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September 3, 1952

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JULIUS ROSENBERG  
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Reference is made to the report of SA John A. Harrington, dated August 18, 1952, at New York, copies of which were made available to all Offices receiving a copy of this communication.

It is noted that the Synopsis of this report states that Bernard Glasman visited Ethel Rosenberg at Sing Sing, whereas it should state that Bernard Greenglass made such a visit. Bureau copies of this report have been corrected accordingly.

It is requested that your Office, as well as the other Offices receiving copy of this letter make the same correction.

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Title and Character of Case: JULIUS ROSENBERG,  
ETHEL ROSENBERG

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Date Property Acquired: 8/11/50, Search incidental to arrest with warrant of  
ETHEL ROSENBERG.

Source From Which Property Acquired: Person of ETHEL ROSENBERG

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Safety Deposit Box at Manufacturers  
Trust Co.

Reason for Retention of Property and  
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Being held pending result of appeal of the  
ROSENBERG case.

Description of Property or Exhibit and  
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

One Drive Wrist Watch  
One 14K gold signet ring  
submitted by SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON

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Date

Title and Character of Case:

JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ETHEL ROSENBERG:  
ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired: 8-11-50, Search incidental to the arrest of Ethel Rosenberg

Source From Which Property Acquired: Person of Ethel Rosenberg

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Exhibit Vault

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Being held pending outcome of the appeal in the Rosenberg case.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

One shell clasp pin,  
seven keys,  
seven safety pins.

All submitted by SA JOHN A HARRINGTON

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Date

Title and Character of Case:

JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ETHEL ROSENBERG  
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Date Property Acquired:

7/17/50. Search incidental  
to the arrest of JULIUS ROSENBERG

Source From Which Property Acquired:

Apt of JULIUS ROSENBERG GE-11  
10 Monroe St., New York City, NY

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Exhibit vault

Reason for Retention of Property and  
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Being held pending outcome of  
appeal of ROSENBERG case.

Description of Property or Exhibit and  
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

One brown leather zipper brief case  
and one Remington portable typewriter  
#V290917 submitted by SA  
William F. Norton

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Date

Title and Character of Case:

JULIUS ROSENBERG,  
ETHEL ROSENBERG

ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired:

7/17/50, obtained through

Source From Which Property Acquired: search of ROSENBERG apartment incidental to arrest of JULIUS ROSENBERG.

Apt SE-11, 10 Monroe Street, New

York City residence of JULIUS ROSENBERG.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Reason for Retention of Property and  
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AT MANUFACTURERS  
TRUST CO.

Being held pending outcome of  
appeal in ROSENBERG case.

Description of Property or Exhibit and  
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

One Croton man's watch # 48363  
One Clbar man's wrist watch and  
One Waltham pocket watch and chain with  
case # 6454038, all submitted by SA WILLIAM P. MORTON

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**Date:** September 3, 1952

**To:** Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

**From:** John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Subject:** JULIUS ROSENBERG  
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Reference is made to previous information furnished you concerning a "contact" of Julius Rosenberg, who was reportedly a consultant on a dam in Egypt, and investigation reflecting that Dr. Theodore Von Karman, presently Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Air Force, had formerly been employed to do research work in connection with the Aswan Dam in Egypt, and that Von Karman had been assisted in this work by William Perl.

There is being transmitted herewith for your further information a copy of the report of Special Agent John A. Harrington, dated August 18, 1952, at New York, in the above-captioned case. You will note that pages six through ten inclusive contain the results of additional investigation conducted in an effort to identify this "contact."

You will be furnished any additional data developed in connection with this matter.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
 F. B. I. - Translation Section  
 FROM : Mr. S. A. Andretta - Administrative Assistant Attorney General  
 SUBJECT: Correspondence Section - Room 6112

DATE: August 28, 1952

(4)  
 Ethel and Julius Rosenberg

A translation of the attached letter of August 4, 1952, from

~~R. Choisy~~  
~~Incien Pate~~  
 Comptable Agree  
 11 Rue du Vieux-Colombier  
 Reims (Marne), France

will be greatly appreciated.

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Attorney General, Correspondence Section - Room 6112  
Director, FBI

September 4, 1952

R. Choisy  
Lucien Pate  
Comptable Agres  
11 Rue du Vieux-Colombier  
Reims (Marne), France

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated  
August 28, 1952.

The foreign language material is being returned herewith.

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TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

Reims, August 4, 1952

The Attorney General of the United States  
(Attorney General J. HOWARD) McGRATH - Washington

Mr. Attorney General:

We, French citizens of Reims, are deeply stirred by the conviction of two innocent persons: this concerns Mr. and Mrs. ROSENBERG guilty of not disavowing their opinions.

It is because of this we are permitting ourselves to ask you to review this trial, reviewing it with the judgement of the great statesmen which your country has known.

Still hoping that America will revert to a country of liberty, we remain

Most respectfully yours

(signed) LUCIEN PATE, Graduate Accountant, 11 rue du Vieux-Colombier,  
Reims

CUINDOF(?),  
R. CHOITY,  
BEQUINY,  
J. FULIN (or) J. PIERRE(?),  
R. PRICHAUD (or) R. PRICHAUD(?),  
COURPENTIER (or) COURPENTIER(?),  
LEFEVREZ (or) LEFEVRES(?),  
MAGINONE(?),  
PEUTET (or) PENTET(?).

(The envelope bears the above-cited name and address of LUCIEN PATE, and was posted at Reims-Vesle at noon on 8/9/52)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - R. DAYLET. [REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED A PRINTED COPY OF AN AMICUS BRIEF TO BE PRESENTED IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, WHICH WAS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE. THIS BRIEF CONTAINS SPACES FOR TEN SIGNATURES AND READS AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TRIAL OF JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG <sup>AND M</sup> ~~AND MORTON~~ SOBELL ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRING TO ESPIONAGE, WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH SENTENCES FOR THE ROSENBERGS AND THIRTY YEAR SENTENCE FOR THEIR CO-DEFENDANT, LACKED GUARANTEES OF FAIRNESS WHICH ALL AMERICANS HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROSECUTOR AND TRIAL JUDGE PERMITTED FEAR AND PREJUDICE TO DOMINATE THE TRIAL BY ONE, ATTRIBUTING TO THE DEFENDANTS SOCIAL BELIEFS WHICH ARE TODAY THE TARGET OF VIRTUALLY EVERY PUBLIC TRIBUNAL, AND TWO, ATTRIBUTING TO THEM REVERSALS AND CASUALTIES SUFFERED IN KOREA. WE BELIEVE THAT TRANSIENT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PASSIONS HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR COURTS, THAT TO DEPRIVE EVEN ONE AMERICAN OF THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL IS TO INJURE THE RIGHTS OF ALL AMERICANS. WE THEREFORE

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AUTHORIZE THE INCLUSION OF OUR NAMES IN AN AMICUS BRIEF TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, PETITIONING THAT THE VERDICTS AND SENTENCES BE SET ASIDE, AND THAT A NEW TRIAL BE ORDERED BASED ON CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF IMPARTIALITY AND FAIRNESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST TRADITIONS OF AMERICAN JUSTICE. UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] HAS ALSO FURNISHED A TWELVE-PAGE b2 b7D PRINTED PAMPHLET ISSUED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE IN LA, WHICH CONTAINS EXCERPTS FROM VARIOUS LETTERS WRITTEN BY THE ROSENBERGS TO THEIR RELATIVES WHILE IN PRISON. THIS PAMPHLET CLOSES WITH A NOTE TO THE READERS AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE. THIS FALL, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO REVIEW THE CASE. YOU CAN HELP WIN A NEW TRIAL FOR THE ROSENBERGS AND MORTON SOBELL BY WRITING TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKING THAT THE PLEA FOR A NEW TRIAL NOT BE OPPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE.

CARSON

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*Orig: Mr. Belmont*

Assistant Attorney General  
Charles E. Murray

September 4, 1952

Director, FBI

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JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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A confidential informant, of known reliability, of the Los Angeles Office of this Bureau, has advised of an amicus brief issued by the above-captioned organization, which is to be presented in the Rosenberg appeal. This brief reads as follows:

"We believe that the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobell on a charge of conspiring to commit espionage, which resulted in death sentences for the Rosenbergs and a thirty year sentence for their co-defendant, lacked guarantees of fairness which all Americans have a right to expect under the Constitution. We believe that the prosecutor and trial judge permitted fear and prejudice to dominate the trial by one, attributing to the defendants social beliefs which are today the target of virtually every public tribunal, and two, attributed to them reversals and casualties suffered in Korea. We believe that transient political and social passions have no place in our courts, that to deprive even one American of the right to a fair trial is to injure the rights of all Americans. We therefore authorize the inclusion of our names in an amicus brief to the Supreme Court of the United States, petitioning that the verdicts and sentences be set aside, and that a new trial be ordered based on constitutional guarantees of impartiality and fairness in accordance with the best traditions of American justice."

At the end of this brief are spaces for ten signatures. This source has further advised that the local committee of subject organization in Los Angeles has issued a twelve-page printed pamphlet, which contains excerpts from various letters written by the Rosenbergs to their relatives while in prison. This pamphlet closes with a note to the readers as follows:

"This Fall, nineteen fiftytwo, the United States Supreme Court will decide whether to review the case. You can help win a new trial for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell by writing to the President and the United States Attorney General asking that the plea for a new trial not be opposed by the Government."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
F. B. I. - Translation Section

FROM : Mr. S. A. Andretta - Administrative Assistant Attorney General  
Correspondence Section - Room 6112

SUBJECT: JULIUS & ETHEL ROSENBERG (4)

DATE: September 2, 1952

A translation of the attached communication postmarked August 16, 1952

from

Paris, France

will be greatly appreciated.

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TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

THE YOUTH OF THE 3d (LES JEUNES DU 3ieme) make vehement protest against the trial given to JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. The latter are being prosecuted solely for their progressive opinions. However in this new DREYFUS Case, the lives of two innocent persons are in danger of death. This trial is conducive to contempt for law, it records itself for the preparation for war, it is a flagrant violation of the Constitution of the United States. LES JEUNES DU 3ieme are following this case with attention and they demand the liberation of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and the respect for democratic liberties.

Translator's note: The above has eleven signatures which are intentionally illegibly scrawled. Translator gives the following but questions correctness: J. PAMHAUD; R. DEUS; ARYETIN; FENEGRIS; GENDES; MENT; KONGDET; DIGBOR; NUERLEAT; G. D. PLATZEN; J. CHONER.

The letter was addressed to the Attorney General of the United States, Washington, U.S.A. It was posted at the rue Marcour station in Paris France at noon on August 16, 1952.

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Translated by  
THOMAS F. CHAFFORD  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
F. B. I. - Translation Section

FROM : Mr. S. A. Andretta - Administrative Assistant Attorney General  
Correspondence Section - Room 6112

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG (4)  
ETHEL ROSENBERG

DATE: September 5, 1952

A translation of the attached letter of August 5, 1952, from

M. Domenech

Secretary

Secours Populaire Francis  
Paris, France(FRENCH PEOPLE'S  
RELIEF)

will be greatly appreciated.

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Mr. S. A. Andretta - Administrative Assistant  
Attorney General (Correspondence Section - Room 6112)  
Director, FBI

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M. Domenech  
Secretary  
Secours Populaire Francis  
Paris, France

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TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

SECOURS POPULAIRE FRANCAIS (French People's Relief)  
4 Cite Monthiers  
55 rue de Clichy, Paris 9.  
Telephone: Trinite 95-18

CCP G. MICHAUX 526941 Paris  
(Tr.note: Above may be some  
official in the organization)

Paris, August 5, 1952

Attorney General J. HOWARD Mc GRATH  
Washington, U.S.A.

Sir:

Irrespective of all political or religious considerations, and certain of voicing the feeling for justice in all the honest people grouped within our organization, the SECOURS POPULAIRE FRANCAIS expresses active protest in regard to the death threat hanging over Madame ROSENBERG and her husband.

Previously, a violent protest arose in France at the time of the judgment followed by execution in August 1927 of SACCO and VANZETTI, sentenced in absence of all proof, as were the seven of Martinville. Because he was negro, WILLIE MAC GEE, innocent, father of five children, was likewise sentenced without proof and executed.

The series of legal crimes are extending beyond measure.

Honest people condemn such methods which can lead two innocent persons, whom two little boys wait for at their home, to die in the electric chair.

Already from all ends of France people are expressing their feelings to

Two innocent persons cannot be killed because there is unbounded desire to charge them with a crime that they have not committed.

The people of France admire their courage which, in claiming their innocence with calm and earnestness, does not deny in any way their faith in a world of Peace. And there lies their only crime.

Translated by:  
DOLORES F. CRANFORD  
9/5/52

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In every sense of justice, should ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, --sentenced without proof and on statements of persons prosecuting them from hate-- innocent of the crime of which they are accused, be returned to their two little boys. Their trial should be reconsidered in order that justice be done. The people of France would never understand the execution of these two courageous Americans and would judge, as should be done, those responsible for such a crime and the system of government permitting them to do so.

We will not fail in our duty which is to arouse protest from honest men in the world in order to bring you to a more just conception of justice and of humanity through the liberation of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

We beg you Sir, to believe in the expression of our feelings of justice and humanity

For the SECOURS POPULAIRE FRANCAIS

(signed) M. DOMENECH  
A Secretary

(At bottom of first page is note that the organization has several sections: organizational, treasurer, "Defense", legal service, vacation groups etc., so that replies should be in copies for each section.)

(Envelope was mailed at the rue d'Amsterdam station in Paris, on 8/8/52 and sent airmail. It was posted at 7.15 p.m.)

The postage stamp had been torn off envelope when communication reached Division 7 of the Bureau.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

October 6, 1952

Director, FBI

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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Julius Rosenberg

The September, 1952, issue of "Jewish Life," a self-styled progressive monthly, carries an advertisement by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, offering for sale to the public the complete record of the trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell. The record is published in eight volumes, contains 1,800 pages and costs \$10. Excerpts from the advertisement are as follows:

"In these 1800 pages you will read the testimony of David Greenglass on the witness stand, sending his sister and brother-in-law to the death house; the admissions by Elizabeth Bentley and Harry Gold that they never knew any of the defendants, and the introduction of 'communism' to 'prove' that the defendants were spies.

"Never before has a complete, verbatim court record of this magnitude been brought to the public. We are publishing it because we believe that it will convince you that you must work for a new trial for the Rosenbergs-Sobell.

"Order a copy now, for yourself, for your friends, union, fraternal society or other organization."

The above is for your information.

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Assistant Attorney General  
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October 8, 1952

Director, FBI

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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Julius Rosenberg

A confidential informant of known reliability has recently advised that the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case held a meeting on September 18, 1952. Gertrude Joyce, who is known to the informant as a Communist Party member, acted as chairman of the meeting. A discussion was had concerning the raising of funds for the defense of the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell and for their welfare. It was decided to mail letters to people and organizations requesting donations and to use the names of prominent people as sponsors of the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. It was brought out at this meeting that the National Jewish Congress, as such, would not support the Rosenberg Committee, because of fear it might be designated as a subversive organization by the Attorney General. However, the group was told that individual members of the National Jewish Congress would undoubtedly support the Committee.

The above is for your information.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL, ESPIONAGE DASH R. U.S. SUPREME COURT DENIED WRIT OF CERTIORARI TODAY IN ROSENBERG AND SOBELL APPEALS. NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTE FISUR OF WILLIAM PERL, MAXWELL FINESTONE, EDWARD JAMES WEINSTEIN, AND VIVIAN GLASSMAN PATACKI TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ATTEMPT TO LEAVE COUNTRY OR MAKE ANY UNUSUAL CONTACTS. CLEVELAND CONDUCT SIMILAR FISUR OF MICHAEL AND ANN SIDOROVICH. NEW YORK SHOULD ALSO BE ALERT FOR ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OF OTHER SUBJECTS PRESENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION AS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ROSENBERG NETWORK. FISUR SHOULD BE FOR ONE WEEK AND IF NO ACTIVITY NOTED, SUBMIT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS RE CONTINUING SAME. NO INTERVIEWS WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS DESIRED UNLESS FISUR INDICATES SUCH ACTION WARRANTED AND THEN ONLY UPON BUREAU AUTHORIZATION. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU OF ANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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AS JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETAL., ESP. U. RECORDS CLERK OF COURT, U. S.  
SUPREME COURT, REFLECT CASE NUMBER ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN, JULIUS AND  
ETHEL ROSENBERG VS U. S. AND MORTON SOBELL VS U. S., PETITIONS FOR  
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS WERE DENIED ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN, FIFTY TWO.  
JUSTICE BLACK OF THE OPINION BOTH PETITIONS SHOULD BE GRANTED. THE  
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF BY NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD AS AMICUS  
CURIAE WAS DENIED ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ESP-R. THREE DAY DISCREET PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES  
PLACED ON WILLIAM PERL, VIVIAN GLASSMAN AND MAX FINESTONE. SUGGEST  
BUREAU ADVISE CLEVELAND AND ALBANY TO PLACE SURVEILLANCES ON MIKE  
AND ANNE SIDOROVICH AND LOUISE SARANT, IN VIEW ROSENBERGS DENIED  
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SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REURTEL OCTOBER THIRTEEN. FISUR OF LOUISE SARANT NOT NECESSARY. FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF BUTEL OCTOBER THIRTEEN.

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NOTE:

Butel 10-13-52 instructed NYO and Cleveland to institute fisur for one week on Perl, Glassman, Finestone, Mike and Ann Sidorovich, and Edward Weinstein. Reftel apparently sent by NYO before receipt of Butel. Fisur on Louise Sarant not believed warranted. She is wife of Alfred Sarant, known member of Rosenberg network who disappeared in August, 1950, with another woman. Investigation of Louise Sarant has failed to develop information indicating she knows present whereabouts of husband.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL, ESP DASH R. RECORDS CLERK OF U.S. SUPREME COURT  
 REFLECTS A STAY WAS GRANTED BY THE SUPREME COURT ON OCT. FIFTEEN, FIFTY-TWO  
 TO JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG WHICH WILL PERMIT THEIR ATTORNEY FIFTEEN DAYS  
 TO FILE A PETITION REQUESTING A REHEARING OF THEIR APPEAL. THIS TIME, FIFTEEN  
 DAYS, CAN BE EXTENDED TO ALLOW THEM MORE TIME. FOR INFO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 15, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL, ESPIONAGE DASH R. SAAG ROY COHN ADVISED THAT THE MANDATE FROM THE SUPREME COURT WILL BE HANDED DOWN ON OCTOBER SEVENTEEN NEXT, AND IS EXPECTED IN NYC ON OCTOBER EIGHTEEN. MOTION PAPERS ON THREE DAYS NOTICE WILL BE SERVED ON OCTOBER EIGHTEEN ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR ROSENBERG AND SOBELL FOR AN ORDER FILING THE MANDATE. THE MOTION WILL BE RETURNABLE PROBABLY ON OCTOBER TWENTY ONE NEXT. COHN STATED THAT WHEN THE ORDER IS OBTAINED, JUDGE KAUFMAN WILL FIX A NEW DATE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE ROSENBERGS TO TAKE PLACE FROM FOUR TO EIGHT WEEKS FROM THE DATE THE ORDER IS FILED. HE STATED THE DATE WOULD PROBABLY BE CLOSE TO SIX WEEKS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT ALL MOTIONS FOR A STAY IS AVAILABLE AND A MANDATE FOR A NEW TRIAL ON NEW EVIDENCE WILL BE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT. HE ADVISED THAT THE SOLICITOR GENERAL HAS NOTIFIED THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT THAT HE WISHES TO BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY OF ANY APPLICATIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF ROSENBERG AND SOBELL. THE SOLICITOR GENERAL WILL OPPOSE ANY SUCH APPLICATIONS. COHN FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE AG AND THE SOLICITOR GENERAL ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH ALL OF THE FOREGOING. [REDACTED] PCI, 67C  
ADVISED THAT ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN LAST SOBELL TOLD HIS LAWYERS OF [REDACTED] 65-58236

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HIS PLAN TO SEND A LETTER TO JUDGE KAUFMAN AND TO HAVE HIS WIFE VISIT THE JUDGE. HIS LAWYERS STRONGLY ADVISED HIM AGAINST THIS STATING THAT THEY WOULD MAKE A FORMAL APPEAL TO THE JUDGE FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE. SOBELL TOLD HIS LAWYERS HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AND THOUGHT THAT A LETTER AND A PERSONAL APPEAL BY HIS WIFE WOULD BENEFIT HIM MORE. [REDACTED] b7c  
BELIEVES THE LETTER WILL BE MAILED THIS WEEK. BUREAU BE ADVISED PROMPTLY ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. b7D

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THAT SUPREME COURT UNANIMOUSLY STAYED FILING OF THE ORDER  
DENYING PETITION FOR CERT. OF THE ROSENBERGS AND SOBELL UNTIL  
THEIR PETITIONS FOR A REHEARING HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF.  
PETITIONS FOR REHEARING MUST BE FILED BY OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT.  
SUPREME COURT WILL BE IN RECESS PRIOR TO THAT DATE UNTIL  
NOVEMBER TEN NEXT. FOR INFO.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R. FISURS INSTITUTED  
AS PER BUTEL AND NYTEL OCT. THIRTEEN. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY  
NOTED TO DATE. IN VIEW OF STAY GRANTED BY SUPREME COURT AND  
THE FACT THAT SUPREME COURT WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL NOV. TEN,  
FISURS WILL BE TERMINATED MIDNIGHT, OCT. SEVENTEEN, UACB.  
SURVEILLANCES WILL BE REINSTITUTED WHEN DECISION FROM SUPREME  
COURT ON APPLICATION FOR REHEARING WAS HANDED DOWN.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)  
 SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG;  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: October 14, 1952

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*V.*

Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN telephonically contacted this office today and advised that his wife was showing some concern for the safety of their children. He recalled that after he had sentenced the ROSENBERGS to death, there were some expressions in some newspapers to the effect that he, the Judge, would be unhappy if he were separated from his children as the ROSENBERGS are from theirs.

Judge KAUFMAN said that he assumed that there would be considerable agitation, meetings, etc., protesting the decision of the Supreme Court. He asked that if any information came to the notice of this office that would indicate a threat to the safety of his family that he be advised or that this office handle the situation as the Bureau thought best. Judge KAUFMAN was advised that if any such information came to this office proper action would be taken.

It is requested that if the Bureau should secure any information of this nature that New York should be advised. It is also requested that the Bureau advise New York of any further instructions in this regard.

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Reurlet October 14, 1952.

The Bureau is not in receipt of any information indicating a threat to the safety of Judge Kaufman or his family. You should contact Judge Kaufman personally and assure him that if any information comes to the attention of the Bureau indicating a threat to the safety of himself or his family, he will be advised and an immediate investigation will be instituted. In that connection he should be requested to advise your office promptly if he or his family receive such threats. It should be diplomatically pointed out to him that the Bureau does not have statutory authority to afford protection to him and his family, but that your office will make the necessary arrangements with the New York City Police Department to afford such protection upon his specific request.

In the event any information comes to your attention that would indicate such threats, the Bureau should be telephonically contacted for further instructions.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: October 13, 1952

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ETHEL ROSENBERG  
MORTON SOBELL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Supervisor Dudley Payne of the Washington Field Office called on October 13 and advised that the Supreme Court has just announced it was denying the application for the writ of certiorari on behalf of the Rosenbergs and Sobell.

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For your information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: October 30, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-5521)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al.,  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re WFO teletype to the Bureau dated October 15, 1952, reflecting that a stay was granted by the United States Supreme Court which granted fifteen days to file a petition requesting a rehearing of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of JULIUS ROSENBERG and ETHEL ROSENBERG, vs., United States.

On October 30, 1952, Mr. HAROLD B. WILLEY, Clerk, U. S. Supreme Court, furnished a copy of the brief filed on October 28, 1952, by EMANUEL H. BLOCH on behalf of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG in petition for rehearing.

He also advised that at the time of filing this petition, a petition requesting the court's permission to file a separate petition for rehearing in this case was presented for filing by a group whose name he did not furnish. This petition, however, was not accepted by the court because it was not presented by an Attorney of the U. S. Supreme Court. He was of the opinion that this group would secure the assistance of an Attorney of this court and the petition would be re-presented, at which time it would have to be accepted for filing. He stated that this petition was signed by several thousand individuals.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information. Copy of Petition for Rehearing enclosed for Bureau.

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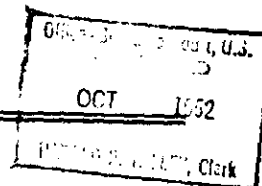
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IN THE  
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No. 111

JULIUS ROSENBERG and ETHEL ROSENBERG,  
*Petitioners,*  
*vs.*  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

**PETITION FOR REHEARING**

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IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**  
 OCTOBER TERM, 1952

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 No. 111  
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JULIUS ROSENBERG and ETHEL ROSENBERG,  
 Petitioners,

vs.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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**PETITION FOR REHEARING**

The petitioners, Julius Rosenberg and Ethel Rosenberg, pray for a rehearing and reversal of the order of this Court, entered on October 13, 1952, denying their petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

This petition for rehearing is made, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 33 of the rules of this Court, upon substantial grounds available to the petitioners, although not previously presented.

**Reasons Why a Rehearing Should be Granted and a Writ of Certiorari Issued**

The petitioners urge five substantial grounds, previously available to them, although not presented on their original petition for a writ of certiorari. They submit to the Court, however, that justice will not be done unless this

Court grants review, not only of the questions presented here, but of the issues heretofore raised in the original petition.

The significance and portent of this case, unique in the annals of our jurisprudence, in which the petitioners, husband and wife, stand to forfeit their lives, merit the full measure of the consideration of this Court.

## I

The Espionage Act (18 U. S. C. A. Sec. 32(a) and 34, now 18 U. S. C. A. Sec. 794) as construed by the Courts and applied to the facts of this case violates Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution of the United States. The article declares:

"Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court."

This constitutional prescription, on its face, and by judicial interpretation, establishes the two essential elements of the crime of treason: adherence to the enemy and rendering him aid and comfort, the former a state of mind, and the latter a physical act. *Cramer v. United States*, 325 U. S. 1 (1945).

Historically, the single characteristic of the high crime of treason, which distinguishes it from all other crimes, is the state of mind of a citizen which puts him in mental opposition to the interests of the United States and its citizens, during time of war. The overt act requirement was deemed only insurance against the punishment, as crime, of purely mental processes. See, e.g.: *United States v. Fries*, 9 Fed. Cas. No. 5, 126 (1799); *United States v. Fries*, 9 Fed. Cas. No. 5, 127 (1800); *United States v. Hanway*, 26 Fed. Cas. No. 15, 299 (1851); *United States*

*v. Horie*, 26 Fed. Cas. No. 15, 407 (1808); *United States v. Warren*, 247 F. 708 (D. C., E. D. Pa., 1918). The essence of these cases is stated in McKinney, *Treason under the Constitution of the United States*, 12 ILL. L. REV. 381, 383-4, 394 (1918):

"... the law of treason differed from that of other crimes in this, that the intention to break ties of allegiance was the prime thing, and the overt act only necessary in that purely mental processes might not be punished as crimes.

"... 'adhering to their enemies' ... comprises those [persons] who consciously and of their own free choice are not 'on our side', but who put themselves in mental opposition to the purposes, wishes and desires of the United States and its citizens while engaged in its foremost right and chief duty as a nation, that of defending itself, its sovereignty and its rights. Such a person, although not yet legally guilty of the crime of treason, has nevertheless been guilty of his breach of allegiance to the United States, and needs only to add to such breach of allegiance (which is the essence of treason) some overt act, to make him legally and completely guilty of the crime of treason ..."

This Court has acknowledged the correctness of this view. See: *Cramer v. United States*, *supra*; *Haupt v. United States*, 330 U. S. 631, 634-35. In the *Cramer* case, the Court stated (at p. 45):

"Of course we do not intimate that Congress could dispense with the two-witness rule merely by giving the same offense another name. But the power of Congress is in no way limited to enact prohibitions of specified acts thought detrimental to our wartime safety. The loyal and the disloyal alike may be forbidden to do acts which place our security in peril, and the trial thereof may be focussed upon the defendant's specific intent to do those particular acts thus eliminating the accusation of treachery and of general intent to betray which have such passion-rousing potentialities ...". (Emphasis ours.)

In the instant case, the court below ruled that the statutory intent under the Espionage Act could be, and was here, satisfied by "evidence of an American's devotion to another country's welfare" (R. 1654). On this thesis, the court approved the introduction of evidence "to the effect that (1) the defendants expressed a preference for the Russian social and economic organization over ours, and (2) that the defendants were members of the Communist Party" (R. 1654), which "was part of, and subject to, the Communist International . . . [and] received orders from Russia to propagandize, spy and sabotage; and that Party members were bound to go along with those orders under threat of expulsion" (R. 1655).

The conjunction of the concept evolved and the proof accepted by the court below permitted evidence of intent indistinguishable from harboring "sympathies or convictions disloyal to this country's policy or interest" [*Cramer v. United States*, *supra*, at p. 24]; or "intention . . . to injure the United States" [*Haupt v. United States*, *supra*, at p. 641]; or "want of loyalty to the government" [*Charge to Grand Jury—Treason*, 30 Fed. Cas. No. 18, 272 (1861), at p. 1036], states of mind heretofore deemed adequate to meet the criteria for proof of "treasonable" intent.

When the lower court's construction of the intent provisions of the Espionage Act is read together with this Court's interpretation of the scope of that Act in *Gorin v. United States*, 312 U. S. 19 (1941), it becomes apparent that the statute as construed and applied here created an identity between the criminal state of mind contemplated under the treason clause and that under the Espionage Act. In the *Gorin* case, this Court stated (at pp. 29-30): ". . . No distinction is made between friend or enemy. Unhappily the status of a foreign government may change." The accepted rationale that potential enmity is the equivalent of present enemy status, combined with the construction of the law and proof admitted in the instant case, established here an intent equivalent in every way to treasonable intent.

The petitioners were citizens of the United States and the prosecution against them was for violations of the Espionage Act in time of war. Since the substantive provisions of the Espionage Act, and the substantive breaches of the law allegedly proven in the instant case, unquestionably constitute giving "Aid and Comfort" under the treason clause [see: e.g., *Cramer v. United States*, *supra*; *Haupt v. United States*, *supra*; *United States v. Werner*, 247 F. 708 (D. C., E. D. Pa., 1918); *Charge to Grand Jury—Treason*, *supra*; *Charge to Grand Jury*, 30 Fed. Cas. No. 18, 271 (1861); *United States v. Greathouse*, 26 Fed. Cas. No. 15, 254 (1863)], the Espionage Act permitted the conviction and the petitioners were convicted of, a crime, identical to the crime of treason,<sup>1</sup> an identity completed by the imposition of a sentence of death, a penalty traditionally accorded to traitors. See: *United States v. Greathouse*, *supra*; *Hurst, Treason in the United States*, 58 HARV. L. REV. 375, 425.

