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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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TO : SAC, NY (100-107111)  
FROM : SA (41) 67c  
SUBJECT: CSJMS IS-C

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Description of info: 61

Date received: 8/23/65

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A copy of informant's written report follows:

100-109849-1463

Searched Indexed, Serialized, Filed SEPT 2 1965 F.B.I.-New York 67c

JAH: rvs (12)
The information concerning WALTER SCHNEIR's tour has been disseminated to the interested offices by letter.
FILE # 100-109849

SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41)
DATE: 9/16/65

FROM: SA [redacted] 67c(#41)

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

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1 - New York (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL) (65)
1 - New York [redacted] 67c

AEC: nbc
(3)

100-109849-1468
A review of the bank account of Sobell Committee reflected the following checks among those drawn:

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8/27/65 at New York

8/27/65

Date dictated 8/27/65

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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FILE # 100-109849

SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

SERIAL 1470 DATE 9-21-65

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE:

SOBEll, HELEN

100-109849

Office File

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: Apartment 5-B, 30 Charlton Street, New York, N.Y.

Employment: Staff Member, Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York

Address: New York, New York 243-6030

Labor Union Affiliation: 

Defense Facility ☐ Yes ☑ No Detcom ☐ Yes ☑ No

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☑ No Photo ☑ No ☐ Yes; photograph on Security Index Card is most current or best likeness of subject

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: SAME

Method of Verification: SAME

Neighborhood Source: 67L

Date: 67L

Verified by SA: 67L

Employment: SAME

Address: SAME

Labor Union Affiliation: 

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Defense Facility: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Method of Verification: SEE ABOVE

Employment Source: 

Date: 

Verified by SA: 

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☑ No

A letterhead memorandum should be submitted to the Bureau and Secret Service File Reviewed 11-14-65

☑ Subject Meets SI Criteria

☑ Does not Meet SI Criteria

Agent's Initials 

Date 11-14-65
FILE # 100-109849
SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL
SERIAL 1472 DATE 8-26-65
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) 
FROM: SA b7c

DATE: 9/17/65

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBEH (LACSJMS) IS-C

SOURCE ACTIVITY RECEIVED AGENT LOCATION

9/1/65 Writer b1

CC: 1 - New York (REGISTERED) 100-109849 (LELEN SOBEH)

CENTLAL (10) Read by CENW

100-109849-1473
ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

INDEX:

Mr. SCHNEER
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) Date: 10/4/65

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (100-9004)

RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)
    IS - C; ISA OF 1950

Re New York letter to Albany, 8/25/65, captioned as above, and Bureau letter to Albany, 9/20/65, captioned "ROSENBERG-SOBELL CASE, BOOK BY WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR." both letters concerned a "national tour" by WALTER SCHNEIR to publicize his book "Invitation To An Inquest."

On 10/4/65, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that an announcement was made of the fact that WALTER SCHNEIR would appear in Portland on 10/24 and 25/65. According to this announcement he is scheduled to arrive on 10/24/65 and appear on 10/25/65 at Reed College in Portland. In addition, it was announced that SCHNEIR would be accompanied by Mrs. HELEN SOBELL. There is no indication that Mrs. MIRIAM SCHNEIR would be with the two.

A characterization of the OFSA is attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

PORTLAND CHAPTER,
METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION
aka Oregon Chapter, Methodist Federation for Social Action,
Oregon Federation for Social Action

Sources familiar with this organization have advised that the Portland Chapter, Methodist Federation for Social Action, also known as the Oregon Chapter and the Oregon Federation for Social Action has been in existence from September 23, 1950, to May, 1965, and has consistently reflected a pro-Russian, pro-communist line and that its present leadership, including its executive board, is composed of some former Communist Party members and others who are definitely sympathetic to the Communist Party.

The national headquarters of the Methodist Federation for Social Action is located at Ardsley, New York, and a source close to the Portland Chapter has indicated that the Portland Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action is the most active chapter of this organization.
METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

The "Guides to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 167, contains the following:

"With an eye to religious groups, the Communists have formed religious fronts such as the Methodist Federation for Social Action. . . ."

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

SERIAL 1477 DATE 10-4-65

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Memorandum

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)  DATE: 10/4/65

FROM: SA [redacted]  b7c

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL (LACJMS) IS-C

SOURCE ACTIVITY RECEIVED AGENT LOCATION

-[-b1-] [redacted] [redacted] 9/21/65 Writer [redacted] [redacted]

Informant furnished a typewritten report which has been Xeroxed and is attached:

ACTION:
Informant also furnished a Reprint from "The Evening Star" concerning book "Were the Rosenbergs Guilty?" by DONALD MINTZ, distributed by LA Sobell Committee 9/13/65. (Location: [redacted])

All necessary action has been taken by the writer.

