureau. It deals with the espionage case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobell, husband of Helen Sobell. The book implies that the Government's case against these individuals was false in that it was knowingly based upon fabricated evidence.

The activities of Walter and Miriam Schneir, coauthors of the aforementioned book, are well known to the Bureau.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach
Re: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

OBSERVATIONS:

Inasmuch as [REDACTED]

is a reliable contact of the Cleveland Office, it is felt that we should authorize the Cleveland Special Agent in Charge to discreetly contact [REDACTED] relative to the possible cancellation of the proposed appearance of Sobell and Schneir, provided there will be no possible embarrassment to the Bureau. **LTD**

RECOMMENDATION:

That authority be granted for someone in your (Mr. DeLoach's) office to telephonically contact the Cleveland Office as set forth above.

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[unclear] 11/16/65
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Sobell Biographer Pushes New Trial

BY PAT DALTON

The man who helped to write a new book about the Rosenberg-Sobell spy conspiracy case says a motion will be made in a few weeks to upset the conviction of Morton Sobell.

The author is Walter Schneur, who with his wife, Miriam, wrote "Invitation to an Inquest."

The book is about the trial that led to the execution of the Rosenbergs and a 30-year prison sentence for Sobell on charges of conspiracy in giving atomic secrets to the Russians.

SCHNEUR said in Chicago yesterday:

"A motion is being prepared to be presented in a couple of weeks in the Federal Court on Foley Square in New York — the same courthouse where the trial took place in 1951.

"It will ask for immediate freedom or a new trial, on the basis of material in the book. In fact, the book will be an exhibit."

Schneur said. "The motion will contend that Sobell was denied his constitutional right to a fair trial because the prosecution used forged evidence and perjured testimony and suppressed evidence."

SCHNEUR said he feels the government may parole Sobell in order to avoid a hearing on a case which was prosecuted

by Roy Cohn, who later joined Sen. Joseph McCarthy's staff in Washington.

"Or it may result in a complete re-opening of the case in a different sort of atmosphere than when it was heard in 1951," Schneur said.

"That was a period of tremendous national anxiety and fear. It was a time of McCarthyism, the Korean war, and fear. It was a time of McCarthy-Union. I feel an indictment on spy charges then was tantamount to conviction.

"Now," he said, "the facts can be heard in a more dispassionate way.

"More than this, perhaps they can get to the bottom of who prepared the forged hotel card and the forged passport picture that were crucial to the case."

WITH SCHNEUR on his trip to Chicago was Mrs. Helen Sobell, a petite, dark-haired, former psychiatrist, who has been conducting a 15-year drive to free her husband.

Said Schneur, "It is impossible to speculate why the government added Mr. Sobell's name to the indictment. It never was made clear what he is supposed to have done.

"There was a dearth of evidence and a minimum of oral testimony at the trial — perhaps they thought if they indicted him and waited long enough that he would break."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 11-4-65

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Author: RED DART

Editor: PAT DALTON

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Title:

LARRY FARKING

Character:

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Submitting Office: CHICAGO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-404849) DATE: 4/22/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL
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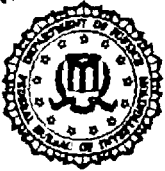
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
April 22, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

BUfile 100-404849

NYfile 100-109849

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 4/5/65.

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Residence:

Employment: Teacher, Downtown Community School
235 East 11th Street, New York, N.Y.

(In addition to previously reported employment.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-404849)

DATE: 6/28/66

FROM : SAC, New York (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

June 28, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to

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 NYfile 100-109849

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM 4/22/66

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-404849) DATE: 7/11/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
SM-CSOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)☐ Post and destroy
☒ File

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: REPORT PROMISED BUREAU 7/12/66

Reason for the delinquency: OTHER EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 8/15/66
(REPORT HAS BEEN DICTATED AND IS BEING TRANSCRIBED)

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(This applies only to 116 cases.)

☐ No administrative action necessary.