In the most pragmatic sense, the petitioners were tried as "traitors". The prosecutor, in his opening statement derogated the "loyalty" of the petitioners to this country (R. 180, 181), described their activities as "traitorous" and "treasonable", promised the jury overwhelming "evidence of these traitorous acts" (R. 182, 183, 184) and repeated, in his closing, references to the petitioners as "traitors" and their "betrayal" (R. 1517, 1518, 1535).

The trial judge himself charged the jury that "irrational sympathies must not shield proven traitors" (R. 1550), and, made it clear on the sentence, that he was impelled to invoke the death penalty by his belief in the petitioners'

<sup>1</sup> The court below misstated and misconstrued this contention of the petitioners, on rehearing, when it attributed to them the assertion that the crime of which they were convicted was lesser than, or in some elements, different from, treason (R. 1709-10). For this reason the lower court's reliance on *Ex parte Quirin*, 317 U. S. 1 (1942), was inapt, even if it be assumed that the *Quirin* case is sound (see *infra*, pp. 7-10). In the *Quirin* case, according to the court, the elements of the crime charged and proven, differed in at least one aspect from treason.

"treachery" and "betrayal of their fellow countrymen" (R. 1613, 1614, 1615).

This Court has proclaimed that the requirements of the treason clause can neither be overridden nor circumvented by "giving the same offense a different name". *Cramer v. United States*, *supra*, at p. 45. The authorities are equally insistent that:

" \* \* \* Where [a] defendant is charged with conduct involving all of the elements of treason within the constitutional definition, and the gravamen of the accusation against him is to aid its [the country's] enemies, it would seem in disregard of the policy of the Constitution to permit him to be tried under another charge than treason."

Hurst, *Treason in the United States*, *op. cit.*, *supra*, at p. 21. See also: *Wimmer v. United States*, 264 F. 11 (C. C. A. 6th, 1920), cert. den. 253 U. S. 494; *United States v. Great-house*, *supra*.

The petitioners, here, were subjected to a treason prosecution, under color of a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage. Under the facts of this prosecution, where the accusation involved disclosure of atom-bomb secrets to the Soviet Union, a circumstance, in the contemporary climate, of inherent "passion-rousing potentialities", the petitioners were constrained to bear the added burden of the "passion-rousing potentialities" of an actual charge of "treason". And this without the constitutional safeguards afforded persons accused of treason, namely, conviction only on the "Testimony of two witnesses to the same overt Act". Were these petitioners accorded the protections secured to them by the Constitution, they would not have been compelled to stake their lives on the uncorroborated and second-hand evidence of accomplices introduced on the theory of, and in the dragnet of, a conspiracy prosecution.<sup>2</sup> "The [treason]

<sup>2</sup> Some of the alleged overt acts here, because innocent on their face, would have been incompetent to prove treason. *Cramer v. United States*, *supra*. Others, otherwise competent on the treason

son] provision was adopted not merely in spite of the difficulties put in the way of prosecution but because of them." *Cramer v. United States*, *supra*, at p. 48. Mr. Justice Jackson, writing in the *Cramer* case, noted that this policy was justified because "prosecutions for treason were generally virulent; and perjury too easily made use of against innocence".

It is submitted, therefore, that the entire proceeding below was in derogation of Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution of the United States.

## II

The court below, ignoring the equivalence between friend and enemy postulated by the *Gorin* case, reasoned that the Espionage Act, as construed, and here applied, rendered criminal, only, aid and comfort to a "friend", and that the crime, although "of the same kind as treason", was, therefore, not treason. To arrive at this conclusion, the court relied on the ruling of this Court in *Ex parte Quirin*, 317 U. S. 1, 38 (1942), to the effect that a crime distinct from treason is committed where it differs, in any element, from the constitutional definition of treason (R. 1709-12).

The petitioners submit that precisely because the Espionage Act (if the *Gorin* case be ignored) was construed and here applied so as to license prosecution for rendering aid and comfort to other than an "enemy"—where, otherwise, the crime is "of the same kind as treason"—it violates the strictures of Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution.

charge, were not proved by the testimony of two witnesses. The evidentiary standards to prove the requisite intent, would not have been met. See: *Haupt v. United States*, *supra*; *Cramer v. United States*, *supra*. It is impossible to tell on the jury's general verdict whether it selected, as evidence for conviction, that which would have satisfied treason criteria.

Their assertion is enforced by the universal recognition that the treason clause was designed to curb the evolution of new treasons. This Court, in *Cramer v. United States*, *supra*, at p. 24, said of its framers:

"They wrote into the organic act of the new government a prohibition of legislative or judicial creation of new treasons."

If, therefore, a "proposed law on the subject of Treason neither enlarges nor lessens its Constitutional definition, the law is unnecessary; if it does the one or the other it is unconstitutional". 5 King, *LIFE AND CORRESPONDENCE OF RUFUS KING* (1898) 73-75. (Emphasis ours.) And if Congress should seek to evade the plain mandate of the treason clause "by giving the same offense another name", such a law would, as well, violate the Constitution. *Cramer v. United States*, *supra*, at p. 45.

The variation in elements between a crime defined by statute and the constitutionally defined crime of treason is apparently not of the essence in taking the constitutional measure of a statute. On the one hand, if a crime is "of the same kind as treason", the differences in elements may spell its constitutional doom. If, on the other hand, they are differences which neither enlarge nor lessen the constitutional definition, the crime remains treason, under the aegis of Article III, Section 3, and the differences become meaningless. The focus of any examination to ascertain a statute's constitutional validity *vis-a-vis* the treason clause must, therefore, be directed to the constant core of the issue: whether the crime created is "of the same kind as treason".

It is indicated in Point I above (see, *supra*, pp. 2-3) that the single factor which distinguishes treason from all other crimes, whether of greater or lesser degree, is the general intent to oppose and betray the interests of the United States.

Even apart from the rationale of the *Gorin* case referred to hereinabove, it is not novel, in times of international tension, to infer such an intent from adhering to a nation not formally at war with this country. The undeclared maritime conflict between the young republic and France in 1798 produced a ruling from Attorney General Lee that "France is our enemy, and to aid, assist, and abet that nation in her maritime warfare will be treason in a citizen or any other person within the United States not commissioned by France". 1 Op. Atty. Gen. (Gilpin Ed., 1841), pp. 49-50. The reaction of the prosecutor and judge in the instant case—and, undoubtedly, the jury and the public—demonstrate that, in the current era of "cold war", adherence to the "friendly" Soviet Union may well be regarded as "betrayal" (R. 180-84, 1517-18, 1535, 1550, 1613-15).

In the light of this history and the policy of the treason clause to guard against the unlimited "accusation of treachery" and to protect those charged with the "general intent to betray which has such passion-rousing potentialities" [see *Cramer v. United States*, *supra*], where the burden of a prosecution, under statutory mandate, is proof of "betrayal", the crime is "of the same kind of crime as treason." And insofar as the elements of that crime diverge from the constitutional definition of treason, they "enlarge" or "lessen" it, and thereby violate Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution, as does conviction upon such charge without recourse to its procedural protections on the trial. Any other view would render the treason clause powerless to prevent the creation of "new treasons", and would permit convictions for such treasons without the procedural safeguards for which provision is made. Yet literal adherence to the ruling of the *Quirin* case, a "hard case", could only produce these consequences.

Viewed in this aspect, there appears to be unquestioned validity to the criticism of Willard Hurst that the *Quirin* case serves to emasculate the treason clause. In his study of the background and present meaning of the treason

clause, solicited by the Department of Justice in connection with the reargument of the *Cramer* case before this Court, he stated (*Treason in the United States, op. cit., supra*, at pp. 421-22):

"The decisions cited as analogies by the Court [in the *Quirin* case] are now standard authorities holding that the double jeopardy clause of the Constitution is not violated by conviction of two or more offenses which are in substance part of the same transaction, but which involve different elements in the allegation. It is not a convincing interpretation to apply to a constitutional guaranty having its own history of policy a formal test developed under a different clause of the Constitution, with no demonstration that the policies behind the respective clauses are so similar as to be fulfilled by the same criterion. The double jeopardy clause is historically a guaranty against abuse of the law enforcement machinery as such, without reference to abuses peculiar to any one of the major types of crime. When the Constitution singles out the offense of treason as subject to special abuse, citation of a highly technical rule developed by judicial construction out of the general guaranty is in itself little evidence that the peculiar dangers against which the special guaranty was erected have been avoided."

The court below, in the instant case, read the Espionage Act to permit its specific statutory intent to be proven by evidence demonstrative of a "general intent to betray" (see *supra*, p. 4), thereby transforming that law, by judicial fiat [*Screws v. United States*, 325 U. S. 91 (1945); *Skiotes v. Florida*, 313 U. S. 69 (1941); *Hebert v. Louisiana*, 272 U. S. 312 (1926)], into a "treason" statute, and the trial of the petitioners into a "treason" trial. That criminality can thus flow, under the Espionage Act, from adherence to a country not an "enemy" of the United States, cannot be seen as other than an "enlargement" of the constitutional definition of treason. That under such circumstances conviction was had without "Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act", cannot be viewed as

other than in derogation of the procedural requirements of Article III, Section 3.

The court is urged, therefore, to consider revision of the *Quirin* case insofar as it deems itself inhibited thereby from ruling that the Espionage Act, as construed by the court below, violates Article III, Section 3, and that the convictions had herein were secured in contravention of its provisions.

### III

In the context of Points I and II above, the acceptance of proof of criminal intent by imputation from the alleged "Communist" affiliations of the petitioners, can now fully be seen to have opened a Pandora's box of evils.

Evidence of "devotion to another country's welfare" (*R. 1654*), admitted to prove the intent under the Espionage Act, as we have shown, transmuted that Act into a "treason" statute, and the trial into a "treason" trial. "Devotion" was established by evidence merely "to the effect \* \* \* that they [petitioners] were members of the Communist Party". No proof was offered of their personal knowledge or acceptance of the tenets of that party, if any, that they were obliged, *qua* members, to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union.

*Kutcher v. Gray* (No. 11172), decided on October 16, 1952, by the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, affirmed that membership in a Communist (Trotskyite) Party *per se* does not import "disloyalty" or disloyal adherence. This ruling, in essence, reaffirms *Schneiderman v. United States*, 320 U. S. 118 (1942), on the basis of which the petitioners had urged the exclusion of the "Communist" evidence (Petition for Certiorari at p. 40 ff.). Both of these cases were civil proceedings, where the evidentiary standards of protection are less stringent than in criminal trials. The acceptance of such evidence in a criminal case presents error of such gravity as to require examination by this Court, for this evidence was concededly "highly in-



flammatory" (R. 1655), prejudiced the petitioners and created the constitutional infirmities which we raise in this petition.

#### IV

The due process clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution is the guardian in "our concept of ordered liberty" of "what is deemed reasonable and right". See *Wolf v. Colorado*, 338 U. S. 25, 27 (1949). A sentence which is incompatible with due process of law will not be permitted to stand. *Townsend v. Burke*, 334 U. S. 736 (1948); *Williams v. New York*, 337 U. S. 241, 252 (1949).

The exercise of the wide discretion vested in a sentencing judge to acquire information on which to base his determination does not include a right to rely on unfair and "materially untrue" assumptions, "whether by carelessness or design". *Townsend v. Burke*, *supra*, at p. 741.

We press upon the court that the sentences here outrage decency and offend civilized concepts of fair play, founded as they were on "materially untrue" facts and extravagant assumptions.

The record in this case concededly embodies the entire basis upon which the trial court bottomed its determination to inflict the sentences of death upon the petitioners (R. 1674). Removed from the proximity, in time, of the conflict of a "passion-rousing" trial, an objective reading of the trial judge's remarks on sentence must agitate the candid conscience. His reasons assail reason and the intelligent and informed mind; they are an admixture of misinformation, sired by ignorance, and of unfair syllogisms, erected on infirm premises.

The justification of death in this case was that the "crime was worse than murder" (R. 1614). To find warrant for this view the trial judge disregarded the plain record—his only avowed source of information—to saddle the petitioners with a will to harm their country and to hold them culpable, contrary to the facts of history and science, for

a succession of national disasters. On this perverted foundation, the judge rested his conclusion that "plain deliberate contemplated murder is dwarfed in magnitude by comparison with [petitioners'] crime" (R. 1614).

The conspiracy was allegedly conceived at a time when the Soviet Union was a war-time ally, respected, aided and extolled by the Government of the United States and its public and private leaders. Nevertheless, the trial judge stated on sentence:

"Citizens of this country who betray their fellow countrymen can be under none of the delusions about the benignity of Soviet power that they might have been prior to World War II" (R. 1613). "••• Indeed, by your betrayal you undoubtedly altered the course of history to the disadvantage of our country. No one can say that we do not live in a constant state of tension. We have evidence of your treachery all around us every day—for the civilian defense activities throughout the nation are aimed at preparing us for an atom-bomb attack" (R. 1615).

He commented further:

"Nor can it be said ••• that the power which set the conspiracy in motion ••• was not openly hostile to the United States at the time of the conspiracy" (R. 1615).

These remarks, conjoined with his limitation of the period of Soviet "benignity" to a time "prior to World War II", warped history to attribute to the petitioners' hostile mind in *limine*. Common knowledge of our wartime alliance with the Soviet Union, of course, confutes this legerdemain.

Moreover, the indictment on which petitioners were tried did not charge an "intent to injure" the United States, as it can be assumed it would have, were the Government in possession of evidence to establish such an intent. And, indeed, the record is bare of any such proof.

The forced finding that the petitioners had an "intent to injure" the United States changed the quality and gravity

of the offense.<sup>3</sup> Yet it was on the basis of the intent thus transmuted from "intent to advantage" to "intent to injure" that the sentences were inflicted. Fair play abominates the stratagem which makes the crime fit the punishment.

The trial judge cojoined with this fabricated malevolence of the petitioners, a weird and aggravated estimate of the importance and proximate consequences of their alleged crime, to extenuate the barbarity of his sentence. He stated:

"I believe your conduct in putting into the hands of the Russians the A-bomb years before our best scientists predicted Russia would perfect the bomb has already caused, in my opinion, the Communist aggression in Korea, with the resultant casualties exceeding 50,000 and who knows but that millions more of innocent people may pay the price of your treason. Indeed, by your betrayal you undoubtedly have altered the course of history to the disadvantage of our country" (R. 1614-15).

Patently, these statements are unmitigated fiction. Their judicial pronouncement cannot serve to square their unreality with the facts of life, nor can sentences so spuriously supported comport with due process of law.

No one, other than the trial judge, has even pretended that the atom-bomb material allegedly transmitted in the course of the instant conspiracy, was of any substantial value to the Soviet Union.

As a general proposition, Dr. Harold C. Urey, one of the directors of the atomic bomb project, has affirmed that:

"Any spies capable of picking up this information will get information more rapidly by staying at home and working in their own laboratories." N. Y. TIMES, March 3, 1946, p. 12.

<sup>3</sup> Congress in passing the ATOMIC ENERGY ACT of 1946 (42 U. S. C. A. Sec. 1816) did not see fit to prescribe the death penalty for atomic espionage except where there exists an intent to injure the United States.

Specifically in relation to this case, the Government itself, after the trial, conceded that: "Greenglass' diagrams have a theatrical quality", and because he was not a scientist, "must have counted for little". *Report on Soviet Atomic Espionage*, Joint Comm. on Atomic Espionage, 82nd Cong., 1st Sess. (U. S. Gov't Printing Office, April, 1951). Reflections on the lack of value of the information allegedly transmitted here persist in scientific critiques. See: TIME, March 19, 1951;<sup>4</sup> LIFE, March 26, 1951;<sup>5</sup> SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, May, 1951.<sup>6</sup> See also: Urey, N. Y. TIMES, March 3, 1951.<sup>7</sup>

It is perfectly clear that such valueless information could have had little effectiveness "in putting into the hands of the Russians the A-bomb", even had they not possessed the "secret".

It is universally conceded, propaganda to the contrary notwithstanding, that there was no basic "secret" concerning atomic weapons. Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, N. Y. TIMES, January 15, 1951; *ATOMICS*, September, 1949; Letter of Harold C. Urey to N. Y. TIMES, May 11, 1950. This concession extends as well to "know-how". The United States Atomic Energy Commission itself has supported this view, as quoted in an International News Service release dated Washington, D. C., December, 1950:

"The Atomic Energy Commission Friday bared secret documentary proof that Russia has known the

<sup>4</sup> " \* \* \* some of his [Greenglass'] testimony made little scientific sense."

<sup>5</sup> " \* \* \* Greenglass' implosion bomb appears illogical, if not unworkable \* \* \*"

<sup>6</sup> "What the newspapers fail to note was that without quantitative data and other necessary accompanying information, the Greenglass bomb was not much of a secret."

<sup>7</sup> Detailed data on the atom bomb, he declared, would require "eighty to ninety volumes of close print" which only a scientist or engineer would be able to read.

scientific secrets of atom-bomb manufacture since 1940, the year the United States began attempts to develop the missile." (Emphasis ours.)

The decisive factor, in terms of the extent of the time lag between our possession of the bomb and its development by the Soviet Union, was the degree of the industrial strength and technology of the Soviet Union, not its scientific knowledge. That time lag was given, by experts, an outside limit of five years. Dr. Irving Langmuir, N. Y. TIMES, October 9, 1945, p. 9; Newman, *Control of Atomic Energy*, 56 YALE L. J. 769; *Report on Soviet Atomic Energy*, op. cit., supra, at pp. 7, 13-14. On this topic, Dr. Urey commented:

"In my opinion if we published all our data in detail we would not shorten the five \* \* \* years of General Grove's estimate by very much. It takes time to build plants, and it takes time to operate them. Address, reprinted in SCIENCE, November 2, 1945.

Scientific judgment undermines the validity of the trial judge's claim that the petitioners' conduct, did or could have, put "into the hands of the Russians the A-bomb years before our best scientists predicted Russia would perfect the bomb". Because of these findings of the scientific world, matters of common knowledge before the trial here, this basis for imposing death is exposed as "materially untrue", a vice which must vitiate the sentences.

If the trial judge displayed irresponsibility, in blinding himself to the facts and capitulating to the popular myth of atomic monopoly, he threw all rationality and judicial temperance to the winds when he judged the petitioners' to have "caused \* \* \* the Communist aggression in Korea, with the resultant casualties exceeding 50,000 \* \* \*" and thus "undoubtedly [to] have altered the course of history to the disadvantage of our country".

The question of the responsibility for the commencement of the war in Korea is still hotly debated in this

country, and inconclusively resolved.<sup>8</sup> But one fact is uncontroversially clear: No responsible official fastens this guilt on the petitioners. While in the arena of political life, it is not uncommon to create "whipping boys", due process cannot sanction similar judicial victimization in the courtroom.

Yet all the convoluted reasoning of the trial judge cannot conceal the basic inequity in measuring the severity of the punishment on the gauge of extant political circumstances.<sup>9</sup> Since reason understands that this crime, if disposed of at the time it was laid, would not have incurred a harsh or vindictive sentence, the sense of fairness is shocked by the exaction of retribution for subsequent events

<sup>8</sup> The following are some of the varied opinions of American statesmen on the responsibility for the origin of the conflict: Sumner Wells (N. Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM, March 28, 1951, p. 24: "The statement issued by the State Department in January 1950, that the Republic of South Korea \* \* \* was 'not within our line of defense.'"); Thomas E. Dewey (N. Y. TIMES, Sept. 19, 1951, pp. 10-11: "On-again-off-again' policy on Formosa \* \* \*"); Dwight D. Eisenhower (N. Y. TIMES, Sept. 5, 1952, p. 1: "We are in that war because this Administration abandoned China to the Communists."); Retired Rear Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias (N. Y. TIMES, June 21, 1951: "Korea was a blunder by both Russia and the United States."); Willbur W. Hitchcock, former member U. S. Military Gov't in Korea (CURRENT HISTORY, March 1951: " \* \* \* Soviet Union in fact did not initiate the war [and] far from throwing the switch, was just as surprised as was the Western World when the North Koreans threw the switch.")

<sup>9</sup> These examples could be multiplied *ad infinitum*; there are almost as many opinions as people.

<sup>10</sup> The vindication of the sentences by the court below on the ground of the continuance of the conspiracy into the "cold war" period (R. 1680-81) is a mere rationalization of the trial judge's position. Were this the criterion it would have been reasonable to expect a sentence other than death for the petitioner, Ethel Rosenberg, as to whom the record is bare of post-war involvement. And as to both petitioners, the concurring judge (Frank, J.) suggested consideration on sentence of "the fact that the evidence of the Rosenbergs' activities after Germany's defeat (as well as of their earlier espionage activities) came almost entirely from accomplices" (R. 1677).

and reversed political relations over which the petitioners had neither control nor clairvoyance to foretell.

The concept of fair play, the essence of due process, commands that these sentences be set aside.

## V

In their petition for a writ of certiorari, the petitioners interposed a challenge to the constitutionality of the sentence which, if upheld, would have precluded the necessity for consideration of the sentence of death on the level of an abuse of discretion of the sentencing judge.

The denial of the writ of certiorari now makes it appropriate to raise the question of the excessiveness of the sentences.

Section 2106 of Title 28 U. S. C. A. provides:

"The Supreme Court or any other Court of appellate jurisdiction may affirm, modify, vacate, set aside or review any judgment . . . lawfully brought before it for review, and may remand the cause and direct the entry of such appropriate judgment . . . , or require such further proceedings to be had as may be just under the circumstances."

It is difficult to conceive of a statute drawn more clearly and explicitly to express the legislative intent to confer the broadest power upon the Federal appellate courts to control in whole and in detail judgments of the lower courts.

*A fortiori*, sentence, which is embodied in and forms an integral part of a judgment of conviction, would be reached by the power to ". . . modify, vacate, set aside or reverse . . .".

The question of appellate power to revise a sentence under the terms of Section 2106 is *res nova*. The court below acknowledged that "No decision by the Supreme Court or any Federal Court of Appeals seems to have cited or considered this statute in passing on the question of the power to reduce a sentence when a conviction is affirmed" (R. 1673-74).

If the various Federal Courts of Appeal have denied themselves this power their decisions have not been influenced by any inhibitions on power contained in Section 2106.

The court below, nevertheless, considered itself impotent in the face of what it termed "sixty years of undeviating federal precedents" holding "that an Appellate Court has no power to modify a sentence" (R. 1671). In this the lower court fell into error. Authorities which so hold rely on the anachronism of a rule enunciated in *Ex parte Watkins*, 7 Pet. 568, 574, decided at a time when the Supreme Court had no Federal criminal appellate jurisdiction over either judgments or sentences, and prior to the enactment of Section 2106 or its predecessors. But this Court, even without dependence upon the authority of Section 2106, has never disclaimed the power to interfere with an arbitrary or excessive sentence, although within statutory limits.<sup>10</sup>

The lower court invoked *Blockburger v. United States*, 284 U. S. 299, as an impediment to its assumption of power. Yet this Court there stated (at p. 305):

"Under the circumstances, so far as disclosed, it is true that the imposition of the full penalty of fine and imprisonment upon each count seems unduly severe; but there may have been other facts and circumstances before the trial court properly influencing the extent of the punishment. In any event, the matter was one for that Court, with whose judgment *there is no warrant for interference on our part.*" (Emphasis ours.)

Were "power" the issue, there would have been no occasion to discuss "warrant". This is made clear by the latest pronouncement of this Court in *Tomoya Kawakita v. United States*, 72 S. Ct. 950, 966 (1952), where the court, in relation to the severity of the sentence, stated:

<sup>10</sup> The courts have always assumed power where the sentence imposed was in excess of the statutory limits. See cases cited by court below at R. 1671. This Court has similarly assumed power to modify a sentence where no statute governs the limits of punishment and penalty is left to the discretion of the court. *United States v. United Mine Workers*, 330 U. S. 258 (1947).

"The trial judge imposed the death sentence. The argument is that that sentence was so severe as to be arbitrary. It was, however, within the statutory limits. Whether a sentence may be so severe and the offense so trivial that an appellate court should set it aside is a question we need not reach. The flagrant and persistent acts of petitioner gave the trial judge such a leeway in reaching a decision on the sentence that we would not be warranted in interfering. Cf: *Blockburger v. United States*, 294 U. S. 299, 305."

In short, the court did not deny its power, but because of the circumstances of the case, refused to exercise it.<sup>11</sup>

We submit that the circumstances in this case should move this Court to modify or set aside the sentences. The court need not fear that here, as in the *Blockburger* case there "may have been other facts and circumstances before the trial court properly influencing the extent of punishment". The court below acknowledges that the trial judge placed on the record all the grounds on which he based the death sentences (R. 1674). The vice of the sentences imposed on these petitioners lies not only in the grounds he stated publicly (discussed in Point IV above), but as well on his elision of facts within and dehors the record which rationally bear upon the measure of punishment.

Undoubtedly, were the sentences founded on "materially untrue" facts and assumptions, as we have demonstrated in Point IV above, they not only offend due process, but, as well, constitute an abuse of the discretion of the sentencing judge.

For it cannot be forgotten that, in addition, the trial judge disregarded other factors that are ordinarily brought to bear on sentence.

<sup>11</sup> In any event, if this Court adheres to the view of the lower court that this Court's decision in the *Blockburger* and *Kawakita* cases stand for a denial of power, we press upon this Court that such a construction should be overruled as suggested by the concurring opinion of Judge Frank below (R. 1672-77). See also Hall, *Reduction of Criminal Sentences on Appeal*, 37 Col. L. Rev. 521, 762 (1937).

The conviction of the petitioners was procured on accomplice and professional informer testimony with a patina of circumstantial evidence (R. 1648), against the sworn denials of the petitioners in their own defense (R. 1051-1401). Sufficient evidence to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt was entirely lacking without the testimony of these accomplices, who, hopelessly entrapped, consummated deals with the Government to accuse the petitioners and so avoid or mitigate punishment for their malefactions (R. 556-67, 594-608, 715-21, 729-47, 757-61, 780, 784-86, 792-93, 593, 740, 1638). Such a case has been characterized as "weak". *Krudewich v. United States*, 336 U. S. 400 (1949); *Berger v. United States*, 295 U. S. 78 (1935); *Glasser v. United States*, 315 U. S. 60 (1942); *United States v. Levi*, 177 F. 2d 827 (C. A. 7th, 1949). Justice Frank, concurring below, suggested consideration of this factor on modification of sentence (R. 1677).

The infirmity of a case built on accomplice testimony, is underscored in relation to these petitioners, when the Government announced that, contrary to the trial testimony, the petitioners were insignificant cogs in the alleged Soviet espionage apparatus. Within a week after the imposition of sentence upon the petitioners, a highly authoritative government report rated Fuchs, May and Greenglass (along with British, Bruno Pontecorvo) as the only important atomic espionage agents, and subordinated the petitioners to a minor place. *Report on Soviet Atomic Espionage*, Joint Comm. on Atomic Energy, 82nd Cong., 1st Sess. (U. S. Gov't Printing Office, 1951), pp. 5-7. *Accord: The Shameful Years*, House Comm. on Un-Am. Activities (U. S. Gov't Printing Office, 1952).

Furthermore, never before in the entire history of the United States has a civil court, either in peace or war, decreed a sentence of death for the crime of espionage (R. 1671). For that most grave of all crimes, treason, only two death sentences have been imposed since the adoption of the Constitution (R. 1671) and no execution

has taken place. In the midst of the last war three persons, and after the close of hostilities five persons were charged with, tried for, and convicted of treason for adherence to an enemy that was despicable to the entire world for a wantonness unparalleled in human history. No one of these was executed for his crime.<sup>12</sup>

In the context of allegedly the same network of Soviet atomic espionage agents, the subject of this case, only prison sentences were meted out: David Greenglass, 15 years (R. 1638); Harry Gold, 30 years (R. 801); Ruth Greenglass, David's wife, a co-conspirator, though not a defendant, never indicted for her crime and presently a free woman (R. 593, 740). The same is true of other convicted Soviet atomic espionage agents: Dr. Klaus Fuchs, in England, 14 years; Allan Nunn May, in England, 10 years. *Report on Soviet Atomic Espionage, op. cit., supra.*

This shocking departure from the American tradition against vengeful punishment, and the inverse disparity between these sentences and the punishment meted out to others, according to the Government, more culpable, marks the magnitude of the abuse of the sentencing judge in the exercise of his discretionary powers.

<sup>12</sup> During hostilities: *United States v. Cramer*, 137 F. 2d 888 (C. C. A. 2d, 1943), rev'd 325 U. S. 1 (45 years and \$10,000); *Haupt v. United States, supra* (life imprisonment and \$10,000); *Stephan v. United States*, 133 F. 2d 87 (C. C. A. 6th, 1943), cert. den. 318 U. S. 781 (death sentence imposed but not executed).


After cessation of hostilities: *Chandler v. United States*, 171 F. 2d 921, cert. den. 336 U. S. 918 (life imprisonment and \$10,000); *Best v. United States*, 184 F. 2d 131 (C. A. 1st, 1950) (life imprisonment and \$10,000); *United States v. Burgman*, 87 F. Supp. 568 (D. C., D. C., 1949), aff'd 188 F. 2d 637 (imprisonment, term not mentioned). The two women in the group, better known as "Axis Sally" and "Tokyo Rose", were given minimal prison sentences. *Gillars v. United States*, 182 F. 2d 962 (App. D. C., 1950) (10 to 30 years' imprisonment and \$10,000); *D'Aquino v. United States*, 180 F. 2d 271 (C. A. 9th, 1950) (10 years' imprisonment and \$10,000).

The sentence was a product of the abandonment of rational standards. Judicial balance gave way to unjudicial surrender to the political clamor that invaded this case. This Court, the ultimate protector of an accused, helpless against the forces of passion and prejudice, has the responsibility to remedy the irreparable and imminently irrevocable harm suffered by these petitioners.

### CONCLUSION

The petition for rehearing should be granted, this Court's order of October 13, 1952, vacated, and a writ of certiorari issued to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Petitioners,  
401 Broadway,  
New York 13, New York.

Assistant Attorney General Charles B. Murray  
Criminal Division

November 3, 1952

Director, FBI

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., et al  
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There is being transmitted herewith for your information a Photostat of an article which appeared in the October 17, 1952, edition of the "Daily Worker" entitled "Forward, 'Jewish Day' Ask Truman Save Rosenbergs."

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# 'Forward', 'Jewish Day' Ask Truman Save Rosenbergs

The Jewish Daily Forward and the Jewish Day urged President Truman yesterday to spare the lives of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, whose death sentences on frameup "spy" charges were denied review by the Supreme Court this week.

Both the "Day" editorially and the "Forward", in a lengthy article by editor H. Rogoff, urged executive clemency as an act of humanity and compassion.