INDEX: "INVITATION TO AN INQUEST"

CC: New York (REG.)
100-109049 (HELEN SOBELL)

(22) Read by [redacted] 100-109849-1477

(22) Read by [redacted] 100-109849-1477
Los Angeles, September 11, 1965

Sophie Davidson stated that the Los Angeles Committee has already sold its first 50 copies of "Invitation to an Inquest" and that a second order of 50 copies has been received from the National Sobell Committee. The Los Angeles committee has a quota of 150 books.

Dora Adler purchased three books; Sophie one book; Anna Shiff one book; and Dorothy Mayr received one book on credit.

Helen Sobell and Walter Schneir will be in Los Angeles October 12 to October 17 to promote the book. Walter Schneir is co-author with his wife, Miriam, of the book "Invitation to an Inquest."
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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

SERIAL 1429 DATE 10-8-65

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41649)  DATE: 10/8/65
FROM: SA b7c
SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBEL (IAC37MS) IS - C

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Informant's report is quoted as follows:

CC: 2 - New York (RECEIVED)
100-109849 (REL. 10/8/65)

CEW/tja
(17)  b7c

Read by  b7c
ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

INDEX: "Invitation to an Inquest"
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TO: SAC, WFO (65-6187)
FROM: SA
SUBJECT: WALTER SCHNEIR

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  - Date: 10/4/65
  - Executary
- Transcribed
  - Date: 10/5/65
  - by
- Authenticated by informant: 10/5/65

Date of Report
- Date(s) of activity: 10/3/65
- Determined: 10/3/65

Brief description of activity or material:
"Meet the Author" meeting featuring Walter Schneir at 10905 Montrose Ave. Garrett Park, Maryland.

File where original is located if not attached: b7d

Remarks: This informant has furnished reliable information in the past.

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"October 3, 1965

"There was a meeting at the home of MARK HARRIS, 10905 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, Maryland, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, 1965. About 25 to 35 people attended the meeting. The meeting was a meeting to "meet the author" and featured WALTER SCHNEIR who spoke about his newly published book "Invitation to an Inquest - a New Look at the Rosenberg-Sobell Case." SCHNEIR stated that the trial of MORTON SOBELL had fallacies in it and that MORTON SOBELL was tried by the press.

"At the meeting, HELEN SOBELL announced that a few days ago her attorney had received a letter from J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI, in answer to their request to see the hotel registration card of HARRY GOLD from the Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mrs. SOBELL remarked that Mr. HOOVER had stated in his letter that "due to the passage of time the cards are no longer available". She commented that based upon this reply her attorney was planning in the near future to subpoena Mr. HOOVER and to take a deposition as to who had control of the cards, where they were stored, who moved them, who last saw them, if they were actually destroyed, and if so who had ordered them destroyed. Mrs. SOBELL said the purpose of seeing the card was that WALTER SCHNEIR, the author, found that on the face of the card appeared a date on which HARRY GOLD registered at the hotel. However, on the reverse side of the card there appeared a hotel date stamp of the following day. Therefore, they had concluded that the hotel card was a forgery.

"There were not tickets sold for the meeting and there were no donations taken at the meeting. No sponsoring organization was announced either at the meeting or on the announcement for the meeting. However, at the meeting Mrs. SOBELL asked those in attendance to buy a number of books. The books were sold at $6 each but were to be delivered later. About 60 to 75 books were sold. HELEN SOBELL explained that by this method funds were being raised. The money collected was given to HELEN SOBELL. She said that she had to pay the publisher with the money. The funds were then raised by keeping the difference between the money she collected for the books and the money that she had to pay to the publisher. She announced that they had already distributed 2500 books. They had ordered 1,000 more books from the publisher to be delivered to the
Headquarters of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in New York City on October 5, 1965. The books ordered and paid for at the October 3, 1965 meeting were to be mailed from the 1,000 books being delivered by the publisher on October 5, 1965.

This memorandum has been compared with the original statement and it is correct in substance.

All necessary action which should be taken in connection with this information has been taken.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387635)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)
RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MAX SHERROD (CSJNS)
15-5, ILA of 1950

Rebuttal to Albany 9/20/65, captioned, "Rosenberg-
Sobell Case", Book by WALTER and MIRAM SCHNEIR.

SCHNEIR and SCHNEIR were scheduled to appear
on radio station KMLA on 10/14/65, were scheduled to make
a tape recording at radio station KPEX on 10/25/65, and
are scheduled to appear on the LOUIS LOMAX television show
on 10/17/65.