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUL 15 1966	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/22/66 - 7/8/66
TITLE OF CASE HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY mek
		CHARACTER OF CASE b7c	
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REFERENCE:

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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154 5th Ave. NYC 67D

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West Side Savings Bank

165 Varick St. NYC 67D

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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. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) it contains information which, if disseminated, could reveal the identity of [REDACTED] who are of continuing value and whose disclosure could have an adverse effect on the national security interests of the country. 62
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
8. ☐ 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.
9. ☒ 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 a campaign to free her husband, MORTON SOBELL, through her activities on behalf of the CSJMS. She continues her association with known CP members.
10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) subject was with her husband in Mexico in 1950, living under an assumed name when he was arrested and deported to the US. DAVID GREENGLASS, self-admitted former Soviet Espionage agent, advised in 1950 that JULIUS ROSENBERG had told him to flee to Mexico to avoid arrest. This would indicate at least a knowledge and acquiescence on subject's part of her husband's espionage activities on behalf of the Soviet Union.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-404849
New York 100-109849

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Re: Helen Levitov Sobell

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
U. S. Secret Service, NYC (RM)

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Date:

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Office: New York, New York

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Title:

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside 30 Charlton St., NYC, and is employed by the CSJMS, 150 5th Ave., NYC. She was employed for about 6 months as part-time teacher at Downtown Community School but in the fall has contract to teach at different school. She continues activities at CSJMS in NYC and during Fall, 1965, made tour of US cities with WALTER SCHNEIR in order to publicize his new book "Invitation to an Inquest." Has been very active in legal appeal of husband based on purported new evidence set forth in SCHNEIR's book.

Information set forth re payments received by subject from CSJMS. b1

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DETAILS:

Residence and Employment

The Manhattan Address and Telephone Directory dated May 10, 1966, contains a listing for Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, 30 Charlton Street, telephone number WA 9-9061.

[redacted] advised, [redacted] that the subject was teaching four days a week at the Downtown Community School but was to be continued on full salary at the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS). b2

Numerous letterheads of the CSJMS, furnished by [redacted] reflect that the subject continues to be listed as Co-Chairman of the CSJMS. b2

The Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects that the Downtown Community School is located at 235 East 11th Street, New York City.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that the subject continues to reside at 30 Charlton Street, New York City. He stated that she has completed her teaching contract at the Downtown Community School and in the Fall of 1966, she has a contract to teach at a school very near her residence. He stated that she will continue as a paid employee of the CSJMS and was granted a special privilege for her employment as a teacher. b2

[redacted] advised that [redacted] BEATRICE DANZIGER, 13 Charles Street, New York, New York, [redacted] was one of the founders of the Downtown Community School. She [redacted] was a Communist Party (CP) member and was one of the ten women CP members who founded the school. b2

NORMAN STUDER testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Washington, D.C. on July 28, 1955, that he was the Director of the Downtown Community School, was in complete administrative charge of the school and had been Director since 1951.

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On July 28, 1955, STUDER pled the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer questions as to whether he was a CP member in 1934, 1944 and at the time of his testimony.

[REDACTED] advised
[REDACTED] that NORMAN STUDER
[REDACTED] had been a member of the CP [REDACTED] b7D

A characterization of the CSJMS appears in the appendix attached hereto.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 20, 1951 in the United States District Court (USDC), Southern District of New York (SDNY), New York City, for conspiring to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. On April 5, 1951, he was sentenced to a term of 30 years imprisonment and is currently serving this sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Motions are presently pending in the USDC, SDNY, on behalf of MORTON SOBELL for the purpose of reviewing his conviction.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were executed on June 19, 1953, following their conviction in the USDC, SDNY, on March 29, 1951, for conspiring to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union.