The "Forward" article in addition compared the extreme penalty for the Rosenbergs with the 14 year and 10 years terms given Klaus Fuchs and Alan Nunn May on similar charges. It reiterated the "Forward's" view, given at the time of the Rosenbergs' sentencing, that the death penalty was "to horrible" and urged Truman to consider that the alleged betrayal of the Rosenbergs was committed at a time when Russia was our ally in the

war. In this country there was a friendly attitude toward Russia."

The "Day" expressed the "hope that President Truman will, on the basis of humanitarian motives and solely on this basis commute the death sentence of 33-year-old Julius Rosenberg and 36-year-old Ethel Rosenberg to prison."

While the paper refused to admit the validity of widespread charges that the Rosenbergs are victims of anti-Semitism it added: **APPEAL TO TRUMAN**

"However, having faith in our democratic system of justice and a fair application of our laws we feel that we are entitled to appeal to the President to commute the death sentence to prison and not allow America to emerge in the eyes of the world as being more brutal than other democratic countries that coped with similar crimes."

The paper concluded:

"A life in jail is a severe enough punishment for the Rosenbergs. Let not America extinguish the lives of two young people for a crime that drew only prison sentences in other countries. Let America not rob two small children of their parents."

"For the sake of America's good name it is worth that the President exercise compassion along with judgement."

"Forward" editor Rogoff, who would not recognize the possibility of innocence for the Rosenbergs noted that "the extreme punishment of death for betrayal was always meted out only to spies who helped the enemy in time of war. Never has such a punishment been handed out when assistance was given to an ally in war. This is also the first time that the death penalty for espionage was renedered in a civilian court."

*Let to Asst Atty Gen Charles B. Murray 11/3/52  
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Assistant Attorney General Charles B. Murray  
Criminal Division

October 31, 1952

Director, FBI

**JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., et al**  
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As you may be aware, there has been a concerted propaganda effort on the part of certain Communist elements to create sympathy for the Rosenbergs in order to save them from execution. The main theme of this effort has been to allege that the Rosenbergs are the victims of a political frameup, and that the death sentences were the result of pressure exerted by anti-Semites and Fascists.

You will recall that subsequent to the convictions in this case, a series of articles appeared in the "National Guardian," a self-styled progressive weekly published in New York City, following the above theme. The author of these articles is William A. Reuben. During this same period, there was organized the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case," with Reuben as Provisional Chairman. A nationwide campaign was launched by the Committee and speeches were made by Reuben and others in various cities from coast to coast. Local committees were also organized in some of the larger cities.

Investigation of the activities of this Committee reflects that known Communists and Communist sympathizers have taken an active interest in its various functions. This interest has increased since the refusal of the Supreme Court to review this case.

In connection with the charges of anti-Semitism leveled by these elements, it should be noted that responsible Jewish groups in this country have denounced these charges as insidious. It might be noted that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has alerted all Jewish groups against supporting any meetings or attempts to develop pro-Rosenberg sympathy in their respective areas. A bulletin issued by the Anti-Defamation League stated that "the injection of non-existent anti-Semitism into the emotion-packed story and tragedy of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg is a deliberate, well-organized, and persistent effort by the Communists to gain a political advantage."

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The efforts of the Communists to bring pressure on Jewish organizations to support the Rosenberg cause is borne out by an editorial in the "Daily Peoples World," a west coast Communist newspaper, June 5, 1952, issue. The editorial criticized the American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union for upholding the Rosenberg death sentences.

It has been learned recently through a reliable informant that on October 18, 1952, a combined emergency meeting was held by fifty representatives from the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case," the Civil Rights Congress, and related groups. They agreed to join in their efforts to save the Rosenbergs. According to this informant, a campaign has been launched by these groups to secure signatures to petitions for forwarding to President Truman and the Attorney General. The Civil Rights Congress is reportedly attempting to raise \$5,000 for the Rosenberg campaign.

It has also been learned through this source that the Civil Rights Congress has communicated with the World Federation of Trade Unions, asking it to organize demonstrations throughout the world against the United States government in connection with the Rosenberg case. This informant has advised that the current line in this matter is that irrespective of the Rosenbergs' guilt or innocence, they should get the same sentences as other convicted traitors such as Earl Browder.

It is thought that you would be interested in the foregoing as indicative of the attempts by various Communist groups to make it appear that there is widespread sympathy for the Rosenbergs throughout the country and to thereby attempt to influence the President and the Department of Justice towards granting clemency for the Rosenbergs.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNEIGH

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG;  
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DATE: October 30, 1952

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Acting Supervisor Scott Miller, New York Office, called on the morning of October 30. He advised that the person previously reported to the NYO as Rabbi Dr. Aaron Sharff has now been determined to be Rabbi Meyer Sharff. Sharff is reported to have stated on the afternoon of October 29, 1952, that he was proceeding immediately to Kansas City, and from there to Independence, Missouri, to personally seek executive clemency from the President for the Rosenbergs.

Meyer Sharff is the Rabbi of the Temple Ansha Pokatillof in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York. He is a member of the Rabbinical Board of Greater New York.

The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs has stated that Sharff came to them, unsolicited, to help save the Rosenbergs. In his speeches, Sharff claims he is not a Communist. He says he was in Russia during the Revolution and that his son was killed by the Communists. In his speeches, he attacks Judge Kaufman; says he believes the Rosenbergs are innocent; and stresses anti-Semitism in connection with the prosecution. He is 78 years of age, short in stature, and wears a long white beard. He speaks at many of the Committee rallies.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG;  
ETHEL ROSENBERG;  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: October 30, 1952

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Acting Supervisor Scott Miller called from New York on the morning of October 30. He advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs held a rally in Union Square on the afternoon of October 29 and that the closing speaker was Rabbi Dr. Aaron Scharff, who announced that he was leaving immediately for Kansas City, and from there to Independence, Missouri, to personally seek executive clemency from President Truman for the Rosenbergs.

Bureau files do not reflect any information identifiable with Rabbi Dr. Aaron Scharff.

RECOMMENDATION:

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 10/31/52

FROM : SAC, New York (100-80931)

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Rebulet 9/29/52, requesting identification of certain individuals and that consideration be given to advisability of interviewing other individuals.

EDWARD I. ARANOW was identified in report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER dated 6/8/51, N.Y., and WILLIAM W. LANCASTER was identified in the report of SA WALTER C. ROETTING, JR. dated 4/24/52, N.Y. In view of the fact that these reports are not being prepared for dissemination (sec. N.Y. letter 2/13/51 and Bulet 3/9/51) and that subject was in contact with numerous individuals on continuing basis, this office has been eliminating repetition of identifying material. In order to call attention to previous identifications this office will in future reports, UACB, make a notation next to first mention of a contact's name, that the person was identified in a previous report.

Re proposed interview ALFRED ABRAHAM PUHN. Bureau's attention directed to pending Security Matter-C investigation on PUHN and fact that PUHN'S activities are of particular significance in connection with investigation JULIUS ROSENBERG. Consideration being given to interview PUHN in ROSENBERG case.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

FROM : V. P. Keay *VPK*

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG;  
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Reference is made to memorandum to you from Mr. Hennrich dated October 30, 1952, captioned as above, wherein information was set forth indicating that a Rabbi Meyer Sharff of New York was reportedly to proceed to Independence, Missouri, to personally seek executive clemency from President Truman for the Rosenbergs. Attached to this memorandum was a routing slip containing the notation (concurring in by the Director) that the White House be alerted concerning this information.

This is to advise that on October 31, 1952, Mr. Roach informed Mr. Leonard P. Hutchinson, U. S. Secret Service, White House Detail, of the information contained in referenced memorandum.

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None. For your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Attached hereto as of possible interest to the Bureau is a clipping from the 10/29/52 issue of Le Soir, French Communist newspaper in Paris, which devoted almost an entire page of this issue to the ROSENBERG case. It will be noted that the feature story, the sub-title of which is "The Pathetic Adventure of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg", was written by VLADIMIR POINER, who is well known to Bureau files.

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# LE SECRET DE LA BOMBE

UN crime est à la  
antennes de Non  
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triers, les corps de deux  
femme — s'affaisse  
Gee, sur la chaise  
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**A** New-York, dans le bas de l'île de Manhattan, non loin d'East-River, se dresse un groupe d'immeubles connu sous le nom de Knickerbocker Village. Il est habité par des employés, des petits commerçants, des ouvriers qualifiés, des intellectuels : des gens qui gagnent leur vie, mais la gagnent modestement.

En 1942, un jeune couple vient vivre là. Lui, a vingt-quatre ans, il est ingénieur. Sa femme, de deux ans son aînée, a été secrétaire avant leur mariage, mais elle ne travaille plus. C'est-à-dire que, comme tant de femmes de par le monde, elle ne fait que le ménage, le marché, la cuisine, la lessive, les raccommodages, et tout le reste. Au bout de deux ans, ils ont un enfant, un garçon, puis, quatre ans plus tard, un autre. La jeune femme s'en occupe elle-même. En dix ans, elle tombe malade à deux reprises, et c'est seulement alors qu'elle se fait aider par une femme de ménage.

## a-t-il été volé ?

L'appartement se compose de deux pièces. Le loyer est modeste. Le mobilier provient d'amis qui ont quitté New-York pour la Californie. Pour le suite, on achètera quelques meubles, presque tous d'occasion. Une bibliothèque, par exemple, qu'un collègue a commandée et dont il n'a pas voulu : la jeune couple en est très fier, c'est ce qu'ils ont de mieux. Une console aussi, neuve celle-là, que le mari s'est procurée aux grands magasins Macy's pour la somme de 21 dollars. Les vieilleries, on les vendra à un brocanteur.

Le salaire du mari suffit tout juste à subvenir aux dépenses courantes. En onze ans, le jeune ingénieur acquerra que cinq complets, du prêt à porter, à 26 dollars : ce qu'on trouve de meilleur marché. En 1950, il porte encore la pardessus qu'il a acheté dix ans plus tôt. Sa femme a un manteau de fourrure qui n'a coûté que 80 dollars et qui a été retailé plusieurs fois : il fait froid à New-York l'hiver. C'est ce qu'elle possède de plus précieux, cela, et une montre à 30 dollars : un cadeau d'anniversaire de son mari. Lui, a un appareil photographique qu'il a gagné dans un concours.

### Un couple uni

Dans la journée, on travaille. Le soir, on reste chez soi, on va au cinéma, on voit des amis, des voisins, on discute. Tous les vendredis, on va chez la mère de la jeune femme où l'on retrouve la famille. On y discute également. C'est la guerre. Comme la plupart de ses confrères, l'ingénieur est affecté spécial dans des entreprises travaillant pour la défense nationale. Il est lui et il hait les nazis qui exterminent ses coreligionnaires. Il est progressiste et il hait le fascisme. Sa femme pense comme lui : c'est un couple uni.

Il se tiennent au courant de ce qui se fait en Union Soviétique. On y reste, les journaux en sont remplis : l'Union Soviétique est une alliée, Roosevelt et Churchill la couvrent d'éloges, et le général Mac Arthur chante les louanges de l'Armée Rouge. Le jeune ingénieur et sa compagne trouvent que l'Union Soviétique est seule à repousser l'assaut de la Wehrmacht et que le deuxième front tarde trop à s'ouvrir. Quarante-deux millions de Français, moins quelques traitres, sont du même avis. Personne en France ne peut le dire à haute voix. Il n'en est pas de même dans la libre Amérique...

Pour avoir librement exprimé ses opinions, le jeune ingénieur est accusé d'être un communiste et licencié.

Il proteste. Il va à Washington, il casse de voir son député : rien n'y fait. Alors, avec un ami et deux frères de sa femme, il fonde une petite entreprise. Au bout d'un certain temps, l'ami se retire. L'ingénieur et ses deux beaux-frères se mettent à travailler.

### La pathétique aventure de Julius et Ethel ROSENBERG racontée par Vladimir POZNER

ne pouvez pas me donner d'argent, au moins faites ça pour moi.

### Les dessous d'une sale histoire

Le soir, l'ingénieur en parle à sa femme. Elle est inquiète. Il s'agit de son plus jeune frère, qu'elle aime beaucoup. Surtout, c'est une femme qui le tracasse pour avoir de l'argent.

— Non, dit l'ingénieur. Il doit avoir des embêtements. Je ne sais pas de quoi c'est. Il se souviennent que, quelques temps auparavant, des agents de la police fédérale — le F.B.I. — sont venus interroger le beau-frère au sujet d'un vol d'uranium. Ils se souviennent également que,

refusent. Rosenberg leur rappelle qu'ils l'ont fait venir pour lui poser des questions au sujet de son beau-frère et qu'à présent ils essaient de l'impliquer lui. Il demande à consulter un avocat.

— Nous ne vous accusons de rien, dit un inspecteur. Nous voulons vous aider, c'est tout.

— Je voudrais voir un avocat.

— Une cigarette ? Du chewing-gum ?

— Je demande à voir un avocat.

— Voudriez-vous manger quelque chose ?

Ce n'est qu'au début de l'après-midi que Rosenberg parvient à téléphoner à l'avocat de son ami, le Syndicat des Architectes et d'Ingénieurs.

L'avocat s'informe :

— Êtes-vous sous mandat d'arrêt ?

Rosenberg n'en sait rien.

— Demandez au F.B.I. si vous l'êtes.

Rosenberg se tourne vers ses accusateurs :

— Est-ce que la suite accède ?

— Non.

— Alors, dit l'avocat, laissez-vous et venez dans mon bureau.

Rosenberg se lève.

Au revoir, messieurs.

Il sort. Personne ne le retient. Dans la rue, il achète le journal du soir. Il y voit la photo de David Greenglass et apprend que son beau-frère a été écroué.

Rosenberg se rend chez l'avocat, pour le consulter. Un jour se passe.

Deux jours, trois jours. La vie continue. Tous les matins, il va à son bureau. Tous les soirs, il rentre chez lui. L'idée ne lui vient jamais de partir, de se cacher. Il n'a rien à se reprocher. Il se sent



**LE BAISER SOUS LES MENOTTES.** — Après avoir entendu la verdict de mort et avant d'être rejoints dans leur cellule, les Rosenberg...



**Le Grain de Sel**  
d'ANDRÉ WURMSER

Souvenir, souvenir

que nous veux-tu ?

LES Rosenberg mourront-ils ? Non, disent les peuples. Si, répond le gouvernement américain. La France est sortie à son honneur de l'affaire Dreyfus, grâce à des hommes de cœur et de conscience. Zola, Péguy, Jaurès, plus coupables les uns que les autres de crimes de passion, ont été exécutés. L'Amérique, elle, collectionne les affaires Dreyfus.

Curieux pays civilisé que celui qui maintient des innocents dans la cellule des condamnés à mort pendant des mois, des années et, lorsque l'indignation universelle a atteint son comble, les exécute ; curieux pays civilisé que celui qui, ayant assassiné Sacco et Vanzetti, craint que son crime ne soit oublié et, vingt-cinq ans plus tard, recommence.

Pour Sacco et Vanzetti, le supplice avait duré sept ans. Tout le mois d'août 1927, le juge Fuller, latvérien, revint sur sa décision, revint sur son repentir. Vaillant-Couturier intitulait un article : « Le drapau étiole à la mort ». Les matras de la justice avait dit : « La peau de ces boîtes », un juge qu'aimait, comme on voit, la même passion que M. Martineau-Desbrunck. Le monde entier manifestait.

R, sur les Français qui criaient leur indignation, au soir de l'assassinat, les flics tapaient à bras raccourcis, quelle était donc cette audace pré-attentive, quelle était la pré-attentive...

salaires, ils étaient dans la juste de quoi vivre. Finalement, les deux beaux-frères désertent l'atelier. L'ingénieur, demeuré seul, négocie un accord avec le bailleur de fonds, emprunte de l'argent pour lui rembourser mille dollars, signe des traites.

Le plus jeune de ses beaux-frères, le mécanicien, et surtout la femme de celui-ci, lui mènent la vie dure : ils cherchent à récupérer leur argent. Les disputes s'enveniment. Un jour, dans la rue, devant des témoins, le mécanicien en vient au mains avec le mari de sa sœur.

N'empêche qu'un jour, il se présente à l'atelier. Il veut parler à l'ingénieur, il veut lui parler en tête-à-tête : c'est important.

— Vous devez me procurer deux mille dollars, dit-il. J'en ai besoin tout de suite.

L'ingénieur lui explique qu'il n'a pas d'argent. De quoi s'agit-il ?

— J'en ai besoin, répète l'autre, excité. Ne me posez pas de questions.

Puis, il ajoute :

— Si vous ne pouvez pas m'aider de cette façon, peut-être pouvez-vous faire autre chose pour moi. Friez-vous chez votre docteur pour lui demander un certificat de vaccin ?

— Pourquoi n'allez-vous pas chez le vôtre ?

— Ne me le demandez pas. Je ne peux pas le faire.

— Ce n'est pas régulier, mais je vais demander à mon médecin s'il accepte de le faire.

— Ne lui dites pas pour qui c'est et, pendant que vous y êtes, demandez-lui s'il est au courant des vaccins qu'on réclame pour aller au Mexique.

— Vous avez des embêtements ?

— Ne me demandez rien. Vous devez le faire pour moi. Si vous

— J'ai un coup dur, dit-il. Je dois trouver cet argent. Si vous ne me le procurez pas, vous le regretterez !

Une fois de plus, il refuse de rien expliquer, et lorsque l'ingénieur va le voir chez lui, il ne parle plus de rien.

Du reste, l'ingénieur a ses propres soucis, des soucis d'un autre ordre. Les affaires vont mal. Du matin au soir, il cherche des commandes. Sa femme fait le ménage, la lessive, la cuisine, s'occupe des enfants qui vont déjà à l'école. La vie n'est pas rose dans le petit appartement de Knickerbocker Village.

Le jeune ingénieur s'appelle Julius Rosenberg, et sa femme, Ethel.

## Devant le F.B.I.

On est en 1950.

Le 15 juin, la police vient chercher David Greenglass, le beau-frère de Rosenberg, celui qui est mécanicien. Le lendemain matin, on sonne à la porte des Rosenberg.

Il est tôt. Julius n'est pas encore habillé, il aide sa femme à lever les enfants. Il va ouvrir. Il y a deux hommes sur le palier.

— Nous venons de la part du F.B.I., dit l'un d'eux. Nous voudrions vous poser quelques questions au sujet de David Greenglass.

Il les fait entrer et va consulter sa femme.

— Si David a des embêtements, dit-elle, et si vous pouvez l'aider, parlez à ces hommes.

Julius dit aux policiers qu'il est prêt à répondre à leurs questions. Il se rase et s'habille.

— Nous ne pouvons pas parler ici, dit un des inspecteurs. Accompagnez-vous de venir jusqu'à notre bureau ?

Rosenberg accepte de les accompagner. Ils sont trois à présent à lui poser des questions. Elles ont trait à Greenglass Rosenberg leur frère, des endroits où il a travaillé. Il se garde bien de mentionner l'histoire des deux mille dollars et du faux certificat de vaccin et ne souffle mot de ses soupçons. Il sait que David est entre les mains de la police et il s'efforce de ne rien faire pour l'accabler.

Au bout de deux heures, un des inspecteurs lui dit à brûle-pour-point :

— Savez-vous que votre beau-frère a avoué que vous lui aviez dit de procurer des renseignements à la Russie ?

Rosenberg regarde, stupéfait.

— C'est impossible.

Ce n'est pas son beau-frère qu'il soupçonne d'avoir menti, mais le F.B.I.

— Où est David ? demande-t-il. On refuse de le lui dire.

— Faites-le venir ici et qu'il le répète devant moi !

Les policiers s'informent :

— Et que feriez-vous si nous l'amenions ici ?

— Je le traiterais de menteur ! Et, comme les inspecteurs s'y

montrèrent pas convaincu qu'ils jouaient, ils s'en allaient, pour les laisser tranquilles, de terroriser les gens, de progrès, un cordonnier et un pêcheur, accusés sur la foi de faux témoignages, d'un crime qu'ils n'avaient pas commis, ont été électrocutés pour l'exemple ?

Peut-on lui reprocher de n'avoir pas pensé à Sacco et Vanzetti ? Ni, plus près de nous, à Willie Mac-Gee et à tant d'autres noirs innocents, eux aussi électrocutés pour l'exemple ? Peut-on lui en vouloir s'il ne s'est pas rendu compte, chaque fois que les privilégiés de son pays se sentaient menacés dans leurs privilèges, les se défendaient à coups de provocations, de faux témoignages et de chaises électriques ? En ayant eût de choisir pour victime des syndicalistes lorsqu'il s'agissait de dresser l'opinion publique contre les syndicats, des noirs lorsqu'il fallait exacerber les préjugés racistes ? En ayant soin de choisir pour martyrs des hommes et des femmes obscurs, de petites gens, afin de terroriser toutes les petites gens ?

Non, personne n'aurait le courage de blâmer Rosenberg pour n'avoir pas songé que jamais encore les privilégiés de son pays ne s'étaient sentis autant menacés. Pourquoi le ferait-il ? Une semaine se passa après la visite du F.B.I., et deux semaines, et la vie continue normalement.

C'est au bout d'un mois, le 16 juillet 1950, que Julius Rosenberg est arrêté. Peu de temps après, sa femme est arrêtée à son tour. Ils sont accusés d'avoir volé et transmis à l'Union Soviétique le secret de la bombe atomique.

(A suivre.).

américain, une femme à Paris, c'est Paris. Bizarres.

En 1927, pour la première fois, avait en France des bicyclettes modernes, haine et la peur gagnaient pas. En 1911, ancien président de la République, avait 80 ans ; le dernier acte politique fut de demander la grâce des indigents. N'en espérons tant de plus. ment plus, rait trois, dre : « O. ri Martin

Q UE les deux dialectes amé-

geants amé- contraire, je le un quart pour rien sang, et pe- seul coup- berg, celui- était louab- Julfs ? Ne les braves- entier n'ont cher en 192- ront aujourd- rique sache- regarde — tice !

TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

Article in Ce Soir, French Communist newspaper in Paris, October 29, 1952 issue:

WAS THE SECRET OF THE BOMB STOLEN?

The Pathetic Adventure of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG  
Told by VLADIMIR POZNER

A crime is about to be committed. Deliberate, proclaimed by all the networks of the New World, it finds in our country, the complicity of silence so that it may be carried out. If the universal conscience does not stop the murderous hands, the bodies of two innocents -- two American Jews, a man and a woman -- some November morning will collapse, shrivelled on the electric chair, like SACCO and VANZETTI, like MACGEE. Why this crime? No one could explain it better than the author of "Who Killed H. O. BURREL". J. C.

In New York, in lower Manhattan, not far from the East River, is a district known as Knickerbocker Village. It is inhabited by clerks, small business men, skilled workers, intellectuals: people who earn their living, but earn it modestly.

In 1942, a young couple comes to live there. He is 24 years old, and an engineer. His wife, two years older than he, had been a secretary before their marriage, but she no longer works. That is, like all wives throughout the world, she only keeps house, does the marketing, cooks, washes, mends, and all the rest. After two years, they have a child, a boy; then four years later they have another. The young wife takes care of them herself. In ten years she becomes sick twice, and only then does she get outside help.

It is a two-room apartment. The rent is modest. The furniture belonged to friends who left New York to go to California. Later on they will buy some furniture, almost all secondhand. For example, a bookcase that a colleague ordered and then did not want: the young couple is very proud of it. It is the best thing they have. And they have a console also, which is new, and which the husband bought in Macy's Department Store for \$21.00. The old things will be sold to a secondhand dealer.

"Translated by  
MA Mary Apostol, bAd  
December 12, 1952"

The husband's salary is just enough to meet running expenses. In eleven years the young engineer only has five suits, ready made, at \$26.00: the cheapest he can find. In 1951 he is still wearing the overcoat which he had bought ten years before. His wife has a fur coat which only cost \$80.00 and which has been re-styled many times: it is cold in New York in the winter. That is the most expensive thing that she owns, that and a \$30 watch: an anniversary present from her husband. He has a camera which he won in a contest.

### A United Couple

During the day they work. In the evening they stay at home, go to the movies, <sup>or</sup> see their friends and neighbors, and discuss with them. Every Friday they go to the home of the young wife's mother, where they see the family. There they also have discussions.

It is war time. Like the rest of his colleagues, the engineer is specially assigned in national defense industries. He is Jewish and he hates the Nazis who exterminated the people who belonged to his faith. He is progressive and he hates fascism. His wife thinks as he does: they are a united couple.

They are informed on what is being done in the Soviet Union. Besides, the newspapers are full of it: the Soviet Union is an ally, ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL are eulogizing it, and General MACARTHUR is singing the praises of the Red Army. The young engineer and his wife see that the Soviet Union is the only one that is driving back the Wehrmacht assault and that the second front is very late in opening. Forty-two million French, minus a few traitors, are of the same opinion. No one in France can say it aloud. It is not the same in free America...

For having freely expressed his opinions, the young engineer is accused of being a Communist and an anarchist.

He protests, he goes to Washington; he tries to see his representative: nothing comes from it. Then, with a friend and two of his wife's brothers, he starts a small business. After a while, the friend leaves. The engineer and his two brothers-in-law, the younger of the two is a mechanic, open a machine shop. The family digs deep in its pockets to lend them a little money, and they become partners with a man who puts \$15,000 into the business.

(The business) is in a bad way: the country is threatened by a crisis. The partners are obligated to give up even their salaries; they take out just enough to live on. Finally the two brothers-in-law leave the shop. The engineer remains alone; he negotiates an agreement with the silent partner, borrowing money in order to reimburse him with a thousand dollars; he signs the bills.

The youngest brother-in-law, the mechanic, and particularly his wife, make life difficult for him: they want their money back. The quarrels become more bitter. On the street one day, before witnesses, the mechanic comes to blows with his sister's husband.

In spite of this, one day he appears at the shop. He wants to talk to the engineer; he wants to talk to him confidentially: it is important.

"You must get me \$2,000," he says. "I need it immediately."

The engineer explains to him that he doesn't have any money. What is the matter?

"I need it," repeats the other, in an excited manner. "Don't ask me any questions."

Then he adds:

"If you can't help me in this way, perhaps you can do something else for me. Would you go to your doctor and ask him for a vaccination certificate?"

"Why don't you go to yours?"

"Don't ask me. I can't do it."

"It isn't right, but I'll ask my doctor if he will do it."

"Don't tell him for whom it is; while you are there, ask him if he knows what vaccinations they require for going to Mexico."

"Are you in trouble?"

"Don't ask me anything. You must do it for me. If you can't give me the money at least you can do this for me."

#### The Inside Details of a Nasty Story

That evening the engineer speaks to his wife. She is worried. It concerns her youngest brother whom she loves very much. Could it be his wife who is plaguing him for money?

"No," says the engineer. "He must be in trouble. I don't know what it is."

They remember that some time ago, agents of the federal police -- the F.B.I. -- had come to question the brother-in-law about a theft of uranium. They also remember that during the war the boy had been specially assigned to Los Alamos where the first atomic bomb had been made. At that time, his wife had come to ask their advice; her husband had spoken of stealing something from the Army. Was he mixed up in a shady deal? Whatever he did, they can not let him down. However, the doctor, suspecting something, refuses to give a false vaccination certificate, and the young couple do not have any money.

Some time later, the brother-in-law asks again. He absolutely has to have \$2,000.

"I've had some bad luck," he says. "I must get that money. If you do not get it for me you will regret it!"

Once again he refuses to explain anything and when the engineer goes to see him at his home, he refuses to talk.

Besides, the engineer has his own problems, problems of another type. Business is bad. From morning until evening, he tries to get orders. His wife does the housework, the washing, the cooking, and takes care of the children who are now going to school. Life is not rosy in the small apartment in Knickerbocker Village.

The young engineer is JULIUS ROSENBERG, and his wife is named ETHEL.

#### Before the F.B.I.

It is 1950.

On June 15, the police come to look for DAVID GREENGLASS, ROSENBERG's brother-in-law, the one who is a mechanic. The next morning they are ringing the ROSENBERGS' doorbell.

It is early. JULIUS is not dressed yet; he is helping his wife wake the children. He goes to open the door. There are two men in the hall.

"We're from the F.B.I.," says one of them. "We would like to ask you a few questions about DAVID GREENGLASS."

He lets them in and goes to consult his wife.

"If DAVID is in trouble," she says, "and you can help him, speak to the men."



JULIUS says to the police agents that he is ready to answer their questions. He shaves and dresses.

"We cannot talk here," says one of the inspectors. "Would you be willing to come to our office?"

ROSENBERG consents to go with them. There are three agents present ready to ask him questions. They discuss GREENGLASS. ROSENBERG tells them about his brother-in-law, his education and the places where he has worked. He does not mention the story of the \$2,000 and the false vaccination certificate; he does not breathe a word about his suspicions. He knows that DAVID is in the hands of the police and he tries his best not to do anything to make it worse for him.

After two hours, one of the inspectors says point-blank to him:

"Do you know that your brother-in-law has admitted that you had told him to get information for Russia?"

ROSENBERG is dumfounded.

"That's impossible."

He suspects that the F.B.I., and not his brother-in-law, is lying.

"Where is DAVID?" he asks. They refuse to tell him.

"Bring him here so he can say it in front of me!"

The police agents ask:

"And what would you do if we brought him here?"

"I would accuse him of lying!"

And since the inspectors refuse this, ROSENBERG reminds them that they made him come here to ask him questions about his brother-in-law and that now they are trying to implicate him. He demands to see a lawyer.

"We are not accusing you of anything," says one inspector. "We want to help you, that's all."

"I want to see a lawyer."

"Cigarette? Chewing gum?"

"I demand to see a lawyer."

"Would you like to eat something?"

It is not until the beginning of the afternoon that ROSENBERG succeeds in calling the lawyer of the society to which he belongs, the Society of Architects and Engineers.

The lawyer tells him:

"Are you under arrest?"

ROSENBERG doesn't know anything about it.

"Ask the F.B.I. if you are."

ROSENBERG turns to his accusers:

"Am I under arrest?"

"No".

"Then," the lawyer says, "come to my office."

ROSENBERG gets up:

"Good-bye, sirs."

He leaves. Nobody stops him.

On the street, he buys an evening paper. He sees the picture of DAVID GREENGLASS and learns that his brother-in-law has been imprisoned.

ROSENBERG goes to see the lawyer, then he goes home. One day goes by, two days, three days. Life goes on. Every morning, he goes to his office, Every evening he comes home. It never occurs to him to leave, to hide. He has nothing to blame himself for. He knows he is innocent. He has confidence in his country's justice.

### Is It Right?

Is it right to blame him for not remembering that a quarter of a century earlier, in a period when the masters of his country terrorized progressive men, as an example to others, had a shoemaker and a fisherman executed for a crime they had not committed, accused by the testimony of false witnesses?

Can one reproach him for not thinking of SACCO and VANZETTI? Or, even more recent, of WILLIE MACGEE and so many other innocent blacks who were also electrocuted as an example to others? Can one be angry with him for not realizing that each time the favored classes of his country felt their privileges were being threatened, they defended themselves by provoking incidents, by false testimonies and by the electric chair? That they were careful in picking a victim from the unions when they wanted to turn public opinion against the unions, and from the blacks when they wanted to stir up race prejudice? That they were careful in choosing their martyrs from among obscure men and women, little people, in order to terrorize all the little people?