The LASC is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate
of the CSJNS.

Reports concerning the above meetings will be
submitted to New York.

3 - Bureau (EM)
(3) - New York (EM)
(1 - 100-167111) (CSJNS)
(2 - 100-105349) (ILENE SHERROD)
(1 - 100-
) (WALTER SHERROD)
1 - San Francisco (100-35117) (CSJNS) (EM)
2 - Los Angeles

10/15/65
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FILE # 100-109849

SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

SERIAL 1482 DATE 10-18-65

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41)

FROM: SA (B7C)

DATE: 10/10/65

SUBJECT: 20011 COMMITTEE 7-6

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2 - New York (100-107111) 100-107111-5915 (41)
3 - New York (100-189849) (41) SCULL (41)
4 - New York (100-189849) (41)

REFERENCES (5)
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9/29/65

New York

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by SA [Redacted] Date dictated 9/29/65

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387635)  
ATTN: CRIME RECORDS  

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)  

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR NORTON SORELL  
ZE-C; ISA OF 1950  

No Bulletin to Albany dated 9/20/65 captioned "ROSENBERG-SORELL CASE."  

On 10/17/65, LOUIE LONAX, controversial Negro TV commentator, Channel 11, KTTV, Los Angeles, had among his guests, WALTER SCHNEIR, author of the book, "Invitation to an Inquest," concerning the ROSENBERG-SORELL case. This show was audited by SA (redacted) and the following resume is a paraphrasing of the interview of SCHNEIR by LONAX:  

LONAX on introducing his show at 10:30 p.m. announced that among his guests would be author WALTER SCHNEIR, whose thesis was that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, along with NORTON SORELL, were "railroaded to their deaths, in the case of the ROSENBERGS, and to a prison sentence in the case of SORELL... because of McCarthyism."  

At approximately 11:45 p.m., LONAX introduced WALTER SCHNEIR stating his guest was actually a book, which was "tremendous reading," and stated the title was "Invitation to an Inquest."  

LONAX gave a thumbnail sketch of the "MC CARHY era" stated "we lived in a sort of dream world...believing only we had the best..." When the Russians exploded their bomb, panic set in in this country, and the word went out that spies had stolen our secrets. LONAX stated perhaps the most historic trial out of that period was the ROSENBERG trial. He stated they were accused of taking atomic secrets and giving them to the Russians. LONAX said as a side-light of that trial, NORTON SORELL was accused of aiding the ROSENBERGS and was sentenced to 30 years. He is now in the 16th year of that term. LONAX stated that "according to TIME," shortly after the trial, the Russians had had information concerning the bomb since 1940.
LOMAX stated there was some question of the justice of the trial and concerning the innocence of BORELL.

LOMAX asked SCHEIR how long it took him to write the book, and SCHEIR responded that his wife and he had worked for five years in research and in writing the book. LOMAX asked SCHEIR if he was a communist. SCHEIR stated that he was not a communist but would like to add that whatever his politics might be, the book must be judged on the basis of the facts in the book. LOMAX asked SCHEIR if he and his wife were members of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and SCHEIR said they were not members. SCHEIR said that at the time of the great clemency efforts on behalf of the ROSENBERGS in 1953 neither his wife nor he had any part in that period. They assumed the ROSENBERGS were guilty of something; however, they were shocked by the death penalty and the executions.

LOMAX asked when SCHEIR and his wife became interested. SCHEIR stated his wife and he had been doing research on the "whole MC CARTHY period." In the course of this, they reviewed the ROSENBERG-BORELL case since it was one of the central "political" events of the era. SCHEIR said they came to the conclusion that BORELL was innocent and was serving an unjust sentence. He said BORELL has been eligible for parole for some years, but since is true in political cases, he has been passed over for parole. He stated one of BORELL's attorneys, WILLIAM KURZTAL, was going into court in New York, seeking a hearing leading to a new trial, so in a sense the case is being reopened.

LOMAX stated one of the major newspapers states that in the light of the facts the SCHEIRS have developed the whole case should be reopened. LOMAX asked that if BORELL was innocent, does it suggest the ROSENBERGS are innocent? SCHEIR said that within the logic of the case, it would be possible for BORELL to be innocent and the ROSENBERGS guilty, but not the reverse.

LOMAX asked what SCHEIR's feeling was about the ROSENBERGS. SCHEIR stated "we arrived at the conclusion that the ROSENBERGS were innocent of the crime of which they were accused." SCHEIR stated he did not believe a crime ever occurred. SCHEIR discussed some of the prosecution of the case. LOMAX asked if the essence of SCHEIR's story was not
that one man has been in prison for 16 years, and two people were executed for crimes they did not commit? SCHNEIR said yes, it was sad...but convincing evidence led us to this conclusion.