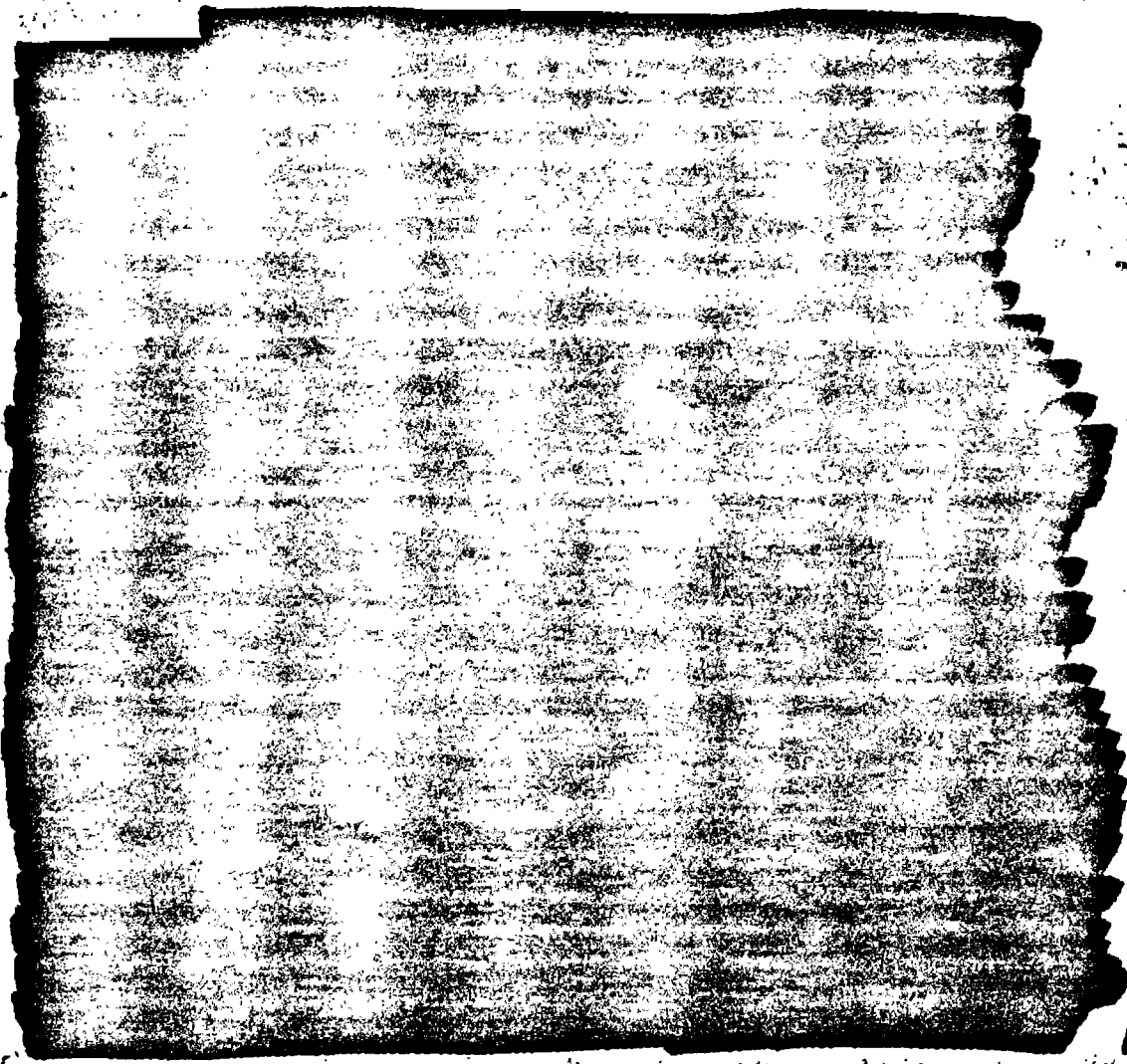
Activities on Behalf
of the CSJMS

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[REDACTED] have advised that in the Summer of 1965 a book was published by Doubleday and Company, Incorporated, entitled "Invitation to an Inquest - a New Look at the Rosenberg-Sobell Case" written by WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR. Thereafter, the CSJMS was extremely active in pushing the sale of this book. It issued publicity concerning the book, distributed copies of the book to important people, sponsored meetings, accepted orders for the book, set purchase quotas for its various chapters, etc. According to the informants, the subject was extremely active in all these activities.

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"Invitation to an Inquest" purports to be a complete analysis of the trial of the ROSENBERGs and MORTON SOBELL. In essence, it claims that the ROSENBERGs and SOBELL were the victims of a frame-up and were not guilty of espionage. It claims that one of the principal witnesses, HARRY GOLD, conspired with the prosecution to commit perjury at the trial. The book also suggests that the Federal Bureau of Investigation forged an important document presented at the trial as evidence.



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[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] advised that after "Invitation to an Inquest" had been published, the CSJMS utilized the book as a springboard to demand a hearing for MORTON SOBELL. Numerous pamphlets were issued by the CSJMS in this connection. b2

An example of the type of material published by the CSJMS is a pamphlet, furnished by [REDACTED]. This pamphlet publicized the book "Invitation to an Inquest" and bears the caption "Act Now on Today's Sacco-Vanzetti Case." It requested the recipient of the pamphlet to write to the Attorney General requesting a full and open hearing for MORTON SOBELL. b2

Another example was supplied by the same informants [REDACTED] consisting of a letter, [REDACTED] on the letterhead of the CSJMS signed by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL and addressed to Congressman ANDREW JACOBS. Enclosed with this letter was a copy of the petition to be argued at the SOBELL hearing and it was urged that the House Judiciary Committee conduct an investigation. b2

In connection with the foregoing activities, information supplied by [REDACTED] reflects that the CSJMS hired a public relations firm and also the attorneys KUNSTLER and KINOY to handle the motions to review the conviction of MORTON SOBELL which are presently pending in the USDC, SDNY. b2