No, no one would have the heart to blame ROSENBERG for not thinking that the privileged classes in his country would ever again feel they were being threatened. Why should he? One week goes by after the visit from the F.B.I., two weeks, three weeks, and life goes on normally.

A month later, on July 16, 1950, JULIUS ROSENBERG is arrested. A short time later, his wife is also arrested. They are accused of having stolen and sent to the Soviet Union, the secret of the atomic bomb.

(To be continued).

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Caption under picture:

The kiss under handcuffs. -- After hearing the death verdict and before being returned to their cell, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG embrace.

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Article on right: (Summarized)

"Le Grain de Sel" - (The Grain of Salt). Column by ANDRE WURMSER containing a short article which compares the ROSENBERG case with the DREYFUS affair, and the SACCO and VANZETTI cases. The article continues with anti-U.S. and anti-French propaganda.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
American Embassy  
2 Avenue Gabriel  
Paris 8, France

~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

*ul*  
Date: November 4, 1952 *RS*  
To: Director, FBI (~~65-59312~~)  
From: Legat, Paris (65-126)  
Subject: JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ESPIONAGE - R  
Ethel Rosenberg

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Attached hereto, as of possible interest to the Bureau in connection with the captioned subject, is an original letter dated 8/21/51 from CEDRIC BELFRAGE, editor, National Guardian, 17 Murray Street, New York 7, New York, to the editor, Tribune des Nations, 150 Avenue des Champs-Elysees, Paris.

This letter was furnished to the Paris office by [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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*Cedric Belfrage*  
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August 21, 1951

Editor,  
Tribune des Nations  
150 Avenue des Champs-Elysees  
Paris, France

Dear sir:

The implications for America and the whole civilized world of the case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, sentenced to death for "atom spying" of which they totally deny any knowledge, are so alarming that we ask you to give careful consideration to our editorial statement (enclosed) in which we ask: Is this the Dreyfus Case of cold-war America?

Beginning this week (first article also enclosed) the GUARDIAN will bring out the facts in a series of articles continuing until the Rosenbergs' appeal, to be heard in the late autumn.

If a terrible injustice setting a calamitous precedent is to be averted, the widest publicity for these facts is essential.

Yours very truly,

*Cedric Belfrage*  
Cedric Belfrage,  
Editor

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
AIR-TEL

NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
NOVEMBER 10, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ESP DASH R. AUSA KILSHEIMER ADVISED TODAY THAT EMANUEL BLOCH TELEPHONICALLY ASKED HIM IF HE HAD COPIES OF GOVERNMENT EXHIBITS TWO, SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT. BLOCH ADVISED HE WISHED THE COPIES OF THESE EXHIBITS SO THAT HE COULD PRESENT THEM TO HIS EXPERTS FOR AN OPINION. THE BUREAU IS ADVISED THAT EXHIBIT NUMBER EIGHT IS A CROSS SECTION OF THE ATOM BOMB AND WAS IMPOUNDED BY ORDER OF JUDGE IRVING J. KAUFMAN. EXHIBITS NUMBER TWO, SIX AND SEVEN ARE SKETCHES OF THE LENS MOLD PREPARED BY DAVID GREENGLASS AND NO COPIES OF THESE SKETCHES WERE MADE. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND THE AEC BE ADVISED OF THE FOREGOING. IT IS BELIEVED THAT IT IS BLOCH'S INTENTION TO SECURE COPIES OF THESE EXHIBITS FOR EXAMINATION BY SCIENTISTS WITH A VIEW TO SECURE TESTIMONY THAT THEY ARE OF NO VALUE AND TO USE THE TESTIMONY OF SUCH SCIENTISTS IN A MOTION IN THE FUTURE FOR CORRECTION OF SENTENCE OR FOR CLEMENCY. THESE EXHIBITS ARE NOW WITH THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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cc: Mr. Belmont

cc - Mr. Belmont

Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

November 13, 1952

Director, FBI

JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al.  
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On November 10, last, Assistant United States Attorney James Kilsheimer, of the Southern District of New York, advised our New York office that Emanuel Bloch, attorney for the Rosenbergs, had contacted him and requested copies of Government exhibits 2, 6, 7 and 8 in the Rosenberg case. Bloch stated he wished copies of these exhibits so that he could present them to his experts for an opinion.

For your information exhibits 2, 6 and 7 are sketches of the highly explosive lens mold prepared by David Greenglass. Exhibit no. 8 is a drawing of the cross section of the atom bomb drawn by Greenglass and was impounded at the trial by order of the trial Judge, Irving J. Kaufman.

The above is being brought to your attention since it may be Bloch's intention to secure copies of these exhibits for examination by scientists with the view of securing testimony from the scientists that the information furnished by Greenglass, as represented by these exhibits, was of no value, and thereafter to utilize such testimony in the future in possible applications for correction of sentence or for clemency on behalf of the Rosenbergs. It should be noted that these exhibits are in the custody of the clerk of the Supreme Court.

The Atomic Energy Commission is being advised of Bloch's request.

The above is furnished for your information.

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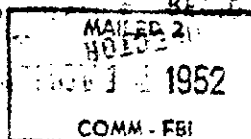
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To: Captain John A. Waters  
Director of Security  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Room 805B  
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Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al.  
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As you are probably aware, applications by the Rosenbergs to the Supreme Court to review their convictions were denied. At the present time the Rosenbergs have a new application pending before the Supreme Court for a review of their case.

This Bureau has been recently advised that the attorney for the Rosenbergs has made a request to the United States Attorney's Office in New York for copies of Government exhibits 2, 6, 7 and 8. For your information exhibits 2, 6 and 7 are sketches of the highly explosive lens mold drawn by David Greenglass, which were placed in evidence during the trial. Exhibit 8 is a drawing of a cross section of the atom bomb sketched by Greenglass which was impounded during the trial by order of the trial Judge, Irving J. Kaufman.

The above is being brought to your attention since it may be the intention of the attorney for the Rosenbergs to secure copies of these exhibits for examination by scientists with the view of securing testimony from them that the information furnished by Greenglass, as represented by these exhibits, was of no value. In the

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event the appeal before the Supreme Court is unsuccessful, the attorney will probably endeavor to utilize such testimony as the basis for an application for clemency or a correction of sentence on behalf of the Rosenbergs.

The Criminal Division of the Department of Justice has been advised of the above.

This is for your confidential information.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ESP. R. THE FOLLOWING IS THE ORDER OF THE U. S. SUPREME COURT HANDED DOWN TODAY IN DOCKET NUMBER ONE ONE ONE, ROSENBERG VS. U. S., AND DOCKET NUMBER ONE ONE TWO, SOBELL VS. U. S. COLON QUOTE THE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF OF DR. W. E. B. DUBOIS AND OTHERS AS AMICI CURIAE IS DENIED. THE PETITIONS FOR REHEARING ARE DENIED. MEMORANDUM FILED BY MR. JUSTICE FRANKFURTER IN NUMBER ONE ONE ONE. MR. JUSTICE BLACK ADHERES TO HIS VIEWS THAT THE PETITION FOR CERTIORARI SHOULD BE GRANTED UNQUOTE. THE ABOVE ORDER OF THE COURT AND THE PRINTED MEMORANDUM OF JUSTICE FRANKFURTER WERE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU BY WFO TODAY.

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to - Mr. Belmont

Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

November 17, 1952

Director, FBI

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

*Julius Rosenberg*

There are being transmitted herewith for your information a pamphlet entitled "The Rosenberg Case," and a Photostat of a pamphlet entitled "Mercy for the Rosenbergs," by Abraham Cronbach, which are being distributed by subject organization.

According to an informant believed reliable, Cronbach, a rabbi, has been reported as a [REDACTED]

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RE: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al

As you are aware, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted Soviet agents who were sentenced to death, have appealed their convictions to the United States Supreme Court.

Recently the following cablegram from England was addressed to the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court:

"LT CHIEF JUSTICE SUPREME COURT WASHINGTONUS USA  
ESPIONAGE CASE GRAVELY CONCERNED MANNER TRIAL AND VERDICT STOP  
PRESTIGE OF AMERICAN JUSTICE THROUGHOUT WORLD WILL SUFFER IF  
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GARBER AND VOWLES SOLICITORS SOHO SQUARE LONDON"

We would appreciate being advised of any information available on Garber and Vowles.

cc - 2 - Legal Attache sent 11/20/52  
London, England

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cc - 1 - Mr. Ladd  
cc - 1 - Mr. Belmont

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TO: CHIEF JUSTICE ASUS/30 17  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
F. B. I. - Translation Section

FROM : Mr. S. A. Andretta - Administrative Assistant Attorney General  
Correspondence Section - Room 6112

SUBJECT: *Julius & Ethel Rosenberg*  
*Julius & Ethel Rosenberg*

DATE: November 10, 1952

A translation of the attached letter of October 22, 1952, from

A. Segal et all  
Paris, France

will be appreciated.

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Mr. S. A. Andretta - Administrative Assistant  
Attorney General (Correspondence Section - Room 6112)  
Director, FBI

November 13, 1952

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Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated November 6, 1952.

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TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

Paris October 22, 1952

Mr. Attorney General of the Law Court of Washington

In the 16th District of Paris, some mothers of families met together at the time of the opening of schools, and they thought with great sorrow concerning the fate of the two children of JULES and of ETHEL ROSENBERG.

They are appealing to the American people's sense of justice and humanity, so that the horror of this execution may be avoided.

We, French mothers, believe -- that after having lived through the horrors of war on our soil, when so many children have become orphans owing to the frightful HITLER racial persecution, when today so many children are still dying or losing their parents owing to the wars -- it is impossible to think that the American people will want to add two more innocent victims to the already too long list of child martyrs.

Allow us, Mr. Attorney General, to express to you our firm hope,

(signed) A. SEGAL,	L. GANTRE or GANTRE,
FRANCIEZ or FRANECEZ,	J. GETARDESON,
D. WEIL,	J. DOTAWL,
R. VAN HEZEL,	DELFALE.
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(Translator's note: correctness of above names is questioned.)  
The envelope was posted in 17th District  
of Paris, on 10/27/52, and bore no re-  
turn address.

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DOLORES F. CRAWFORD:jcn  
November 12, 1952

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 21, 1952

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: <sup>(1)</sup>  
JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ETHEL ROSENBERG  
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Supervisor Scott Miller, New York Office, called at 11:40 a.m., November 21. He advised that Judge Kaufman had just signed the Circuit Court mandate in this case and had set the date of execution for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg for the week commencing January 12, 1953. Supervisor Miller advised that since executions in New York State are invariably effected on Thursday nights, in all probability the executions will be on January 15, 1953.

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For your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *[Signature]*  
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT *[Signature]*  
 SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al  
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DATE: November 17, 1952

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The Washington Field Office called at approximately 3:25 P. M. today to advise that they had just learned that the Supreme Court had denied the application of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobell for a rehearing of their petition for a writ of certiorari.

According to the Washington Field Office, it is their understanding that Justice Frankfurter has written a separate opinion on the decision.

On October 13, 1952, the Supreme Court denied to the subjects their petition for a writ of certiorari. On October 15, 1952, the Supreme Court granted the subjects a delay of 15 days for filing an application for a rehearing of their petition. This was filed and has been before the Supreme Court since October 30, 1952. The decision of the Court rendered today leaves the Rosenbergs and Sobell without any further legal recourse except an application to the President for a commutation of sentence.

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This is submitted for your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD  
 FROM : MR. A. E. BELMONT  
 SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG;  
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PURPOSE

To consider any factors in captioned case which might tend to mitigate the offense of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg which could be furnished to appropriate government officials if the Bureau was requested to do so.

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DETAILS

As you are aware, the Rosenbergs were convicted as Soviet espionage agents in the Southern District of New York and were sentenced to death by Federal Judge Irving Kaufman on April 5, 1951. Their convictions were appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, which Court unanimously affirmed their convictions on November 15, 1951. The United States Supreme Court denied a petition of the Rosenbergs for a writ of certiorari on October 13, 1952. The Supreme Court also denied their application for a rehearing on November 17, 1952. No further legal recourse is believed available to the Rosenbergs except an application to the President for a commutation of their sentence.

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As you are also aware, there has been a concerted propaganda effort on the part of certain so-called pro-liberal elements and known Communist elements to put pressure on the Attorney General and the President to save the Rosenbergs. This effort will undoubtedly increase in view of the recent Supreme Court action.

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OBSERVATIONS

A review of this case fails to reveal any mitigating circumstances which could be considered by appropriate government officials at the present time in weighing a plea for clemency on behalf of the Rosenbergs.

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Investigation in this case discloses that Rosenberg was the operating head of a large espionage group, personally handling the recruiting of agents and the collecting of data. He and his wife have been completely uncooperative since the inception of this case and in the limited interviews permitted by them they have denied espionage activities in all respects. (U)

It is pointed out that through investigation in this case and related cases, and through information made available [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] (S) Insufficient proof, particularly as to the nature and identity of classified material made available to the Soviets by the above individuals, have rendered their prosecution under the Federal Espionage Statutes impossible. It is felt that a complete disclosure by the Rosenbergs as to the operations of their network would supply the necessary missing links to enable successful prosecution. However, in view of their uncooperative attitude, it is felt that no factors exist which would justify them being given any clemency. (7) (U)

ACTION

None. This is for your information for possible future use. (U)

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# SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 111.—OCTOBER TERM, 1952.

Julius Rosenberg and Ethel } On Writ of Certiorari  
Rosenberg, Petitioners, } to the United States  
v. } Court of Appeals for  
The United States of America. } the Second Circuit.

[November 17, 1952.]

MR. JUSTICE FRANKFURTER.

Petitioners are under death sentence, and it is not unreasonable to feel that before life is taken review should be open in the highest court of the society which has condemned them. Such right of review was the law of the land for twenty years. By § 6 of the Act of February 6, 1889, 25 Stat. 655, 656, convictions in capital cases arising under federal statutes were appealable here. But in 1911 Congress abolished the appeal as of right, and since then death sentences have come here only under the same conditions that apply to any criminal conviction in a federal court. (§§ 128, 238, 240 and 241 of the Judicial Code, 36 Stat. 1087, 1133, 1157.)

The Courts of Appeals are charged by Congress with the duty of reviewing all criminal convictions. These are courts of great authority and corresponding responsibility. The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit was deeply conscious of its responsibility in this case. Speaking through Judge Frank it said: "Since two of the defendants must be put to death if the judgments stand, it goes without saying that we have scrutinized the record with extraordinary care to see whether it contains any of the errors asserted on this appeal." 195 F. 2d 583, 590.

After further consideration, the Court has adhered to its denial of this petition for certiorari. Misconception regarding the meaning of such a denial persists despite

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repeated attempts at explanation. It means, and all that it means is, that there were not four members of the Court to whom the grounds on which the decision of the Court of Appeals was challenged seemed sufficiently important when judged by the standards governing the issue of the discretionary writ of certiorari. It also deserves to be repeated that the effective administration of justice precludes this Court from giving reasons, however briefly, for its denial of a petition for certiorari. I have heretofore explained the reasons that for me also militate against noting individual votes when a petition for certiorari is denied. See *Chemical & Trust Bank Co. v. Group of Institutional Investors*, 343 U. S. 982.

Numerous grounds were urged in support of this petition for certiorari; the petition for rehearing raised five additional questions. So far as these questions come within the power of this Court to adjudicate, I do not, of course, imply any opinion upon them. One of the questions, however, first raised in the petition for rehearing, is beyond the scope of the authority of this Court, and I deem it appropriate to say so. A sentence imposed by a United States district court, even though it be a death sentence, is not within the power of this Court to revise.

*Supreme Court of the United States*  
*Memorandum*

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111 Rosenberg v. U. S.  
112 Sobell v. U. S.

The motion for leave to file brief of  
Dr. W. E. B. Dubois and others as amici  
curiae is denied. The petitions for  
rehearing are denied. Memorandum filed  
by Mr. Justice Frankfurter in # 111.  
Mr. Justice Black adheres to his view that  
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(ROSENBERGS).

THE SUPREME COURT REFUSED TO RECONSIDER ITS RECENT ACTION DOOMING  
 JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AS ATOMIC SPIES.

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# **ADD 1 ROSENBERGS**

THE HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM WERE CONVICTED IN NEW YORK FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT MARCH 29, 1951 ON CHARGES OF PASSING ATOMIC SECRETS TO RUSSIA. THEY HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO THE SING SING PRISON DEATH HOUSE FOR A YEAR AND A HALF WHILE THEIR APPEAL MOVED THROUGH THE COURTS.

THE SUPREME COURT ORIGINALLY REJECTED THE ROSENBERG'S APPEAL OCT. 13, BUT DELAYED SENDING ITS MANDATE TO THE TRIAL COURT SO THE COUPLE COULD MAKE THE USUAL PLEA TO THE TRIBUNAL FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ITS ACTION.

THE HIGH BENCH NOW IS EXPECTED TO SEND ITS MANDATE TO THE TRIAL COURT IN A FEW DAYS. NORMAL PROCEDURE THEN IS FOR GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS TO DEMAND THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE BE CARRIED OUT.

TODAY'S ACTION DOES NOT NECESSARILY SNUFF OUT THE LAST HOPE OF THE TALL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND HIS PETITE WIFE.

SOMETIMES, AFTER LOSING AN APPEAL, DEFENSE LAWYERS SEEK HABEAS CORPUS ACTION, ALLEGING THAT THEIR CLIENTS DID NOT RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL.

THE ROSENBERGS ALSO COULD APPEAL TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO COMMUTE THE DEATH SENTENCES.

IN REFUSING TO RECONSIDER ITS EARLIER ACTION, THE SUPREME COURT ALSO: 1. DENIED A PETITION ON BEHALF OF AN ESTIMATED 50,000 INTERESTED PERSONS WHO SOUGHT TO ACT AS "FRIENDS OF THE COURT" IN THE CASE. THE SIGNATURES WERE OBTAINED BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE (1050 SIXTH AVE.) NEW YORK. THE PETITION ASKED PERMISSION TO FILE A BRIEF IN WHICH IT WAS ARGUED THAT THE ROSENBERGS DESERVED A NEW TRIAL.

2. REJECTED AN APPEAL FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED BY MORTON SOBELL, WHO DREW A 30-YEAR PRISON TERM AS AN ACCOMPLICE OF THE ROSENBERGS.

THE ROSENBERGS HAD SOUGHT RECONSIDERATION OF THE EARLIER SUPREME COURT ACTION ON GROUNDS THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES "OUTRAGE DECENCY AND OFFEND CIVILIZED CONCEPTS OF FAIR PLAY, FOUNDED AS THEY WERE ON 'MATERIALLY UNTRUE' FACTS AND EXTRAVAGANT ASSUMPTIONS."

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL; ES DASH R. JUDGE IRVING KAUFMAN  
TODAY SIGNED ORDERS ON MANDATES IN CASES OF ROSENBERG AND  
SOBELL. JUDGE KAUFMAN FIXED DATE OF EXECUTION OF ROSENBERGS  
DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY TWELVE, FIFTY THREE. HEARING BEFORE  
JUDGE EDWARD WEINFELD ON STAY AGAINST AG FROM REMOVING SOBELL  
HEARD THIS MORNING. AFTER ARGUMENT BY MEYER AND  
AUSA KILSHEIMER, WEINFELD CONTINUED THE STAY UNTIL MIDNIGHT  
NOVEMBER TWENTY FIVE NEXT. WEINFELD STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED  
HIS STAY IN THE GUISE OF A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AD  
TESTIFICANDUM. MEYER STATED THAT HE WOULD OBTAIN AN ORDER  
TO SHOW CAUSE BASED ON A PETITION ON THE TWENTY FIFTH TO COMMENCE  
PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION TWO TWO FIVE FIVE. KILSHEIMER ADVISED  
THAT BLOCH WOULD FILE HIS PROCEEDINGS UNDER TWO TWO FIVE FIVE  
ON THE TWENTY FOURTH NEXT. MRS. TESSIE AND RUTH GREENGLASS  
HAVE ADVISED THAT RUTH AND BERNARD GREENGLASS WILL VISIT DAVID  
AT LEWISBURG ON THE TWENTY SECOND. BERNARD HAS ADVISED THAT  
HE WILL ASK DAVID WHETHER HE HAD BEEN COACHED OR HIS MEMORY  
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THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED BUT WHEN HE RETURNS ON MONDAY THE  
TWENTY FOURTH HE INTENDS TO TELL DAVID ROSENBERG AND EMANUEL  
BLOCH OF DAVID'S STATEMENT. HE ADVISED THAT HE WILL THEN  
INSIST TO DAVID ROSENBERG AND BLOCH THAT JULIUS AND ETHEL  
WERE GUILTY AND THAT THEY SHOULD COOPERATE. BERNARD WILL LATER  
VISIT ETHEL IN SING SING AND TELL HER THE SAME. BERNARD WILL  
BE INTERVIEWED ON MONDAY BEFORE HE SPEAKS WITH BLOCH.  
SURVEILLANCES ON FIVE SUBJECTS TO DATE HAS SHOWN NO UNUSUAL  
CONTACTS OR ACTIVITY. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SOBELL CANNOT BE  
MOVED FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER WEEK, AND IN VIEW OF INTENDED  
ACTIONS ON THE TWO TWO FIVE FIVE BY BLOCH AND MEYER, UACB  
SURVEILLANCES WILL BE DISCONTINUED AS OF MIDNIGHT, NOVEMBER  
TWENTY TWO.

BOARDMAN  
*2/13/54*

*cc Mr Belmont*

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As of possible interest to the Bureau, there are attached hereto clippings from the 11/14/52 and 11/19/52 issues of L'Humanite, Communist newspaper in Paris, reflecting a portion of the campaign in the Party press in Paris "to save the ROSENBERGS." It will be noted that the article in the issue for 11/14/52 was written by HOWARD FAST.

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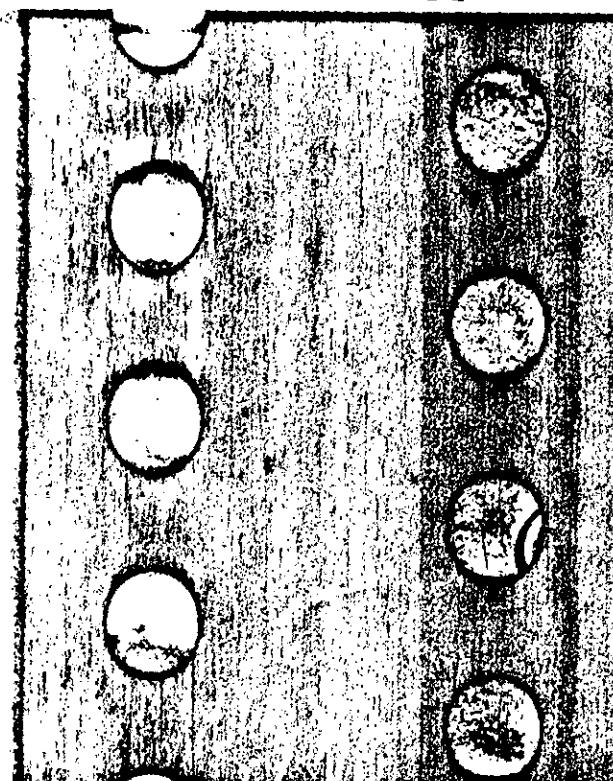
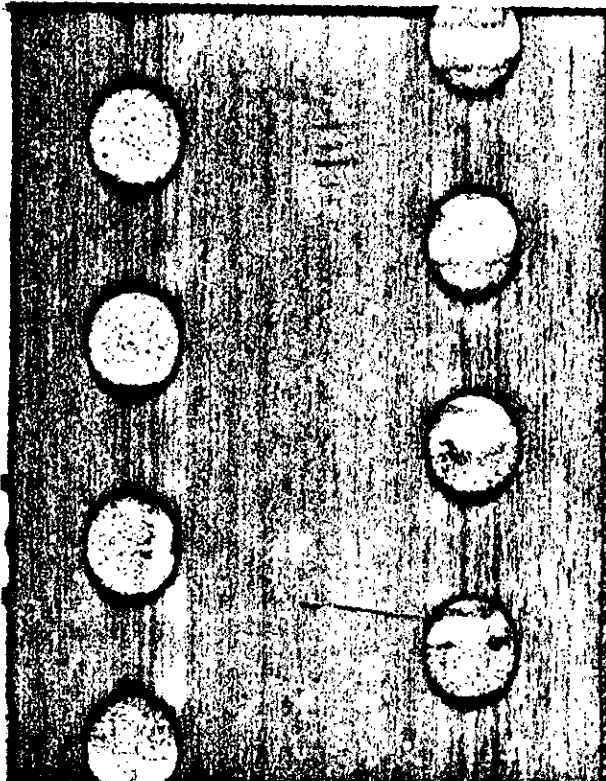
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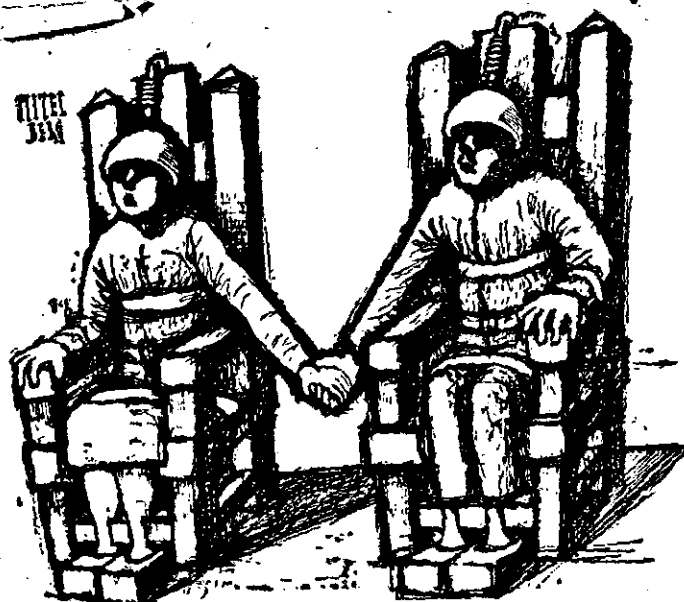
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# Empêchons ce crime



PLUS QUE QUELQUES JOURS  
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## ROSENBERG

### UN PRESSANT APPEL DE PICASSO

↓ C'est une question de jours ; cela peut devenir une question d'heures. La chaise électrique, à Sing-Sing, est toujours prête à fonctionner. Ethel Rosenberg, pour s'y rendre, n'aurait que quelques pas à faire : la cellule où elle est enfermée depuis près de deux ans, n'est séparée que par l'épaisseur d'un mur de la chambre des exécutions. Son mari, Julius Rosenberg, devrait traverser toute la prison ; il pourrait contempler une dernière fois ces barreaux, ces lourdes portes, ces machineries compliquées élabores pour les plus dangereux criminels et qui servent aujourd'hui à enfermer ceux qui haïssent la mort et la guerre, ceux qui veulent la paix.

La vie d'Ethel et de Julius Rosenberg dépend maintenant d'une décision de Truman : il peut dans un délai maximum de trente jours, soit accorder la grâce, soit la refuser. S'il refuse, il donne en même temps le signal de l'exécution. Et Truman est parfaitement capable d'un tel geste : ne s'est-il pas vanté d'un ordre qui a entraîné le massacre d'Hiroshima ? Ne se fait-il pas gloire de la décision de fabriquer la bombe H ?

(Suite page 3)

**PICASSO LANCE UN  
APPEL AUX INTELLEC-  
TUELS DE FRANCE ET DU  
MONDE ENTIER :**

« SAUVEZ LES ROSEN-  
BERG ! LES HEURES  
COMPTENT, LES MINUTES  
COMPTENT. NE LAISSONS  
PAS COMMETTRE CE CRIME  
CONTRE L'HUMANITE ! »

**PICASSO**

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**Le dernier message de Paul ÉLUARD :** *"Il faut sauver la vie de Julius et d'Ethel Rosenberg. La justice et la Paix l'exigent. Je ne peux pas croire que nous tous, nous n'obtenions pas leur grâce".*

## Plus que quelques jours pour sauver les Rosenberg

(Suite de la première page)

Le meurtre légal d'une mère de deux enfants promise à la chaise électrique sous le seul prétexte qu'elle a été le « soutien moral » de son mari, n'est pas pour arrêter les meurtriers de tant de mères, de tant d'enfants coréens.

Dans la bouche des dirigeants de Washington fleurissent à foison les mots de « morale, de dignité humaine, de liberté », mais leurs mains sont déjà pleines du sang de Willie Mac Gee, des Noirs de Martinville, des bébés jaunes de Corée, et pourquoi pas, alors, aussi de deux démocrates juifs ? La haine raciale et l'hystérie « antirouge » se mêlent dans le concert fasciste qui tonne à Washington, et c'est pourquoi toutes les craintes sont permises, c'est pourquoi la vie des Rosenberg est à tel point menacée.

Pour les dirigeants américains, l'assassinat des Rosenberg n'est pas seulement destiné à sanctionner à l'intérieur des Etats-Unis l'instauration de méthodes policières qui ne diffèrent que par des détails de forme des méthodes hitlériennes. Cet assassinat, pour Washington, doit donner dans le monde occidental le signal d'une terreur redoublée contre les partisans de la paix, contre tous les contradicteurs de la catastrophe politique atlantique, contre tous ceux qui oseraient préférer un autre destin

que celui qui a été réservé aux cobayes d'expérience des lies (Eniwetok).

Devant ceux qu'horrifie la mort par les armes atomiques, le gouvernement américain fait miroiter une autre mort : la chaise électrique.

C'est pourquoi il faut arracher les Rosenberg à la mort. Et c'est possible que si entre Truman et le bourreau se dresse le mur d'une formidable protestation mondiale. Elle seule peut empêcher que soit donné le signal. Elle seule peut imposer la grâce. Si cette protestation venait à manquer, Ethel et Julius Rosenberg monteraient bientôt sur la chaise électrique, emportant, dans leur mort, le bonheur de leurs enfants, et aussi un fragment de nos espoirs de paix.

**LE SECOURS POPULAIRE FRANÇAIS** s'élève contre la décision de la Cour Suprême qui a rejeté le recours en grâce des époux Rosenberg et appelle tous ses adhérents et amis à écrire immédiatement et personnellement au président Truman, Maison Blanche, Washington (Etats-Unis) pour réclamer la grâce des innocents.

### Protestations de France...

Ont envoyé des télégrammes à Truman, demandant la grâce des Rosenberg et la révision du procès : le personnel administratif de la mairie de Villejuif ; un groupe d'étudiants d'anglais et allemands de la Sorbonne ; la cellule communiste Lafont, du 19 arrondissement ; la section syndicale C.G.T. des ateliers de la R.A.T.T. de Chelzy, etc.