After a commercial, LONAI stated the point still remains that American secrets were still in jeopardy. He asked if SCHNEIR denied this. SCHNEIR stated the conclusion they came to was there was no espionage in this case...that the case was made out of whole cloth...that when his wife and he examined documents on file in the case, they discovered almost everything was different from the way it was presented by the prosecution. He stated a key piece of evidence in the trial, a hotel registration card...was believed to be a forgery. LONAI asked, if it was a forgery, who did it? SCHNEIR said the FBI was the organ of the government which supplies evidence for trials, and it was up to them to answer questions about the evidence. LONAI asked if SCHNEIR charged the FBI forged documents? SCHNEIR replied that he was only stating that this document was a forgery, and if BERTH BORELL is granted a trial, there will be a hearing on this. He stated many newspapers had called on the FBI concerning this, and the only answer is silence.

LONAI asked if any important legal persons substantiated his position. SCHNEIR answered there were a number of attorneys who did, including SCHNEIR's current attorney, a prominent civil liberties attorney. SCHNEIR stated he charged forgery, perjury, and suppression of evidence.

LONAI asked why the case had not been dealt with by the Supreme Court. SCHNEIR replied that apparently a majority of the court did not feel an important legal principle raised by the case.

LONAI then introduced Mrs. BORELL, wife of BERTH BORELL. HELEN BORELL stated her husband was in prison today because he refused to be a false witness for the prosecution. She said he could have bought his life if he had been willing to tell the story that BERTH, one of the prosecutors... (asked him to tell)....to say he was guilty of a crime he had never committed; if he was willing to say the BORELLS were guilty, if he was willing (to be a) rubber stamp. HELEN BORELL made a reference to the Salem witchcraft trials. Apparently seeking to draw a parallel to her husband's case.
LONAX interrupted to say the case was too complicated to try here... but what he did say was that here was one of the most disturbing books... he quoted the "Washington Star," then changed this to the "Washington Post," stating it was one of the most conservative newspapers in the nation, that in the light of SCHNEIR's book, there should be a new trial. He predicted they were going to see a tremendous amount of agitation for the courts and Department of Justice (to do something about this case).

LONAX referred to the book as "disturbing" on several occasions.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-93572)

DATE: 10/21/65

SUBJECT: "NATIONAL GUARDIAN"
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Description of Info: Picnic sponsored by "National Guardian".

Date Received: 9/20/65

Received By: SA [redacted] (@oral)

Original Location: [redacted]

Information furnished by informant, as reflected above, was transcribed by SA [redacted] on 9/20/65 and authenticated by informant on 9/29/65. 67c

A copy of informant's oral report follows:
9/20/65
NY, NY

On 9/18/65 the "National Guardian" sponsored a picnic at the estate of CORLISS LAMONT, Hawks Avenue, Ossining, New York.

A very large group was present: Some estimates given were as high as 2,000.
Entertainers included:

JANIS FINK
LEN CHANDLER
PETE SEEGER

Speakers included:

MIKE MYERSON, National Chairman of W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs, who said that he had just returned from North Vietnam.

SUSAN SCHWARTZ, spoke for Students for a Democratic Society;

A representative from the Youth Against War and Fascism.

A representative from the New York Du Bois Club, who said that he didn't believe people should refuse to go into the Armed Services - we need them to build a movement, but after going in, it would be a good thing to cause disruption while there.
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STAN ARONWITZ
STAUGHTON LYNN
NATHAN SCHWERMER
HELEN SOBELL

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A representative from the NY DuBois Clubs, who said that he didn't believe boys should refuse to go into the armed services, they would be put in jail and "we need them to build a movement"; but once in the service they could be a disruptive influence.

The following sang:

PETE SEEGER
JANIS FINK
LEN CHANDLER
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"It was announced that STEPHEN FRITCHMAN will give a pulpit sermon on 'Invitation to an Inquest' in the near future."
OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)  DATE: 10/27/65
FROM: SA 67c

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CEW: LAL (30) Read by CWS
ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

SA has handled information concerning HELEN SOBELL and WALTER SCHNIER's trip to San Francisco. b7c

All other necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on May 5, 1965, that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee is the Los Angeles, California affiliate of captioned organization.

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 above source advised on May 5, 1965, that literature relating to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell bears the current address of the Committee as 150-5th Avenue, New York City, New York.
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Garden Party - Friday, Oct. 8, 1965
45 Kane St., Brooklyn, home of Mr. & Mrs. BEDELL

The object of the party was to discuss & promote a new book "Invitation to an Inquest" by WALTER and LILLIAN SCHNELL.