[REDACTED] have advised that with the exception of several occasions when she was not in New York City, the subject has been in regular attendance at the meetings of the CSJMS at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. b2

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[redacted] advised [redacted] that LOUIS ZEMEL is Treasurer of Zemel Brothers, Incorporated, which corporation operates Powder Hill Ski and Cabana Area, Powder Hill Road, Middlefield, Connecticut, a winter resort and summer recreation area. b7D

[redacted] advised that during the afternoon of May 29, 1965, LOUIS ZEMEL picked up HELEN SOBELL, her daughter, SIDNEY, and her daughter's boyfriend "RON" SPENCER, at the railroad station and drove them to the Powder Hill Ski and Cabana Area. b7D

That evening ZEMEL gave a buffet supper party to honor HELEN SOBELL, at which about 25 persons were in attendance. After the supper, ZEMEL introduced HELEN SOBELL who gave a talk in which she mentioned a new book which was about to be published and which contained new evidence favorable to her husband, MORTON SOBELL. She stated that she had met LOUIS ZEMEL two weeks ago to discuss this book. She expressed the desire that this book be distributed to libraries and to "those people who want to be informed." She then passed out a six page booklet which concerned the facts in the SOBELL-ROSENBERG trial. [redacted] advised that ZEMEL then took orders for the book which was to sell for \$5.95. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that on Sunday, May 30, 1965 ZEMEL took HELEN SOBELL, her daughter and her daughter's boyfriend, as well as his own daughter, JUDY ZEMEL, and her boyfriend, on his boat. The SOBELLs spent the night with ZEMEL and he placed them on a train for New York City on Monday, May 31, 1965. b7D

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[REDACTED]

NY T-9 advised on March 3, 1959, that he had ascertained that ALFRED LEO MARDER, a former Connecticut State CP functionary who was tried under the Smith Act, was a partner of LOUIS ZEMEL in the operation of the Orbit Sales Company.

Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) attempted to interview LOUIS ZEMEL on November 9, 1953, but he refused.

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On May 3, 1965, the Supreme Court of the United States in a majority opinion ruled against LOUIS ZEMEL in his suit charging that the Secretary of the United States Department of State had unlawfully prevented ZEMEL from travelling to Cuba in March, 1962.

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[REDACTED] advised on June 29, 1965, that the CSJMS held a memorial meeting for the ROSENBERGs on June 17, 1965, at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, New York City. About 200 people attended. Among the speakers were the wife and mother of MORTON SOBELL, who called for continued efforts to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. [REDACTED] also reported on this meeting on June 21, 1965 and advised that SOBELL's wife and mother both spoke and asked for a continuance of the CSJMS, stating that as long as the war in Viet Nam continued, SOBELL would stay in jail. [REDACTED] stated that the main purpose of the meeting was to push the book "Invitation to an Inquest" and that the authors of the book, a man and wife, stated at the meeting that the book would re-open the SOBELL case. b7D

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[REDACTED] advised on August 2, 1965, that a rally calling for peace in Viet Nam, attended by approximately 2,000 people, was held on August 1, 1965, at the Powder Hill Ski Area, Middlefield, Connecticut. The informant stated that HELEN SOBELL attended. b7D

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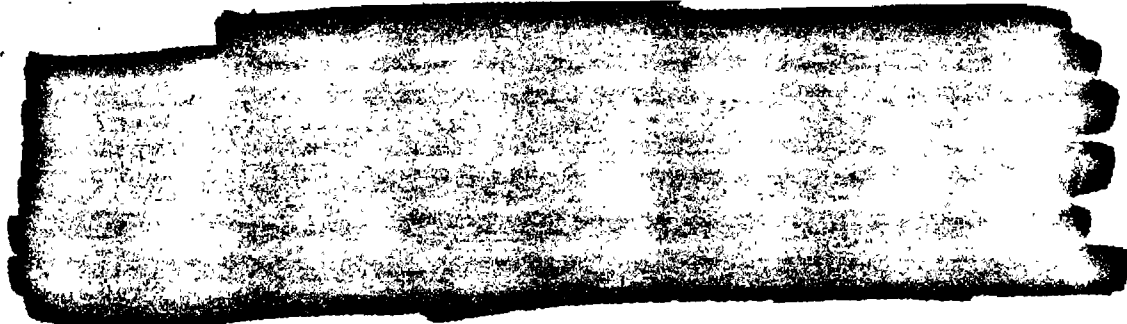
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[REDACTED] furnished an announcement issued by the CSJMS reflecting that a meeting was to be held on September 4, 1965, at Camp Midvale, Wanaque, New Jersey. Speakers included WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR and also HELEN SOBELL who would tell of the lawyers' victory in making it possible for MORTON SOBELL to read "Invitation to an Inquest." b2

For a characterization of Camp Midvale see appendix attached hereto under the Metropolitan Recreation Association.