### ...et du monde entier

Les dix-neuf syndicats affiliés au Conseil démocratique des Droits d'Australia se sont engagés à « soutenir pleinement la lutte pour la révision du procès Rosenberg ». Au Canada, l'Organisation des Syndicats ; ainsi que des « ouvriers électriciens » adressé à Truman

une résolution demandant la révision du procès, « devant un tribunal exempt d'hystérie anticomuniste et belléiste ». La Ligue pour les Droits Démocratiques a appelé le peuple canadien à tout faire pour sauver la vie des Rosenberg. L'Union des Droits Civiques de Toronto a organisé une campagne de protestation.

**« Pour les enfants de déportés, ce serait comme si on exécutait encore une fois leurs parents... »**

Dans une lettre émouvante, un de nos lecteurs, Simon Boruchowicz, nous écrit : « Comme des milliers de personnes, je suis avec angoisse la marche des événements concernant les Rosenberg. Si je suis particulièrement angoissé, c'est peut-être aussi parce que mes parents sont morts dans les camps comme déportés raciaux. S'ils exécutaient les Rosenberg, je pense que pour les enfants de déportés ce serait comme si on exécutait encore une fois les parents de l'un d'entre eux ! Dans les mêmes camps, par les mêmes hommes... »

### L'indignation des femmes...

L'Union des Femmes Françaises a adressé à Truman la lettre suivante :

« L'indignation des femmes est grande devant le rejet par la Cour Suprême du pou voir d'Ethel et Julius Rosenberg.

« Au nom de la justice, au nom des principes de liberté dont votre gouvernement prétend se réclamer, nous vous demandons de gracier ce couple dont le seul crime est de vouloir la paix.

« Vous seul pouvez maintenant empêcher l'exécution des Rosenberg. Vous seul pouvez empêcher cette injustice monstrueuse qui rappellerait trop dans le cœur des hommes et des femmes de notre pays des méthodes que nous pensions ne plus connaître et que nous avons vécues sous l'occupation hitlérienne... »

« C'est pourquoi l'Union des Femmes Françaises vous demande de sauver deux vies humaines, deux innocents de l'affreux supplice de la chaise électrique ; de ne pas permettre qu'il y ait deux petits orphelins de plus... »



# L'affaire ROSENBERG

par HOWARD FAST

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Le grand...  
cain Howard Fast, auteur de nombreux romans...  
Polem et Leo-Héros Joseph...  
rde, nous adresse cette lettre :

**U**NE campagne électorale vient juste de s'achever, et depuis quelques jours Dwight Eisenhower est désigné comme président des Etats-Unis. En tant que candidat au Congrès, dans une circonscription ouvrière de New-York, j'ai joué un rôle actif dans cette campagne électorale. Je peux dire, en connaissance de cause, qu'elle a été une campagne hantée par un spectre, de même que nous sommes une nation hantée par un spectre, celui de la plus haute, la plus terrible injustice que des hommes puissent commettre envers d'autres hommes : l'injustice d'être légalement condamnés à mort pour des crimes dont ils sont innocents.

Peu d'entre ceux qui n'appartenaient pas entièrement au mouvement progressiste ont parlé du cas Rosenberg durant cette élection. Les masses juives de notre pays votent, dans leur majorité, pour Adlai Stevenson, — et votent de cette manière à cause de leur horreur profonde et sensible du fascisme et à cause de leur refus de fascisme qu'elles avaient décelé autour d'Eisenhower — ont tenté de fermer les yeux et les oreilles devant la monstrueuse et hideuse injustice du cas Rosenberg.

Mais on ne peut fermer ses yeux et ses oreilles devant un spectacle comme celui-ci et une rumeur comme celle-ci. Julius et Ethel Rosenberg demeurent présents et très punies de nous. La date de leur exécution n'est plus. Hologate que de quelques semaines. Leur innocence est un fait qui pénètre la conscience d'un nombre chaque jour plus grand d'Américains, et leur martyre est une image de la montée du fascisme dans l'Amérique d'aujourd'hui.

**QUELLE** est la signification de l'affaire Rosenberg ? Beaucoup de gens disent que c'est l'affaire Sacco et Vanzetti de notre temps. Mais elle diffère de l'affaire Sacco et Vanzetti par des aspects subtils, mais importants. Elle en diffère comme le temps diffère. Alors que Sacco et Vanzetti ont été mis à mort en tant qu'otages de la classe ouvrière et comme pour menacer les travailleurs s'ils continuaient à combattre trop vigoureusement pour leurs droits, Julius et Ethel Rosenberg sont promis à la mort en tant qu'otages du Mouvement de la Paix américain et comme pour menacer tous ceux qui luttent pour la paix aux Etats-Unis, tous ceux qui veulent mettre fin

à l'agression impérialiste américaine. L'idée du meurtre légal et de l'exécution d'otages est ancienne en Amérique, et bon nombre de bords et grands Américains ont été assassinés par la machine gouvernementale : John Brown et ses hommes, les martyrs de Haymarket, les mineurs de Pennsylvania et ce qui est resté dans les mémoires sous le vocable de pendaisons de Molle Mac Guire : les sept moines de Marina-ville (Virginie) et beaucoup, beaucoup d'autres. Ce n'est pas une chose nouvelle pour la classe dirigeante des Etats-Unis, ouvrage et brutale, de prendre les otages et de les mettre à mort. Ce qu'il y a de nouveau aujourd'hui c'est qu'il s'agit d'otages du Mouvement de la Paix.

**EXAMINONS** rapidement l'affaire Rosenberg. Lui, Julius, était un modeste ingénieur. Elle a été impliquée dans l'affaire parce qu'elle en sa femme. Ils vivaient jadis très paisiblement et simplement dans un quartier ouvrier de New-York avec leurs deux enfants. Ils étaient juifs, d'opinions progressistes, mais pas communistes pour autant qu'on le sache. Ils étaient gens d'honnêteté et de principes, et ils avaient un extraordinaire et courageux sens de l'honneur.

Mme Rosenberg avait un frère. Son nom était David Greenglass. Il fut impliqué dans un vol commis dans un laboratoire gouvernemental de la bombe atomique. Lorsqu'il fut arrêté, il se trouva devant le risque d'une peine très forte, ainsi que sa femme.

Greenglass fit des aveux. Il fut appelé, comme avocat, au regard du mouvement progressiste John Rogge. Sur quoi, un jour, grâce à l'intervention de Rogge, un marché fut conclu, aux termes duquel Greenglass fut condamné qu'à quinze ans de prison, et sa femme fut libérée. En échange, il témoigna que Julius et Ethel Rosenberg étaient les dirigeants d'un réseau d'espionnage.

L'explication en est assez claire. Greenglass, espion, n'avait aucune valeur de propagande. Il n'était rien, sa femme n'était rien, et ils n'avaient aucun lien avec le mouvement progressiste. Mais sa sœur était mariée à un ingénieur qui avait un minimum de contacts avec le mouvement progressiste. La chose prit alors une grosse valeur de propagande pour le ministère de la Justice. David Greenglass apporta son témoignage, sa femme fut libérée, et Julius et Ethel Rosenberg furent condamnés à mort.

On ne faut pas oublier une chose importante : c'est qu'aucune preuve, excepté les pa-

roles incontrôlés de Greenglass, ne fut produite contre eux. Aucun lien entre eux et les recherches atomiques ne fut jamais établi, sauf dans les paroles incontrôlées de Greenglass. Et il faut également noter que Irving Saypol, qui est juif et l'un des plus faustiques et haineux anticommunistes d'Amérique, a été choisi comme procureur, tandis qu'un autre anticommuniste, le juge Irving Kaufman, a été choisi pour prononcer la sentence de mort. De cette façon on peut prétendre



Julius ROSENBERG, qui vient d'entendre sa condamnation à mort, au cours de son transfert dans une cellule de la prison de Sing-Sing.

que des juifs ont jugé des juifs, et que des juifs ont été envoyés à la mort. Ainsi la vieille technique du Judenrat (tribunal juif), que Hitler a employée, a été utilisée à nouveau en Amérique par l'administration Truman.

Quel était le but du procès et du verdict contre les Rosenberg ? Il y en a de nombreux, et j'en dirai quelques-uns. D'abord cela a servi à aviser le feu naissant de l'antisémitisme, qui est un élément général de propagande des dirigeants des deux partis américains. Ensuite cela a servi à répondre l'accusation calomnieuse que les communistes américains sont des agents de l'étranger et des espions. Bien qu'il ait jamais été prouvé que Julius Rosenberg fut membre du Parti Communiste, il y a de bonnes raisons de croire que des efforts ont été faits pour obtenir que

les Rosenberg signent des documents impliquant dans l'affaire les dirigeants nationaux — actuellement emprisonnés — du Parti Communiste des Etats-Unis. Ce sera à jamais l'honneur des Rosenberg d'avoir eu le courage de résister à de telles pressions. Cependant il est intéressant de remarquer que l'affaire Rosenberg s'est déroulée en même temps que le procès des onze dirigeants du Parti Communiste. Un autre objectif de la persécution des Rosenberg, et peut-être le plus important, fut de démontrer au Mouvement de la Paix américain qu'en même temps que des peines d'emprisonnement, la peine de mort pouvait être prononcée contre ceux qui croient en la coexistence pacifique de l'U.R.S.S. et des Etats-Unis.

Cette menace était dirigée notamment contre les juifs, car les aspirations vers la paix des grandes masses juives américaines sont solides et, à l'occasion, militantes.

**LES** objectifs de ceux qui montèrent l'affaire Rosenberg furent en partie atteints. Aucune affaire, dans la période d'après guerre, n'a autant fait pour semer la terreur parmi les minorités américaines que le cas Rosenberg. Quand l'affaire a éclaté, un voile de peur, tel que je n'en avais jamais vu auparavant, a semblé couvrir les masses juives. Et cette peur n'a pas été limitée aux juifs américains. La sauvagerie de la persécution gouvernementale, l'outrage avec laquelle l'affaire a été menée ont servi à renforcer ce courant de peur.

Des centaines d'intellectuels américains ont pensé qu'ils ne pouvaient sauver leur propre vie qu'en condamnant les Rosenberg. Et c'est ainsi que nous avons assisté à l'un des spectacles les plus dégradants de l'histoire moderne. J'ai entendu des dirigeants syndicalistes de droite dire tout bas qu'ils avaient que les Rosenberg étaient innocents, mais plaider l'impuissance dès qu'il était question d'une déclaration ou d'une action publique. Un grand nombre d'intellectuels, des hommes qui ont des poins de coté internationale, ont confié en privé qu'ils étaient certains de l'innocence des Rosenberg, mais qu'ils craignaient cependant de le déclarer tout haut. Nous n'avons pas ici, jusqu'à présent, ce que nous avons vu au temps de Sacco et Vanzetti : le rassemblement d'un large mouvement d'opinion en faveur des deux innocents. Au contraire, les Rosenberg ne sont soutenus, pour le moment, que par les forces progressistes et quelques autres qui défient la mort, dans une situation politique de semi-fascisme, de terreur policière et d'intimidation.

**C**EPENDANT il y a des hommes éminents et de grand courage qui se sont dressés en faveur des Rosenberg. Plusieurs rabbins qui dirigent des communautés d'ouvriers juifs ont fait des déclarations, apportant leur soutien au Rosenberg. Quelques pasteurs ont pris une position analogue. Une poignée d'artistes et d'écrivains en ont fait autant. Le rôle des intellectuels ici est bien illustré par l'action de Waldo Frank. Séparé du mouvement progressiste pendant des années, Waldo Frank s'en est rapproché pour venir appuyer les Rosenberg. Mais il est dans un exil qu'il s'est imposé lui-même, hors des Etats-Unis, et c'est pourquoi il peut prendre une telle position avec moins de peur que les intellectuels vivant en Amérique. D'autres personnes à qui je me suis adressé m'ont dit franchement que la peur et la terreur, et le souci de leur propre situation, les empêchaient de se prononcer publiquement pour les Rosenberg.

Il est particulièrement hon-teux que cette attitude soit si largement répandue parmi les dirigeants syndicaux. La corruption dans la direction de notre grand mouvement syndical a fait son œuvre lentement et régulièrement depuis presque dix ans. Placés en face de l'affaire Rosenberg qui marque si implicitement le destin qui les menace dans un proche avenir, ils se trouvent dans une terrible contradiction et n'ont pas jusqu'à présent réussi à la résoudre par un geste de courage ou par fermeté de principes.

Tout ceci constitue l'arrière-plan de l'affaire Rosenberg. Comme je l'ai déjà dit, Ethel et Julius Rosenberg sont gens courageux, bons, et honnêtes. Ils sont innocents. Ils sont détenus comme otages pour tout le Mouvement Mondial de la Paix. S'ils meurent, le prix que les forces éprises de paix dans le monde paieront pour cette mort sera terrible.

C'est pourquoi je m'adresse pas seulement ici une déclaration concernant l'affaire, mais un plaidoyer fervent pour que tout soit mis en œuvre afin que les Rosenberg ne meurent pas. Je demande à ceux qui aiment la paix d'écrire et de télégraphier au président des Etats-Unis, en faisant appel à lui pour qu'il commue la sentence de mort prononcée contre les Rosenberg.

C'est un mot d'ordre urgent pour le Mouvement de la Paix en Amérique aujourd'hui : les Rosenberg ne doivent pas mourir ! S'ils meurent, trop d'humanité mourront avec eux. Nous nous tournons vers vous pour avoir appui et soutien. Aidez-nous à sauver Julius et Ethel Rosenberg !

TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

L'HUMANITE

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THE ROSENBERG CASEBy HOWARD FAST

The great American writer, HOWARD FAST, author of numerous works, among them TOM PAINE and Tormented Heroes (lit.), sent us this letter:

An election campaign has just ended and a few days ago DWIGHT EISENHOWER was elected President of the U.S. As a congressional candidate from a labor district in New York, I played an active role in this election campaign. I can say, being fully acquainted with the matter, that it has been a campaign haunted by a specter, in the same way as we are a nation haunted by a specter, that of the highest, the most terrible injustice that men can commit against other men: the injustice of being legally condemned to death for "crimes" of which they are innocent.

A few among those who do not belong entirely to the progressive movement have talked about the ROSENBERG case during this election. The Jewish masses of our country, voting in the main for ADLAI STEVENSON - and voting this way because of their deep and keen abhorrence of fascism and because of the stale smell of fascism which they detected around EISENHOWER - have tried to close their eyes and ears to the monstrous and hideous injustice of the ROSENBERG case.

But one cannot close his eyes and ears before a spectacle such as this and a clamor such as this. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG are very much with us, and are very close to us. The date of their execution is no more than a few weeks removed. Their innocence is a fact which is daily penetrating the conscience of an increasing number of Americans, and their martyrdom is a picture of the rise of fascism in America today.

What is the meaning of the ROSENBERG case? Many people are saying that it is the SACCO and VANZETTI case of our time. But it differs from the SACCO and VANZETTI case in some subtle, but important, aspects. It differs just as the time differs. While SACCO and VANZETTI were put to death as hostages of the working class and in order to threaten the workers should they continue to fight too vigorously for their rights, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG are scheduled to die as hostages of the American Peace Movement and as a threat to all those who are fighting for peace in the U.S., all those who want to put an end to American imperialist aggression in Korea.

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The idea of legal murder and the persecution of hostages is an old American practice, and a goodly number of fine and great Americans have been assassinated by the government machine: JOHN BROWN and his men, the Haymarket martyrs, the miners of Pennsylvania and that which has remained designated in memory as the MOLLY MAGUIRE hangings: the seven Negroes of Martinsville (Virginia) and many, many others. It is nothing new for the ruling class of the U.S., savage and brutal class that it is, to seize hostages and put them to death. The thing which is new today is that it concerns hostages of the Peace Movement.

Let us quickly re-examine the ROSENBERG case. He, JULIUS, was an unassuming engineer. She has been implicated in the case only because she is his wife. They have been living very peacefully and simply in a working section of New York together with their two children. They were Jews with the opinions of progressives, but they were not communists to the best of anyone's knowledge. They were people of honesty and principle and they had an unusual and courageous sense of honor.

Mrs. ROSENBERG had a brother. His name was DAVID GREENGLASS. He was implicated in a theft committed in a government atom bomb laboratory. At the time he was arrested he found himself faced with a risk of a very severe penalty, in the same manner as his wife.

GREENGLASS confessed. He appealed to JOHN ROGGE, a renegade from the progressive movement, to be his attorney. Whereupon, one day, thanks to ROGGE's intervention, a bargain was concluded according to the terms of which GREENGLASS was sentenced to only 15 years in prison while his wife was released. In exchange, he testified that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were the leaders of an espionage network.

The explanation of this is sufficiently clear. GREENGLASS, a spy, had no propaganda value. He was nothing, his wife was nothing and they had no connections with the progressive movement. But his sister was married to an engineer who had a minimum of contacts with the progressive movement. The matter then assumed a great propaganda value for the Minister of "Justice." DAVID GREENGLASS produced his testimony, his wife was set free and JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death.

One must not forget one important thing: it is that no proof, except the unverified words of GREENGLASS, was produced against them. No connection between them and atomic researches was ever established, save in the unverified remarks of GREENGLASS. And at the same time it is necessary to note that IRVING SAYPOL, who is a Jew and one of the most fanatic and malignant anti-communists of America, was selected as prosecutor while another anti-communist, Judge IRVING KAUFMANN, was selected to pronounce the sentence of death. In this manner it can be maintained that Jews have been judged by Jews and that Jews have been sent to death by other Jews. Exactly the old technique of the Jewish Tribunal employed by HITLER has been used again in America by the TRUMAN administration.

What was the purpose of the trial and the verdict against the ROSENBERGS? There are many of them and I shall mention several. At first, it served to fan the growing fire of anti-Semitism, which is a common element of propaganda of the leaders of both American parties. Then it served to spread the slanderous charge that American communists are foreign agents and spies. Although it had never been proved that JULIUS ROSENBERG was a member of the Communist Party, there are good reasons to believe that efforts have been made to get the ROSENBERGS to sign documents involving them in the case of the national leaders - currently imprisoned - of the Communist Party of the U.S. It will ever be to the honor of the ROSENBERGS for having had the courage to resist such pressures. Nevertheless, it is interesting to observe that the ROSENBERG case unfolded at the same time as the trial of the eleven leaders of the Communist Party. Another objective of the prosecution of the ROSENBERGS, and perhaps the most important, was to point out to the American Peace Movement that simultaneously with the handing down of prison sentences the death penalty could be pronounced against those who believe in the peaceful co-existence of the USSR and the US.

This threat was directed notably against the Jews, for the aspirations toward peace of large masses of American Jews are solid, and, when the opportunity arises, militant.

The objectives of those who concocted the ROSENBERG case were partly realized. No case, in the postwar period, has done as much to sow terror among American minorities as the ROSENBERG case. When the affair broke out, a mask of fear such as I had never seen before seemed to cover the Jewish masses. And this fear has not been limited to American Jews. The savagery of the government's prosecution, the excess with which the affair has been conducted, have served to reinforce this current of fear. Hundreds of American intellectuals thought that they would be able to save their own lives only by condemning the ROSENBERGS. And so it was that we had assisted in one of the most degrading spectacles of modern history. I heard right wing union leaders whisper that they knew the ROSENBERGS were innocent, but they pleaded helplessness as soon as it became a question of making an announcement or a public action. A great number of intellectuals, men who have names of international renown, have confided to me in private that they were certain of the innocence of the ROSENBERGS, but that they were nevertheless afraid of declaring it out loud. We do not have here, as of the present, that which we saw in the time of SACCO and VANZETTI: the gathering of a large movement of opinion in favor of the two innocents. On the contrary, the ROSENBERGS are for the moment being supported only by the progressive forces and by several others who defy death, in a political situation of semi-fascism, of police terror and intimidation.

Meanwhile, there are men of prominence and of great courage who are standing up in favor of the ROSENBERGS. Several rabbis who direct Jewish working communities have made announcements advancing their support of the ROSENBERGS. Several pastors have taken an analogous position. A handful of artists and writers have done as much. The role of intellectuals here is well illustrated by the action of WALDO FRANK. Separated from the progressive movement for years, WALDO FRANK has approached it in order to give support to the ROSENBERGS. But he is in an exile which he imposed upon himself, outside the U.S., and that is why he can take such a position with less fear than the intellectuals living in America. Other persons to whom I addressed myself have told me frankly that the fear and terror, and concern over their own situation, prevented them from making public announcements on behalf of the ROSENBERGS.

It is particularly disgraceful that this attitude be so largely prevalent among union leaders. Corruption in the management of our large union movement has done its work slowly and regularly for almost ten years. Set over against the ROSENBERG affair which so implicitly marks the fate which threatens them in the near future, they (union leaders) find themselves in a terrible contradiction and, up to the present time, they have not succeeded in resolving it by an act of courage or by firmness of principles.

All this constitutes a background to the ROSENBERG case. As I have already said, ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG are courageous people, good and honest. They are innocent. They are being detained as hostages for the entire World Peace Movement. If they die, the price which the peace loving forces in the world will pay for this debt will be a terrible one.

That is why I am not only making a statement here concerning the affair, but a fervent speech in order that no stone may be left unturned to prevent the death of the ROSENBERGS. I asked all those who love peace to write and telegraph the President of the United States, making an appeal to him to commute the death sentence pronounced against the ROSENBERGS.

This is an urgent watchword for the Peace Movement in America today: the ROSENBERGS must not die! If they die, too many hopes and dreams of humanity will die with them. We turn to you for support. Help us to save JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG!

(Translator's Note: The caption beneath the picture appearing in this article reads as follows: JULIUS ROSENBERG, who has just heard his death sentence, in the course of his transfer to a cell in Sing-Sing.)

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L'HUMANITE

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PREVENT THIS CRIME

(Following this is a picture of a man and woman, apparently the ROSENBERGS, strapped in electric chairs.)

No More Than A Few Days To Save The ROSENBERGS

An Urgent Appeal by PICASSO

It is a matter of days; it can become a matter of hours. The electric chair at Sing-Sing is always ready to function. ETHEL ROSENBERG, in order to go to it, would have to take only a few steps: the cell in which she has been imprisoned for almost two years is separated from the execution chamber only by the thickness of a wall. Her husband, JULIUS ROSENBERG, would have to cross the entire prison: he would be able to look upon those bars for the last time, those heavy doors and the complicated machinery that has been elaborated for the most dangerous criminals and which today serves to confine those who hate death and the war, those who want peace.

The lives of ETHEL and of JULIUS ROSENBERG now depend upon a decision by TRUMAN: he can, within a maximum delay of 30 days, either grant them pardon or refuse to do so. If he refuses, he at the same time gives the signal for execution. And TRUMAN is perfectly capable of such an act: did he not boast of an order which brought about the massacre of Hiroshima? Did he not pride himself in the decision to manufacture the H Bomb?

The legal murder of a mother of two children sentenced to the electric chair upon the sole pretense that she had been the "moral support" of her husband is not going to stop the murderers of so many mothers, of so many Korean children.

In the mouths of the rulers in Washington words like "moral, human dignity, liberty" flourish in abundance, but their hands are already covered with the blood of WILLIE MCGEE, the Negroes of Martinsville, the yellow babies of Korea, and why not, then, also with the blood of two democratic Jews? Racial hatred and "anti-red" hysteria blend themselves in the fascist concert which is thundering in Washington, and that is why all fears are permitted, that is why the lives of the ROSENBERGS are threatened to such an extent.

For the American rulers the assassination of the ROSENBERGS is not merely destined to sanction the restoration of police methods within the U.S., methods which differ only in detail from the forms of HITLER's methods. This assassination, for Washington, is to provide the western world with the signal for a redoubled terror against the partisans of peace, against all opponents to the Atlantic political catastrophe, against all those who would dare prefer another destiny than the one which has been reserved for the guinea pig experience of the islands of Eniwetok.

To those who are in horror of death by atomic weapons, the American government holds out another death: the electric chair.

That is why it is necessary to snatch the ROSENBERGS from death. And that is possible only if a formidable wall of world protest is erected between TRUMAN and the executioner. It alone can prevent the giving of the signal. It alone can prescribe a pardon. If that protest should fail, ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG would before long mount the electric chair, carrying away, upon their demise, the happiness of their children, and also a fragment of our hopes for peace. (Translator's Note: This marks the end of the newspaper article itself. The translation of other commentaries of the ROSENBERG case will now follow in the sequence in which they appear at various places throughout the above article.)

PICASSO hurls an appeal at the intellectuals of France and of the entire world:

"Save the ROSENBERGS! Hours count, minutes count. Do not allow this crime against humanity to be committed!"

PICASSO

The last message of PAUL ELUARD: "It is necessary to save the lives of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. Justice and Peace demand it. I cannot believe that all of us, that we, cannot procure their pardon."

French People's Relief rises against the decision of The Supreme Court rejecting the appeal for mercy by the ROSENBERGS and calls upon all its adherents and friends to immediately and personally write to President TRUMAN, White House, Washington (U.S.), calling for the pardon of the innocents.

### PROTESTS FROM FRANCE...

Telegrams have been sent to TRUMAN asking for the pardon of the ROSENBERGS and a review of the trial: by the administrative personnel of the municipal building in Villejuif; a group of students of English and German at the Sorbonne; the communist cell Lafont of the 16th District; the C.G.T. (General Confederation of Labor) tradeunion section in the workshops of the R.A.T.P. of Choisy, etc.

### ...AND FROM THE ENTIRE WORLD

The nineteen unions affiliated with the Democratic Council of Rights of Australia have undertaken to "fully support the struggle for a review of the ROSENBERG trial." In Canada, the Organization of Unions, amalgamating the electrical workers, sent TRUMAN a resolution calling for a review of the trial "before a tribunal free of anticommunist hysteria and warmongers." The League for Democratic Rights has appealed to the Canadian people to do everything they can to save the lives of the ROSENBERGS. The Civil Rights Union of Toronto has organized a protest campaign.

"FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE DEPORTEES, THIS WOULD BE AS IF  
THEIR PARENTS WERE TO BE EXECUTED ONCE AGAIN..."

In a touching letter, one of our readers, SIMON BORUCHOWICZ, wrote to us: "Like thousands of persons, I am following with anxiety the development of events concerning the ROSENBERGS. If I particularly seem to have my heart in my mouth, this may also, perhaps, be due to the fact that my parents died in camps as racial deportees...if they should execute the ROSENBERGS, I think that for the children of the deportees it would be as if the parents of one of them were to be executed once again. In the same camps, by the same men..."

### THE INDIGNATION OF WOMEN...

The Union of French Women sent TRUMAN the following letter:

"Feminine indignation is great in view of the rejection by the Supreme Court of the appeal by ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

"In the name of justice, in the name of the principles of liberty which your government lays claim to, we ask you to pardon this couple whose only crime is to want peace.

"You alone can now prevent the execution of the ROSENBERGS. You alone can prevent this monstrous injustice which would remind the men and women of our country too much of the methods which we thought we would never know again and which we experienced under the Hitlerian occupation..."



"That is why the Union of French Women asks you to save these two humans, these two innocents from the frightful torture of the electric chair; do not permit that there should be two more little orphans..."

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ON ATTORNEYS FOR ROSENBERGS AND SOBELL. MOTION RETURNABLE <sup>Twenty First</sup> ~~NINETEEN~~  
NEXT. BUREAU IS ADVISED THAT SOBELL CANNOT BE MOVED TO ALCATRAZ  
UNTIL ORDER ON MANDATE IS FILED. HOWARD N. MEYER, ATTORNEY FOR  
SOBELL OBTAINED A SHOW CAUSE ORDER TODAY FROM JUDGE EDWARD WEINFELD  
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ON THE ~~NINETEENTH~~ NEXT. THIS ORDER FROM WEINFELD WAS OBTAINED EX PARTE. GOVERNMENT MADE APPLICATION FOR AN ORAL ARGUMENT TO BE HELD BEFORE JUDGE WEINFELD AT FIVE THIRTY PM TODAY WHEREIN GOVERNMENT WOULD ARGUE FOR JUDGE WEINFELD TO VACATE HIS ORDER. AFTER ARGUMENT JUDGE WEINFELD REFUSED TO VACATE HIS ORDER AND MOTION WILL BE HEARD ON THE *Twenty first* ~~NINETEENTH~~ NEXT. BLOCK ADVISED USA THAT HE WOULD FILE UNDER SECTION TWO TWO FIVE FIVE ON MONDAY. JUDGE IRVING R. KAUFMAN ADVISED BLOCK THAT WHEN THE ORDER ON THE MANDATE IS FILED, HE COULD SET THE DATE OF EXECUTION BETWEEN THE PERIOD OF FOUR TO EIGHT WEEKS. HE TOLD BLOCK HE WOULD FIX THE DATE OF EXECUTION DURING THE EIGHTH WEEK. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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CC: MR. BELMONT  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. HENRICH

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG; ETHEL ROSENBERG  
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DATE: November 25, 1952

Supervisor Tom McAndrews, NYO, advised on the afternoon of November 25 that AUSA Kilsheimer has stated the defense attorneys are filing affidavits from four scientists in connection with the hearing in this case on the morning of November 26. These affidavits are to the effect Greenglass could not have retained in his memory details concerning the atom bomb which he testified to during the trial of this case.

These scientists are as follows: James Gerald Crowther, 2 Myter Court, Johns Mews, John Street, London, England - scientific writer; John Desmond Bernal, 21 Torrington Square, London, England; Thomas Reeve Kaiser, Research Fellow, University of Manchester, Manchester, England; and Jacques S. Hadamard, 12 rue Emile Faguet, Paris, France - Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Paris.

AUSA Kilsheimer requested that the names of the above-named four scientists be searched through the indices of the NYO and that he be furnished with any derogatory information prior to the hearing at 10:30 a.m., November 26, 1952.

ACTION: I told Supervisor McAndrews to go ahead and search the indices of the NYO regarding these 4 individuals and to advise the Bureau promptly of any derogatory information located prior to furnishing such information to Kilsheimer.

We are searching the indices of the Bureau for any derogatory information concerning these persons, following which the information will be furnished to the NYO for referral to Kilsheimer.

RECOMMENDATION:

In the event our files are negative concerning these individuals, we will immediately dispatch cables to the Legal Attaches in London and Paris, requesting that they obtain derogatory information available through their sources. AUSA Kilsheimer will be advised of this action so, in the event he desires to defer argument pending receipt of advice from our Legal Attaches, he can do so.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: November 25, 1952

FROM : C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG  
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Supervisor Thomas McAndrews called from New York on the evening of November 24. He advised that Judge Edward Weinfeld has now signed an order granting a hearing to Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobel, the order returnable Wednesday, November 26, 1952, at 10:30 A.M. The hearing will be for the purpose of determining if an order to vacate and set aside the sentences of the subjects should issue. Highlights of the defendants allegations which are very voluminous are:

1. Pre-trial and trial publicity by newspapers created a hostile attitude towards defendants.
2. Information was furnished to the press by the Justice Department, U. S. Attorney's Office and the FBI which developed a hostile attitude toward the defendants.
3. Indictment of William Perl during the trial proceedings prejudiced the minds of the jury.
4. Prosecution utilized false testimony in order to bring about the conviction of the defendants.
5. Court was without jurisdiction to sentence the defendants because among other things the Government alleged certain facts brought out during the trial to be secret whereas they were not secret.