The party was held indoors because of the rain. The BEDELLS have a one family house with a large living room on the first floor. There were over 100 persons present, most of them in their thirties, well dressed and obviously well educated. There were 5 or 6 of college age and a few people over 50.

The honored guests had name tags on their lapels. They were the following: Mrs. MC MANUS of the National Guardian, FRED HALL/TED of the Socialist Workers "Militant", REESE GOLDI of the East Side Du Bois Clubs, WALTER & LILLIAN SCHNELL, authors of the book, and JIM HAZZNI. The following people were introduced to the crowd; BILL EPTON, MUS C/McCORM, WILLIAM PRICE, formerly of the Daily News and Mrs. SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL.

Mr. BEDELL, the host, introduced the authors of the book. Both Mr. & Mrs. SCHNELL spoke about the theme of the book - the innocence of the ROSENBERGS and of Mr. SOBELL. They discussed various items in the book which are supposed to substantiate this claim. Mrs. MC MANUS then introduced the honored guests. Finally, Mrs. HELEN SOBELL spoke about the need to sell the book to as many people as possible. She requested the audience to buy as many books as possible and sell them to friends and neighbors. A number of people volunteered to do this. The books sold at $6 each and about 30 books were sold.

Admission to this party was $1.00. Also, refreshments and food were provided, also at a charge.
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October 19, 1965

A meeting of the FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM was held at the Continental Ballroom, Broad Street, Newark, N.J., on Friday, October 15, 1965. Approximately 50 people attended. Among those recognized were the following:

MIRIAM SCHNEIR was the guest speaker. HELEN SOBEL was supposed to be present but could not come as she was on another speaking engagement. Instead, (FBU) SCHNEIDERMAN spoke.

LOTTIE GORDON introduced MIRIAM SCHNEIR. SCHNEIR stated that the book "Invitation to an Inquest" started out being written by herself and her husband, WALTER, as a newspaper article, but developed into a book which took five years to write. She said a committee was formed during this period and contributions accepted to cover the costs of the investigations and research. She said the book was not a novel but a factual history of the ROSENBERG-SOBELOW case. During her discussion of the research into the case, she said the FBI had interrogated BARRY GOLD for some 400 hours with the result that toward the end, the FBI was telling GOLD what he had done and he was agreeing. She said the FBI was guilty of introducing fraudulent documents into the case. She specifically spoke of a hotel registration card at some hotel in the west. She said the FBI also introduced witnesses who perjured themselves. SCHNEIR went into BOY COEN's handling of the case, as well as the MC CARTHY atmosphere in which the case was tried. SCHNEIR inferred that the whole case was antisemitic in nature in that of the nine defendants, eight were Jewish. SCHNEIR was completely critical of the FBI saying mainly that they were "making" a case and not developing it.

SCHNEIDERMAN was introduced by SCHNEIR. SCHNEIDERMAN stated that when first asked to help he had refused. He said he then read the transcript of the ROSENBERG-SOBELOW trial and was so incensed he just had to help out. He went into many aspects of the case, pointing out discrepancies as he saw them. He made a pitch to sell the SCHNEIR book with the result that about ten books were sold at $6.00 per book.

LOTTIE GORDON spoke briefly making an announcement about the Trenton march sponsored by the Ad Hoc New Jersey P.L. Committee to End the War in Vietnam. She said there would be a bus leaving Newark Saturday morning to take people to Trenton.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-18333)  
FROM: SA 676

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ACTION: REFERENCE to a report 10/16/65 is retained in 676

21st Amendment was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with the above had been taken by the writer.

INDEX: COMMITTEE ON WAR AND PEACE

100-109849 (HELEN SORELL)

100-41648 (L.A. COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SORELL)

100-45973 (HELEN SORELL)

Read by JF.
LOUIS LOMAX SECY--KTTV-11-- This was written Tues.,
started at 10:30pm--Sun. Oct. 17th'65          Oct. 19th'65,

There appeared as a guest on this program, and was interviewed
by LOUIS LOMAX:---

DR. FRANK LINDENFELL (or LINDENFELDT)---phonetic spelg.---
who stated that he:---
was-GRADUATE OF COLUMBIA
was currently:---
Assistant PROF. of SOCIOLOGY
at CALIF. STATE COLLEGE at LOS ANGELES.

He made statements in substance as follows:---
(questions by LOMAX)
He led the "VIETNAM DAY" protest demonstrations on the
campus of CALIF. STATE at L.A.

He was a member of the "COMMITTEE on WAR & PEACE"
which was a "Loose Co-ordinating Council" between
the colleges.