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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]
concerning a picnic sponsored by the "National Guardian"
on September 18, 1965, at Ossining, New York. Among
the speakers was HELEN SOBELL. b7D

For a characterization of the
"National Guardian" see the
appendix attached hereto.

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that a banquet to honor the authors of "Invitation to an Inquest" took place at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel on November 20, 1965, with approximately 250 people in attendance. About 13 people were on the dais, including WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR, HELEN SOBELL, ROSE SOBELL (mother-in-law of HELEN SOBELL) and WILLIAM KUNSTLER (attorney for MORTON SOBELL). According to the informant, HELEN SOBELL made a brief talk and then asked for contributions. Announced contributions collected at the meeting totalled over \$3,000.00. b2

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that on the evening of May 9, 1966, the Sixth Hour News on Channel 4 (television) reported on the filing of MORTON SOBELL's legal motion. A newsfilm of WILLIAM KUNSTLER and HELEN SOBELL was shown in which both stressed MORTON SOBELL's innocence. b2

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Financial Affairs

The following information furnished by NY T-17 pertains to payments made to HELEN SOBELL from the CSJMS as determined from the records of the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York City: b1 (S)

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser</u>
5213	July 7, 1965	Cash	\$ 150.00	HELEN SOBELL
5227	July 15, 1965	Cash	125.00	HELEN SOBELL
5233	July 22, 1965	HELEN SOBELL	65.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
5261	August 18, 1965	HELEN SOBELL	75.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
5282	September 7, 1965	Cash	175.00	HELEN SOBELL

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Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser
5288	September 9, 1965	Cash	\$ 100.00	HELEN SOBELL
5323	October 4, 1965	HELEN SOBELL	50.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
5334	October 11, 1965	HELEN SOBELL	350.00	Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
5354	October 26, 1965	Cash	50.00	HELEN SOBELL
5352	October 26, 1965	Cash	50.00	HELEN SOBELL
5385	November 15, 1965	Cash	239.00	HELEN SOBELL
5388	November 19, 1965	Cash	110.00	HELEN SOBELL
5424	December 13, 1965	HELEN SOBELL	2,000.00	Deposit only MARK SOBELL #31069 to West Side Savings
5435	December 23, 1965	Cash	160.00	HELEN SOBELL
5469	January 19, 1966	HELEN SOBELL	2,600.00	MARK SOBELL West Side Savings Bank 165 Varick Street

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Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser
5489	February 10, 1966	Cash	\$166.51	HELEN SOBELL
5520	March 14, 1966	HELEN SOBELL	44.45	Chemical Bank, New York Trust Company
5551	April 13, 1966	Cash	40.00	HELEN SOBELL

NY T-17 advised that on November 22, 1965, the account of the CSJMS was charged for \$4,000.00 to obtain an official check of the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company #7324. This check, dated November 22, 1965, was payable to the CSJMS in the amount of \$4,000.00. It was endorsed "Sobell Committee - Helen L. Sobell - for Deposit Only Mark Sobell, Westside Savings Bank, 165 Varick Street." LTT

NY T-17 also advised that the resolutions for the checking account of the CSJMS reflected that a resolution filed October 20, 1965, authorized the following officers to sign on the account:

HELEN SOBELL
MARGARET BLAU

Chairman
Secretary

The foregoing information furnished by NY T-17 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. NY T-17 advised that he is no longer in custody of the basic documents from which information furnished by him was obtained. LTT

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In the event the information furnished by NY T-17 is to be utilized, the person to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York City. b7D

NY T-18 advised on February 18, 1966, that the records of the West Side Savings Bank reflect that the bank has an account in the name of MARK SOBELL, 30 Charlton Street, New York City. It is not a trust account and is in the name of MARK SOBELL only. He was listed as a schoolboy born on June 5, 1944. His parents' names were listed as HELEN and MORTON SOBELL. His Social Security Number is 057-38-6914. The last transaction in the account was on February 14, 1966. The balance as of February 18, 1966, was \$9,905.16.

The foregoing information furnished by NY T-18 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings, following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

In the event the information furnished by NY T-18 is to be utilized, the person to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] West Side Savings Bank, 105 Varick Street, New York, New York. b7D

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APPENDIX

1. 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 the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

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

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 6, 1965, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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APPENDIX

METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Formerly Known As Nature Friends of
America, Inc., Operator of Camp Midvale

Nature Friends of America, Inc. (NFA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a Certificate of Dissolution for NFA was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, set forth the aims of the organization as follows: b7D

"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..."