It was indicated that in all possibility the defendants will not be present during the hearing.

ACTION:

The U. S. Attorney's Office is analyzing the voluminous allegations submitted by the defender and the New York Office is sending more detailed information concerning these allegations by teletype.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: November 21, 1952

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

SUBJECT:

There is attached hereto United States Supreme Court Decision Number 111, entitled "Julius Rosenberg and Ethel Rosenberg, Petitioners, v. The United States of America, on Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit."

It was stated by Mr. Justice Frankfurter that Petitioners are under death sentence, and it is not unreasonable to feel that before life is taken review should be open in the highest court of the society which has condemned them.

After further consideration, this Court had adhered to its denial of this petition for certiorari. Misconception regarding the meaning of such a denial persists despite repeated attempts at explanation. It means, and all that it means is, that there were not four members of the Court to whom the grounds on which the decision of the Court of Appeals was challenged seemed sufficiently important when judged by the standards governing the issue of the discretionary writ of certiorari. It also deserves to be repeated that the effective administration of justice precludes this Court from giving reasons, however briefly, for its denial of a petition for certiorari.

Numerous grounds were urged in support of this petition for certiorari, however, a sentence imposed by a United States district court, even though it be a death sentence, is not within the power of this Court to revise.

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# SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 111.—OCTOBER TERM, 1952.

Julius Rosenberg and Ethel  
Rosenberg, Petitioners,  
v.  
The United States of America.

On Petition for Writ  
of Certiorari to the  
United States Court  
of Appeals for the  
Second Circuit.

[November 17, 1952.]

MR. JUSTICE FRANKFURTER.

Petitioners are under death sentence, and it is not unreasonable to feel that before life is taken review should be open in the highest court of the society which has condemned them. Such right of review was the law of the land for twenty years. By § 6 of the Act of February 6, 1889, 25 Stat. 655, 656, convictions in capital cases arising under federal statutes were appealable here. But in 1911 Congress abolished the appeal as of right, and since then death sentences have come here only under the same conditions that apply to any criminal conviction in a federal court. (§§ 128, 238, 240 and 241 of the Judicial Code, 36 Stat. 1087, 1133, 1157.)

The Courts of Appeals are charged by Congress with the duty of reviewing all criminal convictions. These are courts of great authority and corresponding responsibility. The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit was deeply conscious of its responsibility in this case. Speaking through Judge Frank it said: "Since two of the defendants must be put to death if the judgments stand, it goes without saying that we have scrutinized the record with extraordinary care to see whether it contains any of the errors asserted on this appeal." 195 F. 2d 583, 590.

After further consideration, the Court has adhered to its denial of this petition for certiorari. Misconception regarding the meaning of such a denial persists despite



repeated attempts at explanation. It means, and all that it means is, that there were not four members of the Court to whom the grounds on which the decision of the Court of Appeals was challenged seemed sufficiently important when judged by the standards governing the issue of the discretionary writ of certiorari. It also deserves to be repeated that the effective administration of justice precludes this Court from giving reasons, however briefly, for its denial of a petition for certiorari. I have heretofore explained the reasons that for me also militate against noting individual votes when a petition for certiorari is denied. See *Chemical & Trust Bank Co. v. Group of Institutional Investors*, 343 U. S. 982.

Numerous grounds were urged in support of this petition for certiorari; the petition for rehearing raised five additional questions. So far as these questions come within the power of this Court to adjudicate, I do not, of course, imply any opinion upon them. One of the questions, however, first raised in the petition for rehearing, is beyond the scope of the authority of this Court, and I deem it appropriate to say so. A sentence imposed by a United States district court, even though it be a death sentence, is not within the power of this Court to revise.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

American Embassy  
1, Grosvenor Square  
London, W. 1

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Date: November 21, 1952  
To: Director, FBI  
From: Legal Attache  
London, England  
Subject: JULIUS ROSENBERG  
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There are attached hereto, for the information of the Bureau, copies of a letter dated November 17, 1952, which was addressed to the Legal Attache by Mr. S. LOGAN, 22 Kempsford Gardens, Earls Court, S.W. 5. Copies of the enclosure, mentioned therein, are also attached hereto.

It is to be noted that Mr. LOGAN requests his name be removed from a petition which he signed on November 16, 1952, demanding a retrial of Mr. and Mrs. JULIUS ROSENBERG.

Copies of this correspondence have also been made available to [REDACTED] This correspondence has not been acknowledged.

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22 Kempsford Gardens.  
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Dear Sir,

Yesterday afternoon in Hyde Park, I was approached by a very earnest young person who was obtaining signatures for a petition whose purpose - I was verbally informed, being an instrument to obtain a re-trial for two of your Nationals - Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg.

My signature was obtained in the belief that this was a humanitarian gesture that might help two unfortunate people from a possible miscarriage of justice and the subsequent ghastly effects upon their two children.

On obtaining afterward, a leaflet upon this matter I observed that the nature of Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg's political beliefs was obviously as important a matter as their personal plight in the eyes of the organiser of this petition.

It should be of no concern whatever whether they were Republican Democrat or any other political belief, for in a tolerant and free Nation all should be allowed to think as their reason dictated.

To me the crux of the matter is that there is a belief that these people have been accused and sentenced on evidence brought by informers.

It would seem unthinkable that a great and vigorous Nation such as the United States should on one hand pledge itself to World Peace and yet allow Totalitarian methods under any guise to enter into its legal proceedings.

Recent events have been very disturbing to outside opinion - the recent Suicide of Mr. Feller and the resignation of the President of the United Nations for instance. The events in Germany too are eloquent and require no amplification - necessity creates strange bedfellows.

I will happily sign any petition to appeal to American opinion in the matter of Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg only if it be of a non political nature as this matter is one of the humanities not of dogmas.

Accordingly I am asking the organiser of the appeal to remove my name as politics have obviously influenced its origin.

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Should my name still appear upon the petition that is to be presented then you will know that it is without my consent.

Nothing would make me happier on the grounds of tolerance and humanity than to see the Rosenberg children re-united with their parents in the future and I feel sure that there are many people in the United States who from the same motives would share such sentiments if there was a suspicion of a possible miscarriage of justice.

As I indicated earlier in this letter politics seem capable of almost every interpretation and adjustment to suit the expediency of the hour hence this personal plea that their influence does not influence the minds of men when depriving others of life.

I speak as a man of thirty two with a few ideals left in spite of the last War and the subsequent tide of events and all this hysteria mistrust and passionate accusation one of another can only lead to fresh horrors with even more terrible weapons with which to wreak it.

Fear begets Fear and Truth becomes the first casualty in all Nations - I pray fervently that human tolerance may once again raise its voice in all our National and International affairs.

Having long since despaired of existing creeds and "isms" I felt impelled to write this letter in the hopes that it would explain my solicitude for two people who I am not likely ever to meet but for whom I feel deserve the full benefits of impartial justice.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ S. Logan  
(S. Logan)

To. The Legal Attach'e  
U. S. Embassy.  
Grosvenor Square. W.1.

22 Kempsford Gardens.  
Earls Court.  
S.W.5.

17.11.52.

Dear Madam,

For the reasons set out in the attached letter copy -  
I am requesting that you remove my name from the petition that I  
signed yesterday afternoon.

As stated in the attached letter - I did not realise that  
the Rosenbergs had become an instrument to further any political thought  
or action.

My motive in signing was prompted from motives of humanity and  
of recent years it is apparent that politics of all shades have only  
brought fresh suffering and death to overburdened humanity.

I join with you however in wishing you success in your efforts  
to save the lives of these unhappy people but not from the same motives.

As an individual with a conscience and incidentally one who has  
always believed in true Socialism (a commodity I still wait to see) I  
realise with some irony that I would be automatically an enemy of a  
Socialist State as the interpretation at present stands and no doubt I  
would be despatched accordingly.

We are dealing with human lives all individual in spite of the  
fact that most of our problems are universal and we must make allowance  
for the odd one who questions the sheeplike adherence to party orders that  
do not need to be actuated by truth but rather by expediency - be they  
Left or Right Wing - the evil is as far reaching.

Repeating once again my best wishes

Yours faithfully,

/s/ S. Logan  
(S. Logan.)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont  
 FROM : W. A. Branigan *WAB*  
 SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al  
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DATE: November 26, 1952

**SECRET**SYNOPSIS:

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To briefly set out certain information appearing in available Bureau files possibly identical with John Desmond Bernal, James Gerald Crowther, Jacques S. Hadamard and Thomas Reeve Kaiser, European scientists who are filing affidavits on behalf of the Rosenbergs on 11/26/52 in connection with an application pending before Federal Judge Weinfeld, SDNY, to vacate and set aside death sentences of the Rosenbergs. Affidavits are to effect that David Greenglass could not have retained in his memory details about atom bomb to which he testified. AUSA Kilsheimer, SDNY, requested derogatory data on scientists be furnished him prior to hearing 10:30 AM, 11/26/52. To recommend NYO be telephonically furnished brief synopsis of available data to be orally furnished Kilsheimer. To recommend NYO be instructed to advise Kilsheimer this information solely for his use and not for court record since not possible to definitely state information identical with scientists filing affidavits without additional inquiry; also since information from confidential sources would require additional research and possible recontact with sources to determine possibility of utilizing information as part of court proceedings. Recommend NYO be instructed to ascertain Kilsheimer's needs and desires with respect to the type of information, if any, needed "for the record" in countervailing the effects of these affidavits.

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PURPOSE:

To furnish you with a synopsis of available data possibly identical with the four scientists filing affidavits in behalf of the defense in this case.

BACKGROUND:

By memo to you from Mr. Hennrich dated 11/25/52, you were advised of a telephone call from the NY Office on that date. NY advised that AUSA Kilsheimer, SDNY, has stated the defense attorneys are filing affidavits from four scientists in connection with the hearing on this case on the morning

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of November 26. The affidavits are to the effect David Greenglass could not have retained in his memory details of the atom bomb to which he testified. The scientists were identified as James Gerald Crowther, John Desmond Bernal, Thomas Reeve Kaiser and Jaques S. Hadamard, all Europeans. Brief identifying data was furnished. NY advised that Kilsheimer requested he be furnished with derogatory data prior to hearing set for 10:30 AM, 11/26/52.

Our indices contain numerous references possibly identical with these scientists. On the basis of a review of files available to this point, it does not appear that we have conducted any independent investigations of these scientists and the references represent data secured from confidential sources in the course of other inquiries and data received from other agencies. In order to expedite the compilation of background data, recourse has been made, where possible, to summaries of data compiled in the past, and the original sources of such data are being checked where they are not specifically set forth hereinafter. All of these scientists are Europeans residing abroad. Obviously additional inquiry would be required to establish definitely the information in our files as identical with these scientists and to determine whether the information is subject to use as a part of a court proceeding.

DETAILS:

There follows a brief summary of possibly identical data available at this point in our review of files:

John Desmond Bernal, 21 Torrington Square, London, England;

Bernal, born May 10, 1901, Ireland, has been a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Science since 1937 and in April, 1947, was a professor of Physics at Cambridge University. (Who's Who 1945; 100-203763-23 page 3)

On January 20, 1937, the Communist Party in NYC held a so-called Lenin Memorial Meeting at Madison Square Garden and offered Communist literature for sale. One of the publications on sale was "Science and Society," a Marxian quarterly, in which Bernal was listed as one of the editors. (Info appears in Summary. Source to be checked; 61-7559-899 page 4)

A weekly news letter dated March 12, 1946, issued by the Communist Party of England listed Bernal as one of the

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signers of a statement calling for a purge of collaborators in Greece fearing that efforts to create an honest election register had been unsuccessful. [REDACTED]

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(Info appears in summary. Source to be checked; 64-200-228 & 214; 100-196623-78) b7D

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World Federation of Scientific Workers. In October, 1946, Bernal was one of the two vice presidents of this organization. Another Governmental agency reported that in May, 1947, Bernal was elected president of the British Association of Scientific Workers. This agency stated that Bernal "has reputation of being leftist in political thinking, very favorable to USSR viewpoint on international questions, and inclined to engage in international political activities." (Info appears in summary. Source to be checked; 100-354451-1 page 2, 3) b7D

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(Info appears in summary. Source to be checked; 100-203763-14 page 7) b7D

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James Gerald Crowther, 2 Myter Court, John Mews, John Street, London, England;

A confidential source in March, 1949, stated

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Daily Worker of 3/17/49 carried an article by Crowther on (s) the World Cultural Congress for Peace. (Source [REDACTED] summary, set forth in letter from Legat, London, 3/18/49; 100-356137-92) b1

Another Government agency on 3/15/49 identified Crowther as an author, scientific editor of Manchester Guardian and reputedly a Communist who desired to attend the Cultural Conference for World Peace in New York City. (Source - INS; 100-356137-436)

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(Info appears in summary memo. Source to be checked; 100-356137-364; 100-334195-14) b7D

Jacques S. Hadamard, 12 Rue Emilie Faguet, Paris, France;

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(Memo prepared by American Embassy, Paris, for State Dept. on 3/17/50; 40-4370-5)

Confidential source advised that when [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] whose identity cannot be disclosed under any circumstances; 100-145811) b1

Daily Worker for 4/25/39 contained an article reflecting invitation by "International Conference on Problem of the Defense of Democracy, Peace and Humanity Today" to prominent persons in art, science and literature to a meeting at Paris on 5/13 and 14/39. Professor Hadamard supported the conference. (40-39398)

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(AEC furnished above info to Supervisor Dissly on 11/25/52.) b7C

Thomas Reeve Kaiser, Research Fellow, University of Manchester, Manchester, England; Summary

A reliable confidential source advised in

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the foregoing data be telephonically furnished to the NY Office for referral to Kilsheimer with the stipulation that it is a summary of data possibly identifiable with these scientists, is not all-inclusive, and is intended to convey to Kilsheimer the general character of the information available regarding them.

It is recommended NY Office be instructed to advise Kilsheimer this information is solely for his own use and not for court record, additional inquiry would be necessary to definitely establish what information is specifically identifiable with these scientists and to check what information is subject to use as part of a court proceeding since received from confidential sources.

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It is recommended NYO be instructed to ascertain Kilsheimer's needs and desires with respect to the type of information needed "for the record" in counteracting the effects of these affidavits.

9:00 Am.  
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Info. furnished to  
supervisor Tom MEANDRE  
NYO Together with  
instructions as above

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 28, 1952

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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ASAC Whelan of the New York Office at 12:30 pm today called and in my absence talked with Wick. Whelan said Roy Cohn, Special Assistant Attorney General, has informed him that attorneys for the Rosenbergs are out to get Cohn. Cohn assumes that his office and home telephones are tapped and that his office contains hidden microphones. He asked for an FBI check.

Cohn told Whelan he has talked to Victor Riesel at some length about his suspicions. Cohn states that Senator Wiley's Office (R-Wisconsin) informed him along the same lines and suggested his (Cohn's) office may contain hidden microphones. According to Cohn, both the telephone taps and microphones have been placed on him by persons working in behalf of the Rosenbergs.

Cohn made the specific request of Whelan that the FBI make a thorough study of his home phones, office phones, and search for hidden microphones in his office. Whelan told him he would check to see what could be done.

As you recall, by memorandum dated November 24, 1952, I advised you concerning a telephone call I received from Victor Riesel, who said Judge Irving Kaufman had stated Cohn is talking considerably, and his ill-advised remarks could conceivably jeopardize the case.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this matter be referred to the Department and a decision obtained as to whether Cohn's request should be acted upon by the Bureau.

cc-Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont

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No, If Cohn follows it up again NY can make a general check."

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Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont

The Attorney General

December 2, 1952

Director, FBI

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**JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al.  
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It is our understanding that Mr. William Carroll, United States Marshal of the Southern District of New York, has communicated with you for authority to come to Washington for a conference concerning final arrangements for the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Mr. Carroll has advised our New York Office that in the event the Rosenbergs indicate their desire to talk at the last moment, he will recommend to you that two of our agents be present for the purpose of interviewing them. He also stated that he wishes to settle with the Department at this time on whose authority the execution would be stayed in the event they desire to talk.

The Bureau will, of course, have agents available if interviews appear warranted and you authorize the same. You are requested to advise us of any arrangements made with Mr. Carroll so that if the occasion arises, the Bureau will be in a position to handle these interviews properly.

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cc - 1 - Mr. Ross L. Malone, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General

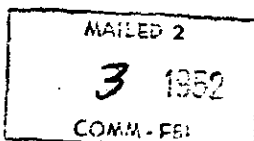
cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 2, 1952

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al  
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At 5:35 P.M. on 12/2/52, Supervisor Tom MacAndrews of the New York Office telephonically advised that oral arguments were heard today by Judge Ryan in connection with the petition for a stay of execution. MacAndrews advised that all arguments presented thus far have been denied by Judge Ryan. Judge Ryan has given the petitioners until Friday, December 5, 1952, to file papers in support of their position and has advised him that he is going to deny their petition for a stay of execution unless they come up with some substantial information to support their position. MacAndrews stated that Judge Ryan intends to announce his decision in connection with this matter on Monday, December 8, 1952.

ACTION:

None. The above is for your information.

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DEPUTY CLERK, US DISTRICT COURT, WERE SECURED AND PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THE SAME TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF AFFIDAVIT OF SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON ARE BEING SUBMITTED BY SEPARATE COVER. THE BUREAU-S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN M. FOLEY FILED THIS DATE PAGE TWO. QUOTE ON MARCH SIX, FIFTY ONE AT APPROX SIX FIFTEEN PM WILLIAM PERL IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY, MR. RAYMOND WISE, AND IN THE PRESENCE OF SEVERAL ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS AND TWO SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION STATED THAT HE HAD LIED TO THE FBI AND THE GRAND JURY IN THAT HE HAD MINIMIZED HIS ASSOCIATIONS WITH MORTON SOBELL AND OTHER PERSONS "UNQUOTE. BUREAU-S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO NYTEL DATED MARCH SIX, FIFTY ONE IN THE CASE OF WILLIAM PERL, ESP DASH R, WHICH REPORTS THE CONFERENCE ABOVE MENTIONED BETWEEN AUSAS, PERL AND HIS ATTORNEY AND WHICH REPORTS THAT PERL MADE NO PERTINENT DISCLOSURES. IT IS NOTED THAT THE TWO SPECIAL AGENTS REFERRED TO IN AFFIDAVIT OF FOLEY ARE SAS MAURICE W. CORCORAN AND RICHARD A. MINIHAN, BOTH OF WHOM STATE THAT THEY DID NOT HEAR PERL MAKE THE STATEMENT ABOVE MENTIONED BY AUSA FOLEY. NOTED NY FILE IN PERL CASE CONTAINS

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MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY ONE COVERING THIS CONFERENCE WHICH IS QUOTED IN PART AS FOLLOWS., QUOTE ON MARCH SIX, FIFTY ONE AUSA ROY COHN HELD CONFERENCE WITH ATTORNEY, R. L. WISE AND WILLIAM PERL IN ROOM ONE ONE NINETEEN ATTENDED BY AUSAS KILSHEIMER, FOLEY, BLINDER AND SAS MINIHAN AND CORCORAN. DURING CONFERENCE, COHN ADVISED WISE AND PERL THAT PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WAS TO OBTAIN FROM PERL ANY AVAILABLE INFO RE JULIUS ROSENBERG SINCE LATTER-S TRIAL STARTED THIS DATE. PERL MADE NO PERTINENT DISCLOSURES. HOWEVER, PERL DID STATE THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY LIED TO FBI AGENTS AND TO THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY, SDNY. IN RESPONSE TO COHN-S INQUIRY AS TO WHAT HE LIED ABOUT SPECIFICALLY, PERL REPLIED THAT HE HAD MINIMIZED HIS ASSOCIATIONS RE JOEL BARR AND ALFRED SARANT AND STATED IN EFFECT THAT HE THOUGHT ~~QUOTE~~ "THEY WERE A COUPLE OF RED HOT SPIES" ~~UNQUOTE~~. IN RESPONSE TO COHN-S FURTHER QUESTION AS TO WHY HE THOUGHT THEY WERE SPIES, HE SAID HE BELIEVED THIS MUST BE SO SINCE THE FBI WAS SO INTERESTED IN THEM UNQUOTE. THE FACT THAT THE AGENTS DID NOT HEAR PERL MAKE THE STATEMENTS ABOUT SOBELL AS APPEAR IN AFFIDAVIT OF AUSA FOLEY WAS MADE KNOWN TO FOLEY. HE STATED THAT HE HEARD SUCH A STATEMENT AND THAT HE WAS PREPARED

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TO SO TESTIFY IN COURT UNDER OATH. IT IS NOTED THAT ABOVE AGENTS  
WERE NOT PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONFERENCE  
SINCE IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH SURVEILLANCE  
AGENTS ON THE STREET. AFTER HEARING IN JUDGE RYAN-S CHAMBERS TODAY,  
WILLIAM CARROLL, USM, ADVISED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO AG FOR AUTHORITY  
TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE AG, THE DIRECTOR  
OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, AND POSSIBLY REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE FBI AND HIMSELF. HE STATED THAT HE WANTED THIS CONFERENCE  
SO THAT HE COULD MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXECUTION OF JULIUS  
AND ETHEL ROSENBERG. HE STATED IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THE ROSENBERGS  
WOULD NOT TALK UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT. HE ADVISED THAT HE  
WOULD REQUEST DURING THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE THAT IN SUCH AN  
EVENT HE WISHED TO HAVE TWO AGENTS OF THE FBI PRESENT SO THAT THEY  
COULD TALK TO THE ROSENBERGS AS HE DID NOT INTEND TO DO SO.  
HE STATED THAT HE WOULD ALSO WISH TO SETTLE WITH THE DEPARTMENT NOW  
THAT IN THE EVENT THE ROSENBERGS DID WISH TO TALK ON WHOSE AUTHORITY  
THE EXECUTION WOULD BE STAYED. HE STATED THAT HE WISHED ALL  
QUESTIONS IN THIS LAST REGARD TO BE SETTLED BY OR DURING THIS  
CONFERENCE. THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

December 2, 1952

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Director, FBI

**JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al.**  
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As you are aware, a petition has been filed by the defendants under Section 2855 of the United States Code to vacate the execution of their sentences on various grounds, claiming in effect that the defendants did not secure a fair trial. This matter is now pending before United States District Judge Sylvester J. Ryan of the Southern District of New York.

One of the grounds alleged by the defendants was that the arrest of William Perl and the publicity therefrom, which occurred during the Rosenberg trial, prejudiced their case. The Government has submitted various affidavits opposing the defendants' contentions. In that connection it is noted that an affidavit has been submitted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. Foley to show the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Perl. This affidavit states in part as follows:

"On March 6, 1951, at approximately 6:15 p.m., William Perl, in the presence of his attorney, Mr. Raymond Wise, and in the presence of several Assistant United States Attorneys and two Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation stated that he had lied to the FBI and the Grand Jury in that he had minimized his associations with Morton Sobell and other persons."

Our New York Office advises that the two agents referred to in the above affidavit are Special Agents Maurice W. Corcoran and Richard A. Minihan, both of whom state that they did not hear Perl make the above statement concerning Sobell. According to the files of the New York Office, Assistant United States Attorney Roy Cohn held a conference with Perl and his attorney on March 6, 1951, which was attended by Assistant United States Attorneys Kilsheimer, Foley, Blinder, and Special Agents Minihan and Corcoran. During this conference, Cohn advised Perl and his attorney that the purpose of the conference was to obtain from Perl any available information concerning Julius Rosenberg since the Rosenberg trial was starting on that date. Perl

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made no pertinent disclosures. However, Perl did state that he had previously lied to FBI agents and to the Federal Grand Jury. In response to Cohn's inquiry as to what he lied about specifically, Perl replied that he had minimized his associations with Joel Barr and Alfred Sarant and stated in effect that he thought "they were a couple of red hot spies." In response to Cohn's further question as to why he thought they were spies, he said he believed this must be so since the FBI was so interested in them.

Mr. Foley has been advised by our New York Office that the agents did not hear Perl make the statement about Sobell as appearing in his affidavit. Mr. Foley advised that he himself heard such a statement and was prepared to so testify in court under oath.

It is pointed out that Agents Corcoran and Minahan have advised that they were not present at all times during the conference on March 6, 1951, since it was necessary for them to step out of the conference on occasion in connection with their work.

The above is for your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT  
 FROM : W. A. BRANIGAN *WAB*  
 SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al,  
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DATE: November 30, 1952

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SYNOPSIS:

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobell filed petition in support of order to show cause, returnable in District Court, Southern District of New York, December 1, 1952, alleging Government used perjured testimony of Ben Schneider, passport photographer, and David Greenglass. Schneider testified on March 27, 1951, at Rosenberg trial that he had not seen Rosenberg since May or June, 1950, when in fact, he saw Julius Rosenberg on March 26, 1951, in the courtroom. An affidavit has been prepared for Special Agent Walter C. Roetting of the New York Office setting forth the facts concerning the interview of Schneider and his identification of Rosenberg. At request of Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, facts relating to Schneider's observance of Rosenberg in the courtroom on March 26, 1951, omitted from affidavit. Greenglass drew sketches of lens mold and atom bomb from memory and defense contends impossible for him to remember enough information to prepare these sketches without outside help. Affidavits prepared for Special Agents Lewis and Frutkin to sign relating facts of Greenglass' drawing sketches of lens mold from memory without outside help on date of his arrest, June 15, 1950. Recommend we inform Criminal Division that we do not want Roetting affidavit submitted in its present form and that we inform our New York Office that Roetting affidavit should not be submitted. New York Office to be advised no objection to submitting Lewis and Frutkin affidavits.

PURPOSE:

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To recommend that the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice be advised that the Bureau is not in favor of the filing of an affidavit by Special Agent Walter C. Roetting of the New York Office which does not contain all information relative to the testimony of Ben Schneider and that the New York Office be so advised.

To recommend that the New York Office be advised that the Bureau has no objection to signing of affidavits by Special Agents John W. Lewis and Leo H. Frutkin regarding Greenglass interview.

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BACKGROUND:

As you know the attorneys for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell are presently engaged in legal actions attempting to stay the execution of sentence on their clients. The Rosenbergs have been sentenced to die the week of January 12, 1953.

On November 26, 1952, Judge Edward Weinfeld, District Judge, Southern District of New York, signed an order to show cause, returnable December 1, 1952, which requested that the sentence of the Rosenbergs be set aside. A petition was filed by the Rosenbergs claiming among other things that the Government had used perjured testimony from Ben Schneider and David Greenglass.

Affidavit Regarding Ben Schneider:

In the petition filed in the District Court, Southern District of New York, on behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the contention is made that Ben Schneider, passport photographer, committed perjury while testifying during the trial on March 27, 1951. The defense contends that Schneider testified that he had not seen the Rosenbergs since he made the passport photographs in May or June, 1950, when actually he had been in the courtroom on March 26, 1951, and had observed Julius Rosenberg testify. The petition sets forth an excerpt from the book entitled "The Atom Spies" by Oliver Pilat which states that "An FBI agent brought into the courtroom a photographer."

As you may recall, Confidential Informant Jerome Tartakow advised the New York Office that Julius Rosenberg was worried that the FBI would find out that he had had passport photos made. Investigation located Ben Schneider who was interviewed on March 26, 1951, by Bureau agents Walter C. Roetting and Lester O. Gallaher, at which time he identified photographs of the Rosenberg family as having had passport photographs made in May or June, 1950. At the instructions of the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, Irving R. Saupol, Schneider was brought into the courtroom to allow him to observe the defendants in person who were then on trial.

By teletype dated November 29, 1952, the New York Office advised that the following affidavit has been prepared for Special Agent Walter C. Roetting for possible use in argument of the above motion:

"State of New York/

County of New York/ SS..

Walter C. Roetting, being duly sworn, deposes and says.. I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have been so employed since 1941. On March 26, 1951, in the company of Special Agent Lester O. Gallaher, I went to the Photo Shop of one Ben Schneider, located at 99 Park Row, New York, New York. At that establishment, I exhibited photographs of Julius Rosenberg and asked Mr. Schneider whether he had ever seen this man. Mr. Schneider promptly identified a photograph and stated that he had taken photographs of this man, his wife and two children sometime previous to my visit. He recalled that he had taken the photographs on a Saturday and that he particularly recalled this occasion as he did not usually go to work on Saturdays. He further recalled that the order placed by this man had been larger than the usual order for photographs. He stated that he was pleased to receive such a large order on a Saturday. In recalling the event, he stated that he particularly remembered that the two children were very unruly and caused him a great deal of trouble. He also recalled that the man whose picture he identified had stated to him that the pictures were needed because his wife had recently inherited some money in France and that he and his family were going to France to collect the inheritance. This was the first occasion upon which I had seen Mr. Schneider and so far as I know no Agent of the Federal Government had interviewed him previously in connection with this or any related matter. Prior to showing Mr. Schneider the photograph, I did not identify the name of the person whose picture I was showing to Mr. Schneider, nor the reasons for which I desired an identification."

The New York Office has advised that Assistant United States Attorneys Kilsheimer and Martin, SDNY, did not want to include in the Roetting affidavit any information relative to the physical observation of Rosenberg by Schneider in the courtroom on March 26, 1951.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Whelan of the New York Office was telephonically contacted at 3:00 P.M. on November 30, 1952, for further elaboration of the New York teletype of November 29, 1952. Whelan was asked if the New York Office agreed with the affidavit of Special Agent Walter C. Roetting as proposed by the Assistant United States Attorney. It was pointed out that the affidavit covered only a part of the contentions of the defense with respect to the testimony of Ben Schneider. Whelan was advised that

the Bureau had noted that the New York teletype of November 29, 1952, indicated it was the decision of the Assistant United States Attorneys not to incorporate in this affidavit the fact that Schneider had been brought to the courtroom where Julius Rosenberg was under cross-examination and had identified Rosenberg on this occasion. It was pointed out to Whelan the Bureau was concerned that the affidavit of Roetting, as proposed, might be subject to attack on the basis that it omitted pertinent facts which were a part of the contentions of the defense, and that such omission might later prove embarrassing to the Agent and the Bureau.

Whelan agreed and said that it was his opinion that the Bureau should object to the filing of an affidavit covering only a portion of the facts. He stated that since the Assistant United States Attorneys wanted to omit from the affidavit the facts concerning Schneider's being brought into the courtroom to view Rosenberg, he believed the Bureau should recommend to the Department and the United States Attorney, SDNY, the affidavit from Agent Roetting covering only a part of the contention not be utilized and instead, the contentions of the defense regarding the Schneider testimony be handled by oral argument by the Government since the Assistant United States Attorneys are fully familiar with all of the aspects of this testimony.