The protests went remarkably well.
He helped to organize on his campus.

He stated "This war is illegitimate. We have no business
telling the people of Vietnam how to live."

Question to Lindenfell:---If you were a soldier in Vietnam how
would you feel?

Lindens replied to the effect:---"I would be glad because I
would come home soon.

Lindens continued to the effect that:---

He thought that Gen. Kui (phonetic spelling) put it very
well. He thought that the Communists are closer to the
needs of the people.

Question:---How do you defend the view that the Communists are
closer to the needs of the people?

Lindens stated in effect:---He believes that the "revolt" in
S. Vietnam came because this was apolice-state.
Eisenhower stated that if an election were to be held
Lindencoll--(continued)---

Ho Chi Min (phonetic splg.) would be elected. Elections were never held.

"We are supporting a police-state."

Question:--Are you prepared to have the Communists take over?

Lindencoll replied in substance:--if the Communists placed a man in power he would be a Vietnamese (Viet Cong) (a man of the same race) He did not believe ("we") the USA had any business in Vietnam.

"We have been lied to so many times by the government".

The USA had no business playing God in the world and deciding what should be done in Vietnam.

The only foreigners in Vietnam are the USA.
"I am very much ashamed that we are there".

Question:-(to the effect) Did he think it was right for a man to burn his draft card?

Lindencoll replied to the effect-- that he thought that since Congress had passed a law making it illegal for a man to burn his draft card, he must think very carefully what he must do.

A man should protest in every way he can including burning his draft card.

It is not the right time for civil disobedience. If there should be many thousands of people who were willing to burn their draft cards then they should do it.

"(see page -3--)----***************

question & answer period:--

OLD MAN:--(name not given-said he was a travelling salesman)
Stated in substance--that he wanted to endorse what he
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Lindell stated in substance:—Many people are displeased with President Johnson. They voted for him believing he stood for:—Civil Rights, Peace in the World etc. but after being elected he followed the policies of Barry Goldwater.

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Question & answer period continued:---

OLD MAN--(continued)—said about the war in Vietnam: "We stacked the armories of the nations of the world with armaments—while the taxpayers paid the bill,—to create a senseless war. The US has been brainwashed for years about the dangers of Communism." Said he had travelled thousands of miles (was a travelling salesman in Calif.) and had never met a Communist.

MAN--A Bowers (phonetic splg.) stated in substance that he was in favor of the professor. He did not believe that it was the consequence of Communists. The reason for the US being in Vietnam is that they (the big corps.) are trying to make money where the Dutch and French were driven out. Gen. Motors & other big US Corps. are the reasons the US is there. In the 1st World War the FARBER IND. BLDG. was standing with a sea of rubble all around. That was not by accident. That was part of an international cartel.

ANOTHER MAN---Stated in substance—that he came here to speak about the policies of the US govt. The US is responsible for blowing Vietnam to bits, etc. etc.

QUESTION—What kind of person do you think the Vietcong would put in if the USA were to withdraw?

Ans. Dr. Lindell—Stated that he believed they would put a Vietnamese in power.

JUDY JOHNSTON—(caucasion or of Semitic extraction) stated that she believed with Dr. Lindell. The flag (USA)
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JUDY JOHNSTON-- continued------

(presumably in Vietnam) represented the "bad-guys".
The war is illegal because Congress has not approved it.
Ho Chi Minh was a hero and they would have elected him
if they had held a "free election".

MAN (unidentified or not remembered)--Stated in substance
that if this war continues it will grow larger than
Koreas, larger than World War II. There will be no
New York,--no Los Angeles--etc.

LOMA X--strolled through the audience interviewing people:--
He interviewed a woman:--
WOMAN-------
NAME-------not known
HEIGHT--(was seated)--possibly 5-0 to 5-3
WEIGHT--much heavier than medium
AGE--possibly 65
RACE--Caucasian or of Semitic extraction
COMPLEXION--fair
HAIR--gray--almost white--wears a small high "bun" or
knot in the exact center of the top of her head
with colored ribbons tied around the bun.
MANNER--quiet when observed. NO ACCENT noticed.

She stated she is now living in Los Angeles, was original-
ly from New York. She is now retired. Used to have a
square and folk dance studio.
WALTER SCHNEIR introduced as co-author of the book:—
"INVITATION TO AN INQUEST"
He made, in substance all of the statements which he made (and were reported) at 751 Teakwood Brentwood, on Oct. 16th '65

In addition he made statements in substance as follows:

He was doing research on the "McCarthy Period" when certain items came to his attention. This research brought to light the terrible errors of that era.

He is not a member of the Communist Party.