On March 26, 1954, a third 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 one, states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

As of February 26, 1965, MRA literature bore a return mailing address of Midvale Camp Corporation, Wanaque, New Jersey.

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The second source advised [REDACTED] that Midvale Camp Corporation is that part of the MRA charged with administering the affairs of Camp Midvale. b7D

Chief ROY VAN TASSEL, Ringwood, New Jersey, Police Department, advised on May 12, 1965, that Camp Midvale is actually located on Snake Den Road in the Midvale section of the Borough of Ringwood, New Jersey. Camp Midvale is serviced by the Wanaque, New Jersey, Post Office. b7D

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, 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 SORELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 13, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-404849
NYfile 100-109849

Title Helen Levitov Sobell

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
[REDACTED] dated and
captioned as above at New York. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
April 28, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BU file 100-404849

NY file 100-109849

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM DATED 7-15-66

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: ADD: Teacher, Little Red School House
196 Bleeker Street
New York, New York

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4 MAY 1 1967

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by routing slip for
☒ info ☐ action
date 5/3/67
by W. H. H. H.

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SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL
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(OO: NEW YORK)

DATE: 4-28-67

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Re: _____

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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Address _____				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communist <input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____				
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Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____				
Interested Agencies _____				
Residence Address _____				

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 7/13/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/24/67 - 7/11/67
TITLE OF CASE HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY mpm
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	b7C

REFERENCE:NYrep of SA **[REDACTED]** 7/15/66. **b7C**ADMINISTRATIVE:

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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.
Date photograph was taken _____.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified "~~Confidential~~" because (state reason) it contains information which, if disseminated, could reveal the identity of [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] who are of continuing value and whose disclosure could have an adverse effect on the national security interests of the country. b7D b2

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

8. ☐ 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.
9. ☒ 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 a campaign to free her husband, MORTON SOBELL, through her activities on behalf of the CFMS. She continues her association with known CP members.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

subject was with her husband in Mexico in 1950, living under an assumed name when he was arrested and deported to the US. DAVID GREENGLASS, self-admitted former Soviet espionage agent, advised in 1950 that JULIUS ROSENBERG had told him to flee to Mexico to avoid arrest. This would indicate at least a knowledge and acquiescence on subject's part of her husband's espionage activities on behalf of the Soviet Union.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 13, 1967

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Helen Levitov Sobell

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
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Title:

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides 30 Charlton Street, NYC and is employed by Committee to Free Morton Sobell (CFMS), 150 Fifth Ave., NYC and as teacher, Little Red School House, 196 Bleeker Street, NYC. She continues to participate actively in the meetings and public affairs of CFMS. Primary activity was supporting motion of MORTON SOBELL in obtaining a release from prison or a new trial. Motion and appeal denied in U.S. Courts. Financial transactions involving HELEN SOBELL and CFMS set forth.

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DETAILS:

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court (USDC), Southern District of New York (SDNY), on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on

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behalf of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence in the custody of the United States Attorney General.

HELEN SOBELL is the wife of MORTON SOBELL.

Residence and Employment

The address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York (NY) published by the New York Telephone Company on May 9, 1967, lists Mrs. HELEN SOBELL as residing at 30 Charlton Street, telephone number WA 9-9061.

HELEN SOBELL was engaged in teaching school on a full-time basis, but was able to take Tuesday afternoons off to work at the Committee to Free Morton Sobell (CFMS), Room 1103, 150 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY.

[REDACTED] b2
A characterization of CFMS is included in the appendix of this report.

On April 27, 1967, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) determined [REDACTED] that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL was employed as a teacher at the Little Red School House, 196 Bleeker Street, NY, NY. b7E

A characterization of the Little Red School House is included in the appendix of this report.

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HELEN SOBELL will not be teaching school during the summer vacation period of July and August, 1967.
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Activities on Behalf of CFMS

During June, 1966, HELEN SOBELL was instrumental in having the name of the committee changed from Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell to Committee to Free Morton Sobell.
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On June 17, 1967, a Rosenberg Memorial Rally sponsored by CFMS was held at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, NYC. Between 300 and 400 attended. HELEN SOBELL was one of the speakers. She praised the ROSENBERGS. She claimed the Government had attempted to thwart her attempts to see her husband when he was temporarily incarcerated in NYC during June, 1966. She claimed it was too late to give justice to MORTON SOBELL and therefore, the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell would henceforth be called Committee to Free Morton Sobell. She called for support for this committee and asked for financial contributions.
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HELEN SOBELL attended a picnic at Camp Midvale [redacted] sponsored by American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB). b7D

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ACFPB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of Camp Midvale is included in the characterization of Metropolitan Recreation Association in the appendix.