#### Affidavit Regarding Greenglass Testimony:

The above petition also contains the contention that it was impossible for David Greenglass to have remembered enough information, with his limited educational background, to have prepared sketches of the lens mold and the atom bomb, which sketches were introduced at the trial of Julius Rosenberg.

As you know, Greenglass prepared a sketch of the lens mold on the date of his arrest, June 15, 1950, and also prepared two more sketches on the lens mold and one of the Nagasaki-type atom bomb at the time of the trial.

By teletype dated November 29, 1952, the New York Office advised that the following affidavits had been prepared for Special Agents John W. Lewis and Leo H. Frutkin for possible use on the argument of the motion:

"State of New York, County of New York, Southern District of New York, Leo H. Frutkin, being duly sworn, deposes and says that.. I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and



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have served in that capacity since 1940. In the course of my official duties, I interviewed David Greenglass on June 15, 1950, in the company of Special Agent John W. Lewis. I have read the affidavit of Special Agent John W. Lewis, and I now state that it is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. U

John W. Lewis, being duly sworn, deposes and says .. I am a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have been so employed since 1942. On the afternoon of June 15, 1950, in the company of Special Agent Leo H. Frutkin, in the course of my official duties, I went to the home of David Greenglass at 265 Rivington Street, New York, New York. After being in his home for approximately three hours, Special Agent Frutkin and I asked Greenglass to accompany us to the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States Court House, Foley Square, New York, New York, for the purpose of an interview. Special Agent Frutkin and I interviewed Greenglass on that evening and during the interview, Greenglass admitted that he had been requested by Julius Rosenberg, through Ruth Greenglass, to furnish information concerning the Los Alamos Atom Bomb Project to be turned over to a courier for the purpose of transmittal to the Soviet Union. He further admitted that on a subsequent occasion he did turn over top secret information to Harry Gold. He further stated that the information given related to a high explosive lens. Greenglass, without any help or assistance whatsoever, drew a sketch of the lens showing a high explosive implosion device. Greenglass further admitted that he had given to Gold a list of names of persons working at Los Alamos whom Greenglass considered to be approachable for information and also that he identified various scientists working at Los Alamos. These statements were freely and voluntarily given without any promise of reward being made to Greenglass by any one on behalf of the United States Government. To the best of my knowledge and belief, this was the first occasion that David Greenglass had been interviewed in connection with the furnishing of information concerning the Los Alamos Bomb Project. Under no circumstances and at no time did I ever make available to Greenglass any books or scientific texts nor any other material pertaining in any way to atomic energy. To the best of my knowledge and belief, no other Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished any such material to Greenglass."

ASAC Whelan advised he could see no objection to Special Agents Lewis and Frutkin signing these affidavits. U

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OBSERVATIONS:

It is to be observed that SA Roetting's affidavit might subject him and the Bureau to embarrassment if the full facts were thereafter brought to light. You may recall that this is a somewhat analogous situation to that which occurred in the Judith Coplon case which did result in some unfavorable publicity for the Bureau. While the withholding of facts in this case is one of omission, there is no indication the United States Attorney's Office intends to cover the matter by oral argument. It is therefore felt that we should inform the Criminal Division of our opinion on this matter and thereafter advise the New York Office that we do not want this affidavit executed in its present form.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the facts surrounding the affidavit of Special Agent Walter C. Roetting be called to the attention of the Criminal Division of the Department on the basis that the Bureau does not feel that the affidavit, as set forth, should be filed since it does not include the details of Schneider's observance of Rosenberg in the courtroom on March 26, 1951. The New York Office should thereafter be advised that the Bureau does not want this affidavit filed in its present form.

2. It is recommended that the New York Office be advised that the Bureau has no objection to Special Agents Frutkin and Lewis signing the proposed affidavits for possible use in arguments on this motion.

ADDENDUM: 12-1-52 APL:mes

Mr. Belmont called Mr. William Foley of the Criminal Division and informed him it was not believed advisable that Agent Roetting sign the proposed affidavit and suggested that this phase of the motion be argued orally by the USA, SDNY, at this time. Mr. Belmont stated that if it became necessary at a later time, complete affidavits could then be submitted by Agents of the New York Office. Mr. Belmont advised Mr. Foley that we have no objection to the affidavits prepared for the signatures of Agents Lewis and Frutkin. The New York Office was so advised. Mr. Foley agreed with Mr. Belmont's observations.

Mr. Andrew Oehmann, of the Department, called at 11:05 am to advise that USA Lane had called him regarding this matter. Mr. Oehmann was referred to Mr. William Foley, inasmuch as we had already discussed the matter with Foley.

At 11:15 am, ASAC Whelan called from New York to advise that USA Lane was upset because we did not have Agent Roetting sign the affidavit prepared for him and that Lane had been in touch with the Department. Whelan told Lane that we had already discussed this with the Department and that the Department agreed with us. ASAC Whelan pointed out to Lane that the whole story was not being told in Roetting's affidavit and that either the whole story should be told, or none of it.

At 12:35 pm, Mr. Whelan called back to advise that the United States Attorney's office has prepared an additional affidavit for Special Agent John Harrington, who brought Schneider into the court room to view Rosenberg. The proposed affidavit was read to me and was merely a short factual statement that at USA Saypol's request, Schneider was brought into the court room by Harrington and was asked to look around and see if he recognized anyone. Harrington did not point out Rosenberg to Schneider. Schneider looked around and recognized Rosenberg as the individual he had photographed. I told Mr. Whelan that this affidavit was satisfactory and that both Special Agents Roetting and Harrington could sign the affidavits as they now presented the full facts.

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*I want to make certain there is nothing more here which would be of assistance to the Rosenbergs which has not been made available.*

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Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

December 2, 1952

Director, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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*Julius Rosenberg*

A confidential informant of known reliability has advised that Benjamin Weiss, Treasurer and Director of the Public Affairs Committee of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, discussed the Rosenberg case at a recent meeting of the Fourth Communist District Region of the Party.

Weiss stated that the Communist Party will intensify activity on behalf of the Rosenbergs and instructed that one member of each Communist Party Club is to be placed in charge of this activity. It was decided at this meeting to contact all families in Philadelphia named Rosenberg and attempt to get these families to send a joint communication to President Truman, urging clemency for the Rosenbergs.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
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DATE: December 3, 1952

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To answer your request that we make certain there is nothing we have which has not been made available which would be of assistance to the Rosenbergs.

DETAILS

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You will recall the Rosenberg case arose out

[REDACTED]

(S) As you are aware, we have not disseminated information in this case because of our agreement with the source not to do so. However, by investigation we were able to secure independent proof that Rosenberg, with the active assistance of his wife, recruited Greenglass and obtained atomic information from him. We were also able to prove Rosenberg's involvement with Morton Sobell in espionage. Based on our proof, they were convicted. To date we have not been able to develop sufficient independent proof

(S) All pertinent information developed in this case, exclusive of [REDACTED] information, was made available to the Department and other interested agencies. There is nothing in our files which has not been made available that could be of any assistance to appropriate authorities in weighing a plea for clemency. The only information in our files which has not been made available, namely

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT  
FROM : SAC, New York (65-15348)  
SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al  
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DATE: 12/1/52

Re NY tel, 12/1/52.

There are forwarded herewith for the information of the Bureau photostatic copies of the affidavits of MYLES J. LANE, USA; JOHN M. FOLEY, AUSA; DAVID SWEENEY, Deputy Clerk, United States District Court; and SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON.

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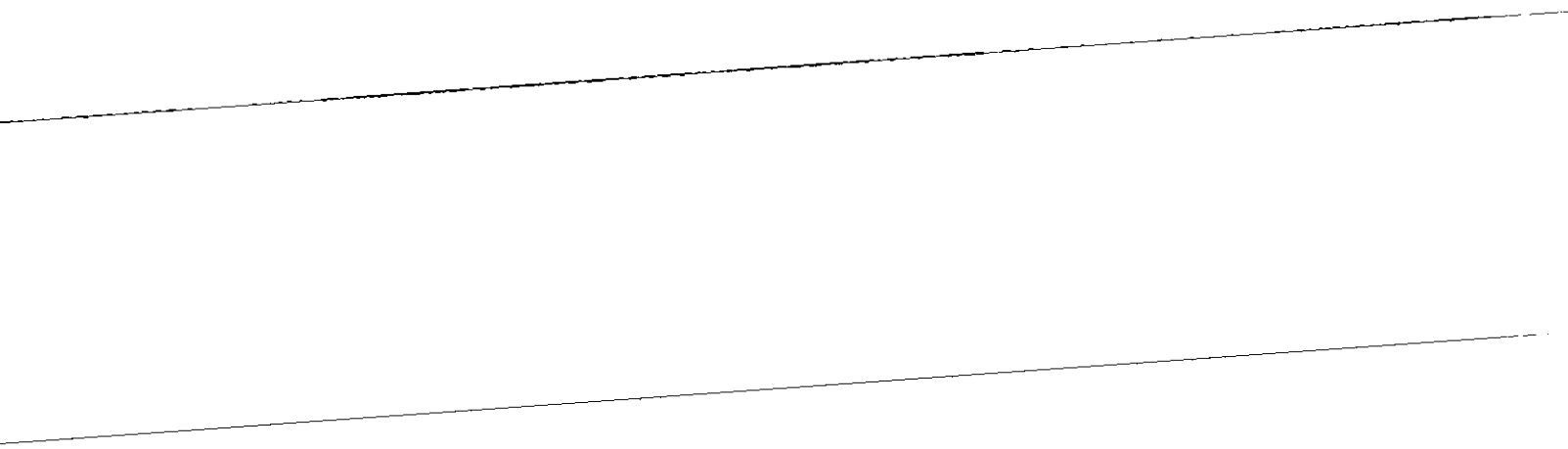
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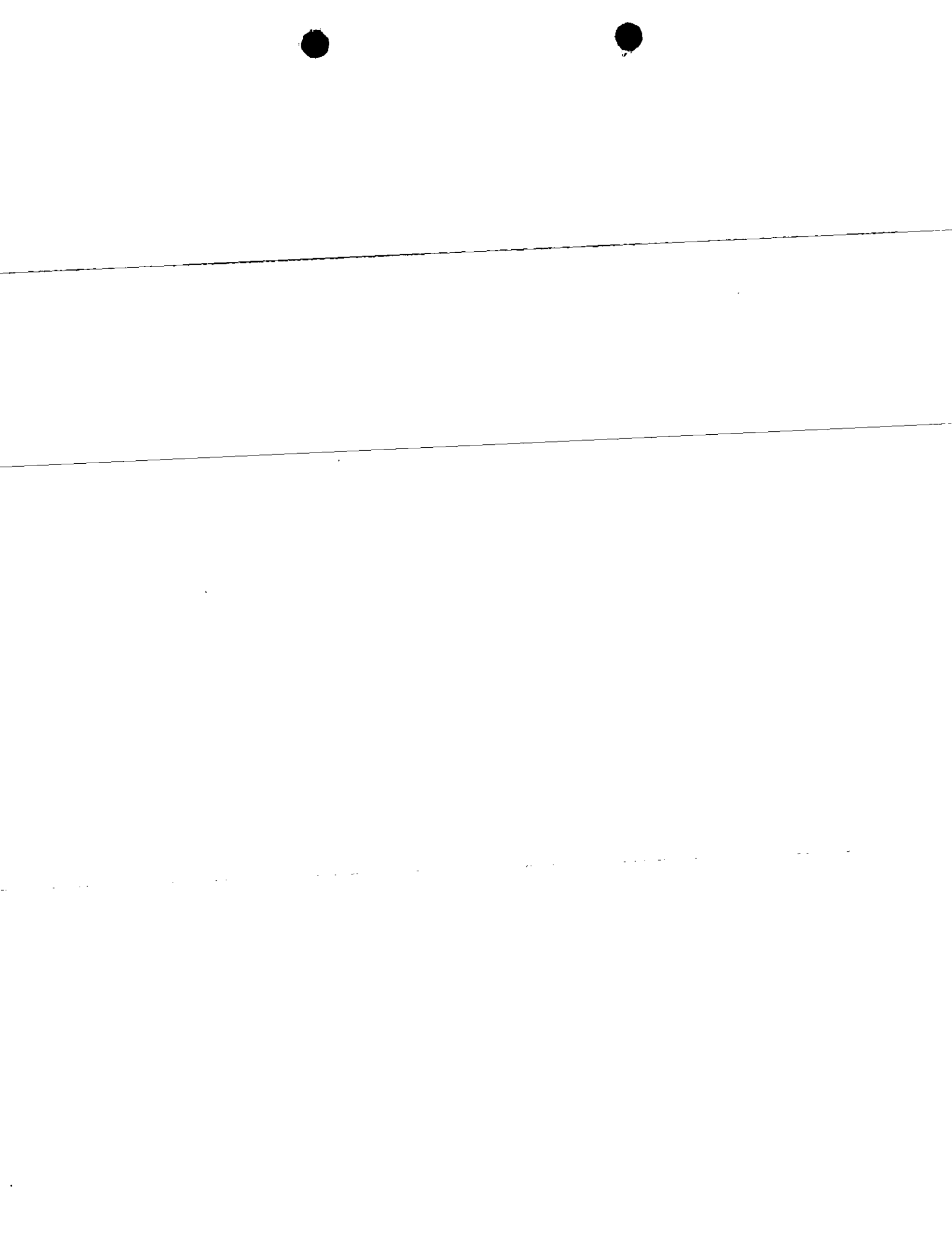
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

-v- :

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETHEL ROSEN-  
BERG and MORTON SOBELL, :

Defendants. :

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK ) ss:  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK )

JOHN A. HARRINGTON, being duly sworn, deposes and  
says:

I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation and have been so employed since 1943.

On March 26, 1951, during the course of the trial  
of the above-named defendants, I met Special Agents Walter  
Roetting and Lester O. Callaher in the vicinity of Courtroom  
110 in the United States Courthouse. I was informed by  
these agents that they had located a photographer who had  
identified a photograph of Julius Rosenberg as a person  
whose passport photograph he had taken. At this time, I  
was informed that the photographer was at 99 Park Row,  
New York City.

I communicated these facts to Mr. Irving H.  
Saypol, United States Attorney for the Southern District of  
New York, who directed that the photographer be brought to  
the United States Courthouse to confirm the identity of  
Rosenberg previously made. I communicated this information  
to Agents Roetting and Callaher.

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Shortly thereafter, I again met Agent Callahan who had with him a man whom I now know as Ben Schneider, a photographer of 99 Park Row, New York City. I brought Mr. Schneider into Courtroom 110, to the fore part of the courtroom inside the railing where there were two vacant seats. I instructed Mr. Schneider to look round the court room and see if he saw anybody he recognized. I did not point out any specific person to Mr. Schneider. Mr. Schneider looked around and, when he saw Julius Rosenberg, he stated to me that that was the man whose pictures he had taken.

At no time did I point out or in any other way indicate who was Julius Rosenberg or the place where he was located in the courtroom to Mr. Schneider.

JOHN A. HARRINGTON

Sworn to before me this  
1st day of December, 1952.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-against-

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETHEL ROSENBERG,  
MORTON SOBELL,

Defendants.

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ss:

DAVID SWEENEY, being duly sworn, deposes and  
says:

I am a Deputy Clerk in the Office of William V. Connell, Clerk, United States District Court, Southern District of New York. I have been so employed since June, 1931, almost all of which time I have served in the criminal calendar part of the court.

On March 14, 1951, I was called, after I had returned home from work, and was informed that an application was to be made to unseal an indictment and for a bench warrant. I returned to the United States Court House, obtained the sealed indictment and accompanied John M. Foley, an Assistant United States Attorney to the presence of Judge Irving R. Kaufman. I was informed by Mr. Foley that he had attempted to locate Judge Henry Goddard, the judge sitting in the criminal calendar part, but without success.

Mr. Foley made a motion to unseal the indictment, which was granted. An application for a bench warrant calling for the arrest of William Perl, the person named in the indictment, was made, and upon the direction of Judge Kaufman, a warrant was issued.

From my experience in the office of the Clerk of the criminal calendar part of the court, I know that it is not all unusual for a judge other than the criminal calendar judge to entertain such an application, especially in the unavailability of the judge sitting in the criminal calendar part. Frequently, in such circumstances, judges other than the calendar judge preside when a grand jury returns an indictment, or when an arraignment is held, or an indictment is unsealed. The usual practice is to seek a judge who is assigned to one of the criminal trial parts, or if none is available, then the first judge who can be located is asked to preside.

To my knowledge of more than 20 years in the court, no judge, to whom an application such as that made in the case of William Felt, has refused to grant the application.

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of November, 1952.

DANIEL TANENBAUM  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 21-5320240  
Qualified in Kings County  
Cert. filed with Kings & N.Y. Co. Clks.  
Term expires March 28, 1953

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

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JAMES ROSENBERG,  
ET AL ROS. BERG and  
MARTIN SOBELL,

Defendants

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK ) ss.:  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK )

JOHN M. POLLY, being duly sworn, deposes and says:  
I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the  
office of Wyles J. Lane, United States Attorney for the  
Southern District of New York.

This affidavit is submitted in opposition to the  
motion of the defendants to vacate and set aside the judg-  
ments of conviction. The defendants claim that at a  
"crucial moment" during their trial, to wit, March 14, 1951,  
there was made public an indictment of one William Earl.  
It is the defendants' contention that the news coverage  
which followed the indictment, arrest and arraignment of  
William Earl on March 14, 1951 caused them serious injury  
at their trial and that the indictment of Earl together  
with the news coverage that followed was incited and  
calculated by the prosecution to prejudice the movants  
and brought "improper pressure to bear on the jury".

The indictment of William Earl resulted from in-  
vestigations conducted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in  
the Southern District of New York, the Federal Bureau of

Investigation and the office of the United States Attorney. This investigation was under way prior to the indictment of the Rosenberg and Sobell.

William Perl appeared before the grand jury, under subpoena and testimony several times. During this period the grand jury was conducting an extensive investigation of possible violations of the federal criminal laws, including the espionage laws, and William Perl was interrogated about his knowledge of persons who were believed to have violated the law. After William Perl had denied knowing Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Morton Sobell, Isaac and Ann Silverman, and Rex and Clara Silverman, it was necessary to conduct an extensive investigation to ascertain the truth of these statements, and the extent, if any, of William Perl's association with these people. On March 6, 1951, at approximately 6.15 p. m., William Perl, in the presence of his attorney, R. Raymond Wink, and in the presence of several Assistant United States Attorneys and two Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated that he had lied to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the grand jury in that he had minimized his associations with Morton Sobell and other persons. A true bill was voted and the indictment handed down within a week of this admission. This indictment was sealed on the application of the grand jury on March 13, 1951 by Henry W. Goddard, United States District Judge, the Judge sitting in the criminal calendar part of the court. This request was made to Judge Goddard at my suggestion so as to deprive William Perl, who at that time was in possession of a passport, of an opportunity to flee this jurisdiction if that was his intention. It is common practice to seal an

indictment under such circumstances until apprehension is made certain. On March 14, 1952 Perl's whereabouts became definitely known to representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at about 6:00 P.M.

Upon being informed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Perl's whereabouts had been ascertained, I immediately sought Judge Goddard to unseal the indictment. Judge Goddard, however, had by that time left the Court-house. In such circumstances, I followed the usual practice of the office, and began to look for a judge to whom I could make this application. None were available. I recall having telephoned the home of Judge John F. X. McGohey. He was not at home. I called several other judges at their homes but these efforts were likewise of no avail. I then located Judge Irving R. Kaufman. He stated that he would entertain the application and the application was made before him shortly thereafter. That this application was made before Irving R. Kaufman, the Judge presiding at the trial of the movant and the Rosenbergs is a coincidence as he was the first available Judge who could be located, and it was necessary in the administration of justice to obtain a warrant of arrest.

It is not at all unusual for a judge other than the one sitting in the criminal calendar part of the court to entertain an application to unseal an indictment and issue a bench warrant for the apprehension of a defendant. Especially is this true of other judges sitting in criminal parts of the court other than the calendar part. So far as I know, no judge has ever denied the application of an Assistant United States Attorney to unseal an indictment.



At the arraignment of William Earl before Judge Goddard on March 15, 1952, I accurately and carefully identified the defendant and stated very briefly what his association was, as I understood it, with the persons named in the various counts of the indictment. None of my remarks were calculated to prejudice the movants at their trial, but were directed to enable the court to make an informed decision on the amount of bail to be fixed in the case of William Earl.

The indictment of Earl and his subsequent arraignment were not calculated to prejudice or affect the trial of the movants.

Sworn to before me this

JOHN M. FOLAY

day of November, 1952.

DANIEL TANENBAUM  
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**Defendants.**

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

WYLES J. LANE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York and, as such, am familiar with the facts and circumstances relating to the above-entitled prosecution. This affidavit is submitted in opposition to the motion brought on by the defendants Julius and Ethel Rosenberg purportedly under Section 2255, Title 28, United States Code.

A perusal of the moving petition signed by the attorney for the Rosenbergs makes it patent beyond question that the instant application is absolutely devoid of merit, and that nothing is raised in the motion papers which is worthy of consideration by the Court under Section 2255, Title 28, United States Code. As a matter of law the moving papers, on their face, and when considered in conjunction with the trial, and appellate records in this case, are insufficient, present no grounds for relief, and no factual matters for a hearing. Stripped of the many irrelevant and bombastic statements they contain, the moving papers themselves demonstrate that the instant application is nothing more than a dilatory effort to forestall the

execution of the sentences which were justly and lawfully imposed upon the defendants.

The three grounds of attack urged by all the defendants in this motion are, in essence, as follows:

I. Newspaper publicity prior to and during the trial created a "hostile atmosphere" so that the defendants were not afforded a fair trial within the meaning of the Constitution;

II. The prosecution knowingly used false testimony; and

III. The information transmitted by the defendants to agents of the Soviet Union was not secret.

In the succeeding paragraphs of this affidavit, I shall deal with these alleged grounds of attack serially.

The defendants have amassed extensive exhibits containing copies of newspaper articles published during the year preceding their trial dealing with Communists, atomic warfare, spies, and their own arrest, pre-trial, and trial proceedings. Adding the lineage and headlines on all these subjects, and treating each as a personal attack upon themselves, they argue that this pre-trial and trial newspaper publicity affected the minds of the community to such an extent that the defendants were unable to secure an impartial jury and a fair trial. This, they contend, is a violation of the Fifth and Sixth Amendments and will ground a motion under Section 2235. An examination of the pre-trial and trial tactics of the defendants reveals the true and frivolous character of this contention. It may reasonably be assumed that the astute counsel for the defendants, and the defendants themselves, read the newspapers prior to the trial as they were part of the community in which the

alleged hostility was engendered. This would include the defendant Sobell, whose flight to Mexico indicated he was well-informed of the trend of events. With an awareness of the newspaper coverage, defendants Rosenbergs' counsel stated that he desired a speedy trial of his clients. (Defendants Exhibit VII-C-2). This also is an important constitutional guarantee, and I can only conjecture that had there been a long delay, the defendants would be relying upon that delay as a basis for a motion. For during the entire trial there was no request for a continuance, or for a change of venue.

When this case was called for trial, counsel for the defendants clearly stated on the record that "the defendants were ready to proceed". (p.36)\* An application for adjournment was made, and no statement that the pre-trial newspaper coverage given this case was such as to preclude the impaneling of an impartial jury. At the outset an opportunity to raise this question was afforded the defendants. The trial court's questioning on the voir dire was directed, in part, to any predisposition on the part of the jurors based upon anything they had read or heard concerning the case.

The trial record discloses this specific question by the District Judge:

"Has any one of you read anything in any newspaper or other publication or heard anything on radio or television about this case?"

After asking that question, the trial court specifically asked the minds of the jurors with regard to the pre-trial newspaper publicity, to determine whether each of them could fairly and impartially hear the evidence to be pre-

\* "A" refers to the printed record filed by the defendants as Exhibit A.



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The Rosenbergs' counsel, on summation, stated:

"(We) feel that the trial has been conducted and we hope we have contributed our share with that dignity and decorum that befits an American trial." (R. 1453)

Trial counsel for Sobell stated:

"I do want to thank the jury as your Honor did for the patience and care with which they sat in this case." (R. 1583)

Defendants had all the material they now rely upon available to them at their trial. They deliberately chose a different course than they now pursue. It is well-settled that Section 2255 is not a device to allow defendants to gamble on tactics.

It had been established in this circuit, before the case of United States v. Balaban, relied upon by the defendants and before the trial of the instant case, that a hostile community is a basis for a continuance or a change of venue. The proper cases are cited in the memorandum of law submitted with this affidavit. It was, of course, incumbent upon the defendants to request such a continuance or change of venue. The defendants found the venue and the timing satisfactory to them as is shown by their statements at the time of the trial. There is no suggestion, nor could there be, that the trial was conducted in an atmosphere which precluded the defendants from making such motions or requests as they believed necessary to preserve their rights. The lengthy record is replete with motions and requests by the defendants with regard to other aspects of the case. Under these circumstances, the law is clear that the allegations with regard to newspaper coverage are insufficient under Section 2255. Even taking them as true, which can hardly be done in view of the record of the trial, they

do not establish that the defendant was deprived of a fair trial, nor do they establish that defendants could not fully protect their rights at the trial, and raise these very same matters on appeal if they believed that erroneous rulings had been made. Section 2255 is not a substitute for appeal just as it is not an opportunity to retry a case that has been tried under standards comporting with due process.

Here, there was no public hearing after indictment, and no parade of witnesses prior to trial, such as that which the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, in the Belander case, relied upon in holding that a refusal to grant a continuance was an abuse of discretion.

Apart from this, there is absolutely no evidence now before the Court that would warrant any inference to the effect that the jury which convicted these defendants was affected by any so-called hysteria. The statement in the moving papers that hysteria was "artificially induced" is so devoid of factual foundation as to require no reply. Routine statements to the press or answers to press inquiries provide no basis for the argument that the United States deliberately tried its case in the newspapers.

And surely the fact that the arrest and prosecution of persons in the United States on charges of espionage or conspiracy to commit espionage in time of war was followed by the press, cannot serve, of itself, to invalidate convictions lawfully obtained. Press coverage of cases involving the national interest is not only to be expected, but necessary in a democratic way of life. Indeed, any attempt by the prosecution to interfere with the freedom of the press in reporting the public details of the prosecution of war-time spies, would be unconstitutional and repugnant under the Constitution and laws of this country.



Such statements as those contained on page 15 of the moving petition, scarcely require comment when they are viewed in the light of the trial record. Not only were the defendants not named in the articles cited, but had they been, it would have comported with the proof at the trial. Although Harry Gold in his trial testimony did not state that he knew the Rosenbergs directly, nevertheless he forged an unbreakable link between the Rosenbergs and the Russian superiors of Gold, and, certainly, with Russian espionage.

The statement on page 23 of the moving petition concerning an alleged attempt to establish to the public that adherence to communism would lead communists to commit espionage, sabotage or other treasonable activities, likewise pales into insignificance when considered against the trial testimony. Again, the articles were not written about the defendants, and again, had they been <sup>/it</sup> would have been no more than has been proved. That very fact was established clearly and in uncontradicted testimony at the trial. Similarly, while the publicity concerning the prosecution of Brothman and Moskowitz to the effect that they were introduced to espionage through the communist party did not name or suggest these defendants, the trial testimony established that Julius Rosenberg, through his own admissions to government witnesses, stated that he, too, was able to engage in his espionage activities through contacts he made in the communist party. The bulk of the articles cited by these defendants in no way refer to them. Those in which they are named go no further than the trial proof, and usually not as far.

Allegations that information was "fed to" the press by the prosecution to inspire a press campaign against these defendants, as well as allegations that "all of the prosecution evidence" was revealed to the press, are



categorically denied. Totally untrue is the assertion on page 46 of the moving petition that Rosenberg was already in custody before Sobell fled the country. Defendants' affidavits, which cannot be supported by facts, rest upon distortions. The trial testimony established that Sobell fled shortly after the apprehension of David Greenglass in a manner that paralleled the instructions given by Rosenberg to Greenglass, and that Rosenberg was not apprehended until approximately one month later.

To summarize, there is nothing stated in the present motion as to evidence allegedly given to the press, which was not introduced at the trial. Thus, the jury had the entire story for themselves from the prosecution witnesses. The prosecuting official did not cause or stimulate "massive pre-trial publicity". Most of the articles cited do not pertain to the defendants. Defendants' own chart showing newspaper lineage in inches demonstrates that between September 1, 1950 and February 26, 1951, one week before the trial, there was very little space devoted to the defendants, and on most days none at all. Only as the trial commenced, was coverage extensive. This could hardly be a calculated publicity campaign against the defendants. Any case involving the national interest will be covered to some degree by the press. The most significant point to the instant motion is that all the facts alleged in this regard were known to the defendants and their counsel at and prior to the commencement of the trial. Yet they saw fit to raise no question as to the availability of an impartial jury in an atmosphere designed to afford a fair trial. They expressed their satisfaction with the jury and made no motion for a continuance, a change of venue, or a mistrial on these grounds. Since, at best, the most to which they would have been entitled would have been such relief, the failure to seek such relief precludes them from now raising the question.

The attempt to raise a question as to the propriety of the arrest and indictment of William Perl is a clear manifestation of the paucity of material upon which the defendants based this motion. Certainly the trial of one case does not put the processes of the administration of justice into a limbo of inaction so that other criminals cannot be prosecuted at the same time. The insignificance of the indictment of Perl on the trial of these defendants is obvious. Indeed, the news of the arrest and indictment broke at the time when Mrs. Ruth Greenglass was on the witness stand giving most damning testimony against these defendants. That the news of the prosecution of Perl affected the trial of these defendants is without basis or support in the record. Defense counsel were unquestionably aware of the newspaper coverage given to the Perl indictment at the time of the trial. As has been noted, they made no motion with respect to such publicity. If they in fact believed that it caused them the damage which they now allege, surely a motion for a mistrial at the time would have been in order. Such a motion, if denied, would have been reviewable upon appeal. The defendants refused to take that tactic at the trial, and cannot now make the Perl publicity a basis for a new trial.

The jury in this case had been instructed on innumerable occasions not to read anything in the newspapers concerning the case. There is no showing or even an intimation that any juror did not abide by this admonition of the Court. Thus, there is no showing that any juror was even aware during the trial of the publicity concerning

Perl. Certainly, had the defendants feared any adverse effect from such publicity, it was incumbent upon them to move for a mistrial or request the trial court to charge the jury to disregard such publicity. Had the trial court declined the requested instruction, its action could be reviewed only by the appellate courts, and is not ground for attacking the judgment under Section 2255. Again, failure to raise the point before the trial court would preclude its being raised at this time.