LOMAX asked him if he was going to make the charge and/or attempt to prove it, that the FBI had committed forgery?

SCHNEIR replied, in substance that forgery had certainly been committed and that since the Rosenbergs had committed no crime therefore the (agency) which had supplied the evidence, which was the FBI, could be found guilty of FORGERY, PERJURY and the SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE.

Schneir continued that there was to be a trial concerning Sobell's parole, for which he was eligible—having served 16 years of a 30 year's sentence.

This is to be conducted in the same court-room in which The Rosenberg's were convicted together with the other defendants. The attorney for Sobell is to be a Civil Rights (or Civil Liberties) attorney in New York.

MRS. MORTON SOBELL took the "Witness Stand" stating in substance that LORTON SOBELL (was convicted and) is now in prison because he refused to be a false witness for the prosecution. If her husband had been willing to say that he was guilty or that the Rosenbergs were guilty he would be free today. Those who said they were guilty were spared. In this country there were other times when the guilty were set free and the innocent, who would not admit their guilt, were put to death.
Witches were burned to death in Salem, when they would not admit their guilt. Those who admitted their guilt were not put to death.
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45973)  DATE: 11/8/65

FROM: SA > C

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL
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SOURCE ACTIVITY RECEIVED AGENT LOCATION

Reception and meeting 10/22/65 Writer

Informant furnished the following information:

"Written 10/17/65

"Meeting attended Sat. Oct. 16th '65 at-- 751 Teakwood, Brentwood, Calif.
From about 9:10 pm to about 12:15 am

CC 3 - New York (REGISTERED)

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100-41648 (L.A. COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)

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"Reception for:---(per advertisement in the PW)---
Mrs. MORTON SOBELL and to hear WALTER SCHNEIR co-author of
"Invitation to an Inquest"
discuss the latest exciting developments in the
ROSENBERG-SOBELL case.
For information phone:--NO-4-3922 or AX-3-8955
Entertainment & Refreshments--Donation $2
Auspices:-L.A. Sobell Committee

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"NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING:--Approximately 90 to 100"

"MONEY COLLECTED:--No sum was announced.

---Some money was already collected at that time.--Only a percentage of those
attending may have paid the $2.00. A collection was taken and
books were sold in a combined operation. It was stated that if
monies were given as a donation, tax would not have to be paid
on the sale of the books.

"The following was noted:----(books priced at $6.00 ea.)

"(About 50 or 60 copies of the books were seen being
passed around)."
"The above items were those remembered. (No notes were taken.) Many checks were seen being written and much money was contributed.---Change could not be made at one point because Mrs. SOBELL had only $20s.

"Someone stated that the quota (presumably number of books to be distributed) for the L.A. Committee was 500.

"THE HOUSE:---

"The house at 751 Teakwood:---Owner not known.

"This was a large modern house overlooking Brentwood. There were many prints, lithographs, etchings, drawings, paintings etc. on almost every wall. The collection was of all trends from conservative to abstract. It was the home of (presumably) a wealthy man.

"THOSE ATTENDING:---

"Persons attending:---

"In spite of the many people from the PW affairs, Foreign Born, etc., there were enough well dressed people present to give the affair the appearance of a social event.

"There were more people from 35 to 55 years of age than have been attending other affairs. There were a few in their 30s or late 20s.

"MANNER OF THOSE ATTENDING:---

"The same good manners and sociability was seen as is observed at other social events of this same aspect.

"Not one word of Yiddish or any other foreign language was heard.
"PERSONS ATTENDING—who were recognized or introduced——
"Most of those present appeared to be of Semitic extraction. There were two or three women of oriental parentage present.

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"WALTER SCHNEIR made statements in substance as follows:--

"When the first atomic device was exploded over Hiroshima, the scientists stated that this accomplishment was based on NO secret but was the product of the development based on data already known and available to all scientists throughout the world and that it would be inevitable that the Russians would be able to explode a nuclear device within 2 or 3 years.

"The press and the persons in power then began talking about the "Secret of the Atomic Bomb" which was possessed by the USA--alone. This was fantasy. There was no "Secret" of the Atomic Bomb. The statement of the scientists was forgotten and the fantasy was enlarged by repeating the dangers of the loss of the imaginary "secret". Pictures appeared in the newspapers showing the area in New York City which the Russians would be able to destroy when or should they be able to obtain this mythical secret."
"The jury was subjected to this newspaper presentation of an unreal situation (regarding the sole possession of the mythical "secret" by the USA) and so distorted their point of view that they rendered their verdict with prejudice created by the press and statements made by political leaders in power in the USA at the time. If the trial were to be conducted today, the verdict would not be the same.