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[redacted] HELEN SOBELL gave a speech. She referred to her husband as a martyr and claimed he was innocent. She asked for support in the struggle to free him.
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In December, 1966, HELEN SOBELL visited her husband at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

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On February 14, 1967, United States District Judge EDWARD WEINFELD, USDC, SDNY, by written decision denied the petition of MORTON SOBELL for relief from his conviction or for a new trial under Section 2255, Title 28, United States Code.

On March 2, 1967, Judge WEINFELD denied SOBELL's petition for bail which was requested pending the appeal of Judge WEINFELD's decision of February 14, 1967.

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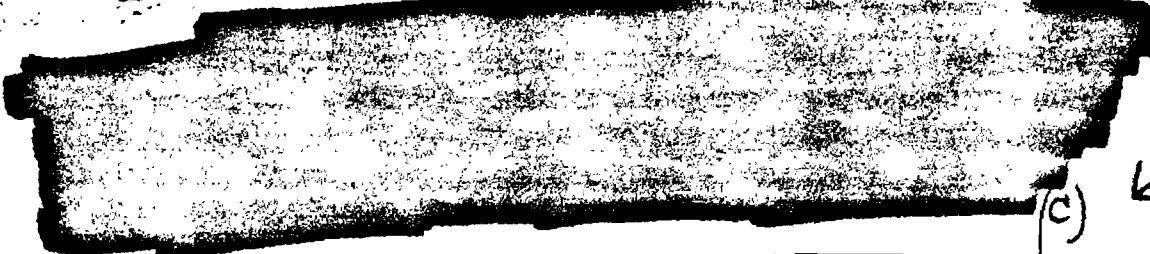

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During February, 1967, CFMS circulated a reprint of the "New York Times" which reported the rejection of MORTON SOBELL's motion for a new trial. The article reported that SOBELL's attorneys had been serving without fee. HELEN SOBELL attached a note to the CFMS reprint which pointed out that the "New York Times" was incorrect and the CFMS had been paying attorneys' fees.

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On June 26, 1967, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit rendered a decision denying MORTON SOBELL's appeal and affirming the opinion of United States District Judge Weinfeld dated February 14, 1967.

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Financial Affairs

The following information furnished by NY T-11 pertains to payments made to HELEN SOBELL from the CFMS as determined from the records of the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company (CBNYT), 154 Fifth Avenue, NYC:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank of Deposit And/or Endorser</u>
8/11/66	HELEN SOBELL	\$ 78.12	CBNYT
9/8/66	HELEN SOBELL	78.12	CBNYT
10/5/66	Cash	25.00	HELEN SOBELL
10/5/66	Cash	200.00	HELEN SOBELL
11/10/66	Cash	16.00	HELEN SOBELL
1/3/67	HELEN SOBELL	5000.00	West Side Savings Bank
1/12/67	Cash	1600.00	HELEN SOBELL
2/1/67	Cash	50.00	HELEN SOBELL
2/13/67	HELEN SOBELL	65.20	Sobell Committee
3/15/67	HELEN SOBELL	4000.00	CBNYT
3/15/67	HELEN SOBELL	3000.00	West Side Savings Bank
4/7/67	HELEN SOBELL	5000.00	CBNYT
4/12/67	HELEN SOBELL	5000.00	CBNYT

NY T-11

August 30, 1966

September 23, 1966

October 26, 1966

November 28, 1966

January 27, 1967

February 24, 1967

April 25, 1967

The above information furnished by NY T-11 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. NY T-11 advised that he is no longer in custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained. In the event the information furnished by NY T-11 is used, the person to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, NYC. 67D

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APPENDIX

METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Formerly Known As Nature Friends of
America, Inc., Operator of Camp Midvale

Nature Friends of America, Inc. (NFA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a Certificate of Dissolution for NFA was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, set forth the aims of the organization as follows; b7D

"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..."

[REDACTED] a third 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 one, states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale. b7D

As of February 26, 1965, MRA literature bore a return mailing address of Midvale Camp Corporation, Wanaque, New Jersey.

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The second source advised [REDACTED] that
Midvale Camp Corporation is that part of the NRA charged
with administering the affairs of Camp Midvale. b7D

Chief ROY VAN TASSEL, Ringwood, New Jersey, Police
Department, advised on May 10, 1966, that Camp Midvale is
actually located on Snake Den Road in the Midvale Section
of the Borough of Ringwood, New Jersey. Camp Midvale is
serviced by the Wanaque, New Jersey, Post Office.

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[REDACTED] a second source advised that since June, 1963, the New Era Book Shop, Incorporated, has been located at 408 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. It continues to be operated under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party, USA. ROBERT LEE, Communist Party member, is managing the Book Shop. b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

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

DATE: 7/27/67

Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/13/67, at New York. **67C**

Enclosed herewith for Bureau are 7 copies of an LHM with information about subject's trip to South America.

This LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect the source, [REDACTED] who is of continuing value and the unauthorized disclosure of the information furnished could reasonably identify this informant and therefore affect the national security interests.

LEADS:

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. 1. Will review Passport Records for subject and submit results in form suitable for dissemination.

2. Will furnish NY with current passport photo of subject.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will maintain contact with Moore-Mc Cormack Lines and verify return of subject.

2-Bureau (Encls. 7)
2-Washington Field (Encls. 2)
1-New York (66-7572-C)
1-New York

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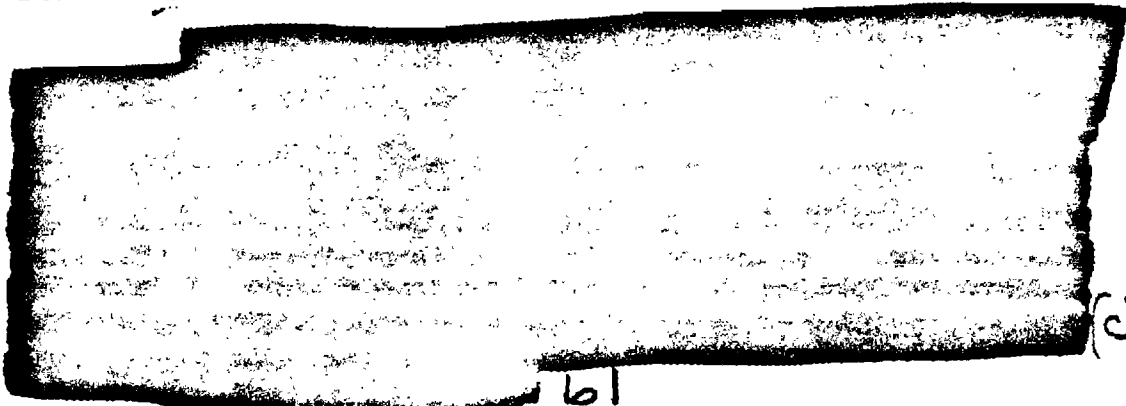
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A characterization of CFMS is attached
hereto.

On July 11, 1967, [redacted]
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advised that Helen Sobell, 30 Charlton Street, New York,
New York, had booked passage roundtrip aboard the freighter
"MormacLake" bound for Buenos Aires, Argentina and return.
Helen Sobell had Passport Number C 740194. The ship
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one booked for a roundtrip. The ship will depart Brooklyn,
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Helen Sobell

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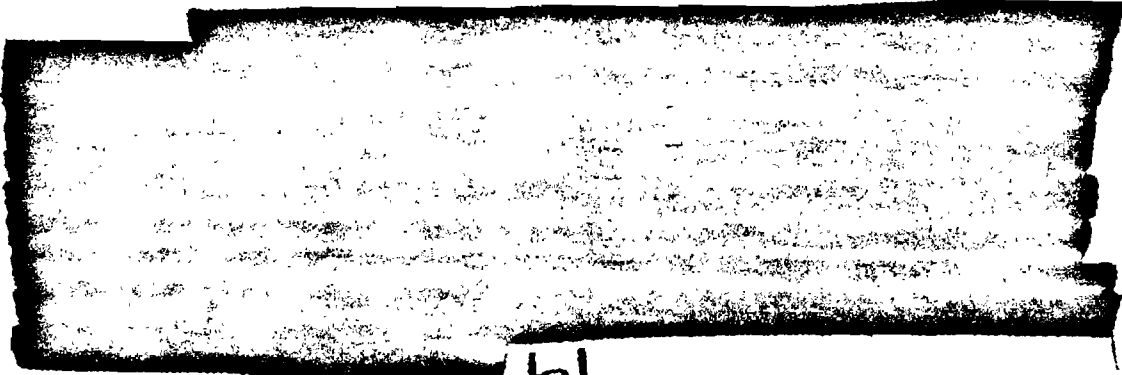
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