"A man very high in USA gov't made the announcement that an important figure in a spy case had been discovered. This person was the head of the FBI. This statement placed him "out on a limb" and so a suspect had to be found.

"SCHNEIR was able to examine the documents admitted as evidence at the trial involving MORTON SORELL and others. Among the actual exhibits was a hotel register card from an Albuquerque hotel which showed the signature of HARRY GOLD, the hotel clerk and the time and date. This exhibit was a photostatic copy. I was NOT the actual original card.

"There was NO initial or date on this exhibit. There is a strict rule of procedure in the FBI that whenever anything is admitted the initials of the agent receiving the item, and the time and date MUST be placed on the item. There were no such initials or notations on the card—the reproduction of which, was admitted as evidence at this trial.

"This evidence was manufactured and the person manufacturing it did not want to admit his part in the forgery.

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"There were also discrepancies involved. The hour (presumably of departure) shown on the card did not correspond
"to the hour given at the trial. The date which was stamped on the back did not correspond to the date shown on the face of the card.

"QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD:---

"SCHNEIR stated in substance:---The case of MORTON SOBELL (& ROSENBERG etc.) differs from other famous cases such as the SACCHO-VANZETTI case and the--?--? parade bomb case, where a crime had been committed and people were killed. The problem in those cases was that of proving the guilt or innocence of the suspects who were on trial. There was no question of a crime having been committed.

"In the case of MORTON SOBELL there was no tangible evidence of any kind. Something was said to have existed in the mind of GHEENGLASS which was said to have been transferred to HARRY GOLD who was said to have passed it on to a Russian agent.

"There was nothing to show that any crime was committed. No crime was committed.

"At the time of investigation 9 members of the class of which SOBELL had been a member, at CCNY were subjected to investigation (could have been arrested). Of these 9--8 were Jews. None of these were prosecuted.

"SCHNEIR--(when on the topic of the class-mates of SOBELL etc.) made statements to the effect that everyone who had attended the same class at CCNY with SOBELL were questioned intensively. From the number of people who were questioned and the number of those who were questioned who were Jews it appeared that a plot involving a large segment of the Jewish people was suspected.

"SOBELL was kidnapped in Mexico by the Mexican counterpart of the CIA or FBI due to the "persuasion" effected by a sizeable sum of money. He was taken to the border and turned over to the FBI, and then they had him.
A woman asked how the younger generation could learn about all this? How could they learn these facts?

SCHNEIR answered to the effect that:---This book was placed on the approved reading list (gave the name of the list but was not remembered) for reading in schools (believed to be for High Schools & Jr. Colleges).

He also stated that if it is not on the shelves of the public libraries it may be obtained by requesting a copy from the library. It is on the library purchasing list and will be purchased by the library when requested.

Mrs. MORTON SOBELL made statements in substance:---

The chief instrument of suppression in the USA is the FBI. It is built up to be the great defender of American institutions and liberties but it is, in fact, a great instrument of suppression.

The ROSENBERGS went to their deaths because they refused to tell a lie. They could have changed their story to one which supported the claims of the prosecution, and been alive today, but they would not. They would not tell a lie.

MORTON SOBELL would be released today if he were to change his testimony, to support the testimony of the prosecution, but he would not lie, and so he remains in prison.

QUESTION:--What can be done about the situation?

Answer:--Write to the President AND the Vice President.

Mrs. SOBELL (or W. SCHNEIR it is not remembered which one) stated in effect that:---
"A letter was written to the head of the FBI requesting that the original card from the Albuquerque Hotel register—the reproduction of which was admitted as evidence—be produced for inspection.

"The head of the FBI replied, stating that due to the passage of time the item requested was not available.

"This reply was considered by SOBELL (or SCHNEIR) to be a virtual admission that the item had been destroyed to cover up the fact that it was a forgery.

"MAN: A man made statements to the effect that:—He had been employed by the Vetrans Administration for 11 months when questions came through via the Loyalty Board. There were 30 questions or points where his disloyalty was considered to be proven. There were 29 points which he admitted but there was 1 which he did not admit. that 1 was that he had made disloyal utterances.

"The 29 points brought by the FBI included such ones as:—

"On the __th of June '45 (or some such year) you were seen to be in the home of "JOHN JONES", a negro.

"Evidently the FBI considers that inter-racial association is evidence of subversive (or disloyal) activity.

"WOMAN: A woman stated that in New York a can marked for contributions for the benefit of the children of Vetrans of the Spanish Civil War was considered as evidence of such activity.

"ANOTHER WOMAN—asked what could be done as "More of us" may become involved in investigation. Tensions