The moving papers on this motion raise a great complaint as to the cross examination of the defendant Rosenberg concerning his knowledge of or acquaintance with Perl. Certainly any objection to such cross examination was required to be raised upon the appeal from the judgment of conviction, and does not subject the judgment to collateral attack.

The allegations that the Perl indictment was procured during the instant trial for the calculated purpose of prejudicing the defendants is without factual basis, and the affidavits attached hereto show the falsity of this claim. The Perl indictment was obtained within a week after Perl had admitted that he had not been truthful to the Grand Jury. It was unsealed the day after it was filed, when it had been ascertained that Perl could be promptly apprehended and there was no danger of flight at that moment. The said insinuations in the moving papers that there was something irregular about the unsealing of the indictment against Perl are clearly set at rest by the affidavits of David Humeay, a clerk in the Criminal Calendar Room of this Court for the past 20 years, who states that the procedure was not in any way unusual.

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The second ground of attack is alleged fraud by the Government in that it used known perjurious testimony to convict the defendants. The first such allegation concerns the confession of David Greenglass. All the facts concerning the Greenglass confession were known to the defendants at the time they appealed from the judgments of conviction. Indeed, the testimony and statements from the record contained in the moving papers are taken directly from the record on appeal. The argument now being made was urged in the briefs submitted to the appellate courts and rejected by them. Moreover, defendants had opportunity at the trial to request the trial court to examine Greenglass' first statement for inconsistencies, but they did not choose to do so. Nor have the defendants come forth with any evidence that Greenglass lied. Moreover, the testimony in issue was elicited by the Court during cross-examination by the defendant. Thus, not only was it not perjury, but it was not testimony used by the Government.

The trial testimony of Greenglass is not at all in conflict with the statements made by Mr. Rogge or Mr. Saypol. Greenglass testified that he cooperated with the Government from the first time he was brought in for questioning. The statement made by Mr. Saypol that protestations of innocence were made by Mr. Rogge at

the arraignment of Green, does not in any way contradict the testimony. Similarly, the statement that after representation by counsel came the disclosure of the facts by both David and Ruth Greenglass likewise does not indicate that David Greenglass had not cooperated previously. There just is no inconsistency to be found between the testimony and the statements at the time of sentencing.

The statements based on information and belief on pages 63-64 of the moving petition are all on subjects about which the Greenglasses were closely cross-examined at the trial. There is nothing therein alleged which is shown or even alleged to have come to the defendants' attention subsequent to the trial. Dr. Joseph's secretary was a witness at the trial, the Dr. case was available, and even in the court room from time to time during the trial. Had the defendants or their counsel seriously believed the facts now urged, the appropriate forum for their disclosure would have been before the trial court and jury.

To set the record straight, there is submitted herewith the affidavits of John Lewis and Leo Rutkin, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which establish clearly and conclusively that Greenglass was truthful in his testimony.

Certainly, there was no suppression of the truth, and most certainly not with consent and acquiescence of the prosecuting officials.

With regard to the alleged concealment of coached evidence, the scientific opinions offered to establish this point fall far short of the desired target. Mere "improbability" in the "expert's" opinion does not even raise a question of the truth of Greenglass' testimony that he drew the sketches from memory. A closer scrutiny of the "expert's" qualifications and familiarity with the subject of the testimony at the trial leaves much to be desired. It must be noted that the "experts" could not have observed Ex. 3, the cross section sketch of the atom bomb nor the descriptive testimony relating thereto, as this was ordered impounded by the trial court. Furthermore, there is no showing that any of the "experts" saw any of the exhibits involved. The affidavits of Lewis and Frutkin, referred to supra, already state that Greenglass on the first evening he was interrogated drew a sketch of the lens mold apparatus about which he testified.

The fact that Greenglass saw Harry Gold while the two of them were lodged in the same prison was admitted by Greenglass at the trial. He further denied that they consulted on the testimony they gave at the trial. Defense counsel did not see fit to cross-examine Harry Gold at all and therefore did not inquire on this subject from him.

The vague insinuations that "books" of unnamed variety were brought to Greenglass at the Tomb, and that he "consulted" with unnamed persons does not raise any issue cognizable on this motion. There is no allegation that any

of this will in any way contradict any trial testimony, and no showing that even if such contradiction might exist, the facts were knowingly and wilfully suppressed by the government at the trial. Dr. Walter Laski testified that Greenglass' sketch was of a device that Laski had developed in original research and that there was nothing in scientific textbooks pertaining to this device. Despite the long list of texts cited by defendants, they point to no place where Greenglass could have obtained the information necessary to make the sketch, apart from his own memory.

The last charge in this section of the moving petition is that regarding the Schneider testimony. The defendants on the appeal from their convictions vigorously but unsuccessfully attacked the propriety of calling Schneider as a witness at the trial. Now using what is at best an ambiguous question and seizing an extrajudicial unsworn statement in a book they charge wilful perjury. Certainly the question as to when the witness last saw the defendants, in the context in which it was asked at the trial, was susceptible of a construction by the witness that the examiner was seeking to establish whether or not the witness had seen the defendants subsequent to the time when he took their passport photos and prior to the trial. (R.1437) This, in fact, was defendant's interpretation, as shown by the question asked on cross-examination.



Attached hereto is an affidavit of Special Agent Walter Roetting, which clearly established that the identification was effected on the first occasion when Schneider was interviewed, without any prompting whatsoever. The affidavit of Special Agent John A. Harrington discloses that the day prior to Schneider's testimony, Schneider was brought into the courtroom by Harrington and seated in the front row. Harrington then asked Schneider to see if he could identify the man whose picture he had taken. Schneider identified Julius Rosenberg as the person whose picture he had taken. At no time did Harrington suggest to him which person should be identified. So that at best this argument becomes no more than a quibble. The issue is collateral. The question was ambiguous in the setting. Most assuredly there was no "official condonation" of false testimony and the charge that the conviction was "steeped in fraud" is untrue and not established in the papers. Nor is it established that Schneider's answer was "wilfully untrue." Schneider had not seen Rosenberg outside of the courtroom since he had taken the pictures. That was the question asked on cross-examination by defense counsel which the court and the United States Attorney believed had been previously answered. (P. 1437). Defense counsel appeared uncertain about what had been said. Under then circumstances the possible error in detail in answering an ambiguous question about an unimportant matter, can hardly ground a motion under Section 2255.



The final ground of attack is that the information allegedly turned over by the defendants to the Soviet Union was not secret. Fundamentally, it must be remembered that the charge in this case was conspiracy to commit espionage. It was not incumbent upon the Government as part of the charge necessarily to prove that any information was actually transmitted. The allegations of the indictment would have been fully proved without any such evidence.

However, to go further, the issue now raised was conceded by the defendants at the trial. Specifically, at page 382 of the printed record on appeal, defense counsel, who makes the present charges, stated in open court that he did not intend to dispute that anything connected with Los Alamos was secret and restricted, even the names of the persons who were working there. He stated further that "there is no dispute that the Los Alamos project was a restricted and secret project ...." Having conceded this fact at the trial, he certainly is in no position now to argue that the information allegedly transmitted was not secret and restricted. Furthermore, in addition to the concession of defense counsel, there was considerable evidence at the trial concerning the classified nature of the information. This evidence was uncontradicted and undisputed. The jury was not asked by the defense to question that conclusion.

The only part of the moving picture, given by counsel, concerning the facts involved in the Los Alamos project are a gloss on this conclusion. Of course, fundamental questions of physical science are not the secret matter involved. It is the translation of these questions into a code which is the secret matter involved. The defense has failed to establish this. The evidence is undisputed.

particular device here in issue, the high explosive lens developed at the Atomic Energy Project at Los Alamos, was a matter of public knowledge. The entire presentation in this regard does not in any way contradict the sworn testimony at the trial of the scientist who was responsible for lens experimentation.

Apart from the particular device, there was testimony at the trial of the transmission of other classified matter, including the names of some of the scientific personnel working at the Los Alamos project, the physical layout of the project, and the security regulations there in effect. There is no dispute that this matter was properly "classified."

It is clear, on the face of defendants' papers, and when they are considered in conjunction with the record, that their contention with respect to the classified nature of the information is wholly frivolous.

The entire motion being without merit on the face of the papers, and when considered along with the record and the uncontradicted affidavits attached hereto, there is no warrant to hold any hearing or to require the taking of testimony. What the defendants are apparently seeking, based only on unsupported allegations which mention neither persons, time, nor place of wrongdoing, is an investigation of the Government in the hope that they will come up with some incident which will perpetuate the myth of their innocence. A motion under Section 2255 cannot be grounded on unfounded speculation, nor should it be abused by reliance on fiction instead of fact.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully submitted that the motion should be in all respects denied.

Sworn to before me this

day of December, 1952.

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MILES J. LANE  
United States Attorney

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
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A translation of the attached letter postmarked November 18, 1952

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Mr. McGRANERY  
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Dear Sir:

This is unexpected but I am a lad (age 17 this year) now in second year college at the Chiba Prefectural Number One College, that is in the City of Chiba of about 130,000 people and about 1 hour by electric car from Tokyo, the capital of Japan.

To begin, returning from the Japanese school I obtained the December number of the magazine "Peace". Immediately on the train returning, while turning the pages my eyes were attracted to something like the following that was written. It was the statement that the Supreme Court of the United States had recently formally refused the application to review the case of Mr. and Mrs. ROSENBERG who had been sentenced to death for sending atomic secrets to the Soviet Union. It was also written that in the New York Court by a trial of a mere 15 days, they are decided guilty. However, I hereby request of you or make a protest that in the New York Court in the short period of 15 days they decided to cut off from this earth the most important thing to all mankind, the life of guiltless persons. We Japanese youth have all come to learn in elementary school, in high school, and in college that America is a grand country. And in it the thing most worthy of respect is that the American people are all equal and mutually respect each other and everybody has the spirit of charity. But what does this hasty action really mean? In Japan this kind of question has never been settled so lightly. Perhaps nowhere in the world has such a thing been done. Even if it has occurred I think it has been only in very uncivilized places or in countries where people of extremely bad taste have taken over the reins of the government.

The next thing I would like to say is that it is generally thought among scholars of the world today that the method of manufacture of the atomic bomb is no longer a secret. Then things that are called "secret" that GREENGLASS sent to the Soviet Union through his sister, Mrs. ROSENBERG and her husband, have been proven by American scientists not to be "secrets" or anything of the kind. Clearly this with a certain limited objective oppressed those people. At one time in our high school days we received lectures from our teachers concerning (ROOSEVELT's) the Four Freedoms. Among them are the freedoms of thought, faith, speech and assembly. Then I have been taught

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that America is the number one democratic country, and free country. I think that such a thing is the harm that will cause the greatest injury to "the Four Freedoms" and "America's Democracy". No, I cannot help but think that. Then this will probably build a ditch between the peaceful American people and the many other people that live on the earth.

I make a request of you. At all costs, make it possible for them to receive a proper trial once more. Then please do not cut off their lives from this earth, for the sake of all the American people, for the sake of all the people living on the earth.

As I did not have time please excuse my rudeness in writing in Japanese.

KINZI AKIYAMA  
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Dear Mr. President,

I, a Canadian citizen, am deeply shocked at the death sentence confronting Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

I appeal to you to grant executive clemency so that Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, parents of two small children, may live.

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The White House has received considerable mail from Canada requesting clemency for the Rosenbergs for the past several weeks and will undoubtedly continue to receive additional mail in the future. In view of this, arrangements were made with the White House to turn this mail over to the Bureau

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NOTE: Supervisor Roach of the Liaison Section advised that the White House has been turning over to him any mail from Canada concerning the Rosenbergs

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETAL, ESP DASH R. JUDGE EDWARD WEINFELD TONIGHT  
SIGNED AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RETURNABLE ON THE TWENTY SIXTH NEXT  
AT TEN THIRTY AM. THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ASKED THAT AN ORDER  
BE MADE, (ONE) VACATING AND SETTING ASIDE SENTENCES AND DISCHARGING  
THE ROSENBERGS FROM DETENTION AND IMPRISONMENT, (TWO), AN ALTERNATIVE  
GRANTING A HEARING TO DETERMINE ISSUES OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF  
LAW AND ON FINDINGS VACATING SENTENCES AND DISCHARGING ROSENBERGS  
FROM DETENTION. (THREE), PENDING DETERMINATION OF CASE PROCEEDINGS  
STAYING USA AND AGENCY OR AGENT FROM EXECUTING THE ROSENBERGS OR  
FROM TAKING ANY STEPS PENDING TO THE EXECUTION AND FOR AN ORDER  
STAYING THE EXECUTION. THE PETITION IS BROUGHT UNDER SECTION  
TWENTY TWO FIFTY FIVE ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS., (ONE) PRE TRIAL  
AND TRIAL PUBLICITY CREATING TRIAL ATMOSPHERE OF HOSTILITY  
RESENBERGS (A), NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY DEVELOPED INDEPENDENTLY BY THE  
NEWSPAPERS. (B), INFORMATION "FED TO" THE PRESS BY FBI, DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE, AND USA. (C), THE INDICTMENT OF WILLIAM PEARL PREJUDICING  
MINDS OF JURORS. (TWO) PROSECUTIVE AUTHORITIES KNOWINGLY USED

FALSE TESTIMONY TO BRING ABOUT CONVICTION. (THREE), JUDGE WAS WITHOUT  
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AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SENTENCE BECAUSE INFO ALLEGEDLY COMMUNICATED  
WAS ARBITRARILY AND CAPRICIOUSLY CLASSIFIED SECRET WHEN IN FACT  
IT WAS LAWFULLY, WIDELY AND PUBLICLY KNOWN AND TRANSMISSION WAS NOT  
VIOLATIVE OF STATUTES, SECTION THIRTY TWO A AND THIRTY FOUR OF TITLE  
FIFTY. JUDGE WEINFELD SIGNED THE ORDER WITHOUT GRANTING EX PARTE  
STAY WITH THE NOTATION THAT IT WAS NOT PREJUDICIAL TO FURTHER  
APPLICATION. HOWARD N. MEYER PRESENTED TO JUDGE WEINFELD A PETITION  
FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE UNDER SECTION TWENTY TWO FIFTY FIVE. THIS  
PETITION ASKED FOR AN ORDER VACATING AND SETTING ASIDE THE JUDGEMENT OF  
CONVICTION OF MORTON SOBELL OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE GRANTING  
A HEARING OR A MOTION ON THE TWENTY TWO FIFTY FIVE. IT ALSO ASKED  
THAT THE GOVERNMENT BE STAYED FROM TRANSFERRING SOBELL UNTIL THE  
HEARING OR THE MOTION. THE PETITION ALLEGES THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS  
FOR THE MOTION. (ONE), THE PROCESSES OF THE COURT WERE ABUSED DURING  
THE PENDENCY OF THE TRIAL BY THE DELIBERATE BRINGING ABOUT OF THE  
INDICTMENT AND ARREST OF WILLIAM PEARL WHICH HAD THE EFFECT OF  
UNDULY INFLUENCING THE JURORS THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE USA, AND

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FBI COLLECTEDLY ENGENDERING BY THEIR CONDUCT AN ATMOSPHERE HOSTILE TO SOBELL AND PREDISPOSED THE JURORS TO THE BELIEF THAT SOBELL WAS "AN ATOM SPY" AND "A MEMBER OF THE KLAUS FUCHS SPY RING."

(THREE) THAT SOBELL WAS REVILED AND MALIGNED AND THE SUBJECT OF SUCH CONTEMPT AND SPECTACULAR HOSTILITY NEWSPAPER AND RADIO PUBLICITY IN ADVANCE OF TRIAL AND AS A RESULT OF THE PROSECUTION SENDING PREJUDICIAL MATERIAL TO THE PRESS THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL BEFORE AN IMPARTIAL JURY. (FOUR) THAT EVIDENCE OF "TREACHERY AND GENERAL INTENT TO BETRAY" WAS OFFERED IN THE GUISE OF SPECIFIC INTENT TO FURNISH SECRET MILITARY INFORMATION AND THE CONVICTION BASED ON UNCONSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION OF ESPIONAGE ACT IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE TREASON CLAUSE OF CONSTITUTION. PROSECUTIVE AUTHORITIES KNOWINGLY USED FALSE TESTIMONY TO BRING ABOUT THIS CONVICTION. (FIVE) SOBELL IS UNJUSTLY CONFINED IN VIOLATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FIFTH AND SIXTH AMENDMENTS. JUDGE WEINFELD STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT SIGN THE ORDER TONIGHT BECAUSE HE DID NOT THINK A FURTHER STAY WAS NECESSARY. HE STATED THAT IF SOBELL

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WAS SENT TO ATCATRAZ AND THE JUDGE HEARING THE PETITION DETERMINED THAT HIS PRESENCE WAS NECESSARY THIS JUDGE WOULD ORDER SOBELL-S APPEARANCE BEFORE HIM. JUDGE WEINFELD STATED THAT THE MOTION WOULD BE RETURNABLE AT TEN THIRTY ON THE TWENTY SIXTH NEXT, AND THAT HE WOULD GIVE HIS DECISION AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD GRANT A FURTHER STAY TO SOBELL ON THE TWENTY FIFTH NEXT A. M. IT APPEARED FROM THE JUDGE-S COMMENTS THAT HE IS NOT INCLINED TO GRANT A FURTHER STAY TO SOBELL. IF THE STAY IS NOT GRANTED, SOBELL COULD BE REMOVED AT MIDNIGHT ON THE TWENTY FIFTH. BERNARD AND RUTH GREENGLASS ADVISED THAT THEY VISITED DAVID GREENGLASS ON THE TWENTY SECOND LAST. BERNARD ASKED DAVID PURSUANT TO EMANUEL BLOCK-S REQUEST IF HE HAD BEEN COACHED BY THE GOVERNMENT. DAVID TOLD BERNARD THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN COACHED, AND THAT BERNARD COULD TELL BLOCK THAT DAVID COULD REPEAT TODAY THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION THAT HE HAD GIVEN TO THE FBI. BERNARD IS GOING TO CONTACT DAVE ROSENBERG AND GIVE HIM THIS INFORMATION AND HE EXPECTS TO CONTACT EMANUEL BLOCK ON THE TWENTY FIFTH. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETAL, ESP-R. JUDGE EDWARD WEINFELD TODAY  
DIRECTED THAT HEARING FOR MOTION TO SET ASIDE CONVICTIONS IN  
ROSENBERG AND SOBELL CASES BE HEARD BEFORE JUDGE IRVING KAUFMAN.  
EMANUEL BLOCK, ROSENBERG ATTORNEY WILL FILE AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL  
BIAS ON THE PART OF JUDGE KAUFMAN TO OBTAIN A DIFFERENT JUDGE.  
HOWARD MYER, ATTORNEY FOR SOBELL FILED AFFIDAVIT OF BIAS ON THE  
PART OF JUDGE KAUFMAN. STATED IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT JUDGE  
KAUFMAN MIGHT BE WITNESS IN THIS PROCEEDING. SUBJECTS ATTORNEYS  
THEN APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE KAUFMAN WHO SET TWO THIRTY, NOV. TWENTY  
EIGHT INSTANT AS DATE FOR HEARING.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, WAS, ET AL, ESP R. AUSA JAMES KILSHEIMER ADVISED  
THAT AFTER TODAYS HEARING ON MOTION TO SET ASIDE CONVICTION OF  
ROSENBERGS AND SOBELL, HE, SAAG ROY M. COHN, AND ATTORNEYS FOR  
SUBJECTS, EMMANUEL BLOCH, AND HOWARD MYER MET OUTSIDE COURT ROOM  
AND DISCUSSED FILING OF CERTAIN LEGAL PAPERS. MYER ASKED WHETHER  
THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONCEDE WHEN DEFENSE EXHIBITS CONSISTING OF  
PHOTOSTATS OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WERE IN FACT TRUE REPRODUCTIONS  
OF SAME. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THE USA-S OFFICE WAS  
PREPARED TO FURNISH COPIES OF ALL PRESS RELEASES PERTAINING TO  
SUBJECTS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FBI. KILSHEIMER  
ADVISED THAT NO COMMITMENT WAS MADE, BUT THE DEPARTMENT IS BEING ADVISED  
AND IT APPEARS THAT SUBJECTS ATTORNEYS INTEND TO SUBPOENAE  
COPIES OF THESE RELEASES. THE PURPOSE BEING TO SET ASIDE VERDICT  
BECAUSE OF PUBLICITY DURING TRIAL.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETAL, ESP - R. IN HEARING TODAY, ON MOTION TO  
SET ASIDE CONVICTION OF ROSENBERGS AND SOBLE, JUDGE IRVING KAUF-  
MAN ORDERED AFFIDAVITS OF PREJUDICE AND PERSONAL BIAS SUBMITTED  
BY DEFENSE STRIKEN FROM THE RECORD AS INSUFFICIENT ON THEIR  
FACE. STATED DEFENDANTS HAD A FAIR TRIAL AND THESE TACTICS ARE  
MERELY THE USUAL RESENTMENT FOLLOWING ADVERSE FINDINGS BY A COURT.  
STATED NEVERTHELESS, INASMUCH AS TWO PARTIES INVOLVED ARE DEATH  
SENTENCED, HE, AS A MATTER OF PERSONAL PREFERENCE AND JUDICIAL  
EXPEDIENCY, ASKED JUDGE KNOX TO BE RELIEVED FROM THE HEARING.  
STATED JUDGE KNOX HAD ASSIGNED JUDGE SYLVESTER RYAN TO SIT ON  
FURTHER HEARINGS. JUDGE SYLVESTER RYAN STATED HE WOULD REVIEW  
LEGAL PAPERS OVER THE WEEKEND AND RULE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE  
WOULD ALLOW A HEARING MONDAY, DECEMBER FIRST NEXT, TWO P. M.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ESPIONAGE - R. AFTER CONFERENCE WITH AUSA, KILSHEINER AND MARTIN, AFFIDAVITS OF SPECIAL AGENTS WALTER C. ROETTING, LEO H. FRUTKIN, AND JOHN W. LEWIS WERE PREPARED.

THE BUREAU ADVISED THAT THESE AFFIDAVITS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COURT AND EMANUEL BLOCH BY ELEVEN A.M. ON DEC ONE, NEXT. BUREAU AUTHORITY FOR AGENTS TO SIGN THESE AFFIDAVITS IS REQUESTED SO AFFIDAVITS MAY BE SIGNED PRIOR TO ELEVEN A.M., DEC ONE, NEXT.

THE BUREAU-S ATTENTION IS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF WALTER C. ROETTING. THE FACTS CONCERNING THE INCIDENT RELATED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED WITH KILSHEINER AND MARTIN. IT WAS THEIR DECISION NOT TO INCORPORATE IN THIS AFFIDAVIT THE FACT THAT SCHNEIDER HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE COURTROOM WHERE JULIUS ROSENBERG WAS UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION AND HAD IDENTIFIED JULIUS ON THIS EXAMINATION. THE BUREAU-S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE REPORT OF SA WILLIAM F. NORTON, JR. DATED APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTYONE IN THIS MATTER., PAGE TWENTYFIVE AND TWENTYSIX OF THIS REPORT. THIS REPORT QUOTE AT THE REQUEST OF USA IRVING H. SAYPOL,

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SCHNEIDER WAS BROUGHT TO THE COURTROOM WHERE ROSENBERG WAS THEN TESTIFYING ON THE WITNESS STAND, UNQUOTE. AFTER OBSERVING ROSENBERG ON THE WITNESS STAND, SCHNEIDER PROMPTLY IDENTIFIED HIM AS THE MAN WHO HAD VISITED HIS STUDIO. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYONE, SCHNEIDER OBSERVED MRS. ETHEL ROSENBERG AS SHE APPEARED ON THE WITNESS STAND IN THE COURTROOM AND HE STATED THAT SHE WAS THE WOMAN WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED JULIUS ROSENBERG TO THIS STUDIO. THE FOLLOWING IS A VERBATIM STATEMENT OF THE PROPOSED AFFIDAVITS TO BE SIGNED BY THE ABOVE NAMED SPECIAL AGENTS.. QUOTE

STATE OF NEW YORK/

COUNTY OF NEW YORK/ SS..

WALTER C. ROETTING, BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS.. I AM A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND HAVE BEEN SO EMPLOYED SINCE NINETEEN FORTYONE. ON MARCH TWENTYSIX, FIFTYONE IN THE COMPANY OF SPECIAL AGENT LESTER O. GALLAHER, I WENT TO THE PHOTO SHOP OF ONE BEN SCHNEIDER, LOCATED AT NINE NINE PARK ROW, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. AT THAT ESTABLISHMENT, I EXHIBITED PHOTOGRAPHS OF JULIUS ROSENBERG AND ASKED MR. SCHNEIDER WHETHER HE HAD EVER SEEN THIS MAN. MR. SCHNEIDER PROMPTLY IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH AND STATED THAT HE HAD TAKEN PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS MAN, HIS WIFE AND

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TWO CHILDREN SOMETIME PREVIOUS TO MY VISIT. HE RECALLED THAT HE HAD TAKEN THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON A SATURDAY AND THAT HE PARTICULARLY RECALLED THIS OCCASION AS HE DID NOT USUALLY GO TO WORK ON SATURDAYS. HE FURTHER RECALLED THAT THE ORDER PLACED BY THIS MAN HAD BEEN LARGER THAN THE USUAL ORDER FOR PHOTOGRAPHS. HE STATED THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE SUCH A LARGE ORDER ON A SATURDAY. IN RECALLING THE EVENT, HE STATED THAT HE PARTICULARLY REMEMBERED THAT THE TWO CHILDREN WERE VERY UNRULY AND CAUSED HIM A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT THE MAN WHOSE PICTURE HE IDENTIFIED HAD STATED TO HIM THAT THE PICTURES WERE NEEDED BECAUSE HIS WIFE HAD RECENTLY INHERITED SOME MONEY IN FRANCE AND THAT HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE GOING TO FRANCE TO COLLECT THE INHERITANCE. THIS WAS THE FIRST OCCASION UPON WHICH I HAD SEEN MR. SCHNEIDER AND SO FAR AS I KNOW NO AGENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD INTERVIEWED HIM PREVIOUSLY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OR ANY RELATED MATTER. PRIOR TO SHOWING MR. SCHNEIDER THE PHOTOGRAPH, I DID NOT IDENTIFY THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHOSE PICTURE I WAS SHOWING TO MR. SCHNEIDER, NOR THE REASONS FOR WHICH I DESIRED AN IDENTIFICATION.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK. LEO H. FRUTKIN, BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT..

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I AM A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AND HAVE SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY SINCE NINETEEN FORTY. IN THE COURSE OF MY OFFICIAL DUTIES, I INTERVIEWED DAVID GREENGLASS ON JUNE FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, IN THE COMPANY OF SPECIAL AGENT JOHN W. LEWIS. I HAVE READ THE AFFIDAVIT OF SPECIAL AGENT JOHN W. LEWIS, AND I NOW STATE THAT IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

JOHN W. LEWIS, BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS.. I AM A SPECIAL AGENT IN THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND HAVE BEEN SO EMPLOYED SINCE NINETEEN FORTYTWO. ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, IN THE COMPANY OF SPECIAL AGENT LEO H. FRUTKIN, IN THE COURSE OF MY OFFICIAL DUTIES, I WENT TO THE HOME OF DAVID GREENGLASS AT TWO SIX FIVE RIVINGTON STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. AFTER BEING IN HIS HOME FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS, SPECIAL AGENT FRUTKIN AND I ASKED GREENGLASS TO ACCOMPANY US TO THE OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE, FOLEY SQUARE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN INTERVIEW. SPECIAL AGENT FRUTKIN AND I INTERVIEWED GREENGLASS

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ON THAT EVENING AND DURING THE INTERVIEW, GREENGLASS ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY JULIUS ROSENBERG, THROUGH RUTH GREENGLASS, TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOS ALAMOS ATOM BOMB PROJECT TO BE TURNED OVER TO A COURIER FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSMITTAL TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE FURTHER ADMITTED THAT ON A SUBSEQUENT OCCASION HE DID TURN OVER TOP SECRET INFORMATION TO HARRY GOLD. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN RELATED TO A HIGH EXPLOSIVE LENS. GREENGLASS, WITHOUT ANY HELP OR ASSISTANCE WHATSOEVER, DREW A SKETCH OF THE LENS SHOWING A HIGH EXPLOSIVE IMPLOSION DEVICE. GREENGLASS FURTHER ADMITTED THAT HE HAD GIVEN TO GOLD A LIST OF NAMES OF PERSONS WORKING AT LOS ALAMOS WHOM GREENGLASS CONSIDERED TO BE APPROACHABLE FOR INFORMATION AND ALSO THAT HE IDENTIFIED VARIOUS SCIENTISTS WORKING AT LOS ALAMOS. THESE STATEMENTS WERE FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY GIVEN WITHOUT ANY PROMISE OF REWARD BEING MADE TO GREENGLASS BY ANY ONE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND

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BELIEF, THIS WAS THE FIRST OCCASION THAT DAVID GREENGLASS HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FURNISHING OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOS ALAMOS BOMB PROJECT. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES AND AT NO TIME DID I EVER MAKE AVAILABLE TO GREENGLASS ANY BOOKS OR SCIENTIFIC TEXTS NOR ANY OTHER MATERIAL PERTAINING IN ANY WAY TO ATOMIC ENERGY. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, NO OTHER AGENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FURNISHED ANY SUCH MATERIAL TO GREENGLASS.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

DATE: November 19, 1952

FROM : V. P. KEAY *WKA*SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG;  
ETHEL ROSENBERG;  
MORTON SOBELL  
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In connection with the above-mentioned case there are attached post cards and letters sent by various persons in the United States to the President of the United States and to the Department of State asking for Executive clemency to spare the lives of the Rosenbergs and Sobell.

ACTION:

In view of the fact that these letters and post cards tend to follow a set pattern which gives suspicion to the fact that they may have been written by Communists, it is suggested that this memorandum, with attachments, be referred to the Internal Security Section for its information. The attached letters and post cards may be retained in the Bureau files.

Attachments (4)

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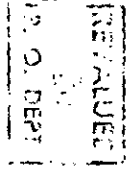
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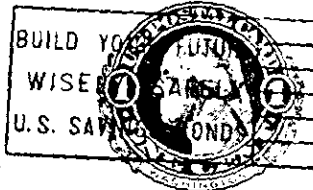


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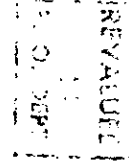


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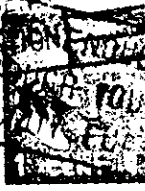
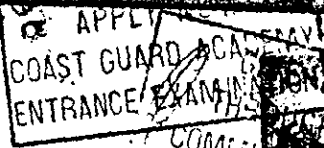
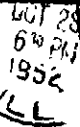


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● O PRESIDENT HARRY S. ● UMAN

We urge you to instruct Attorney Gen. J. P. McGranery to consent to new motions made by the defense attorneys of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell and to exercise executive clemency to spare their lives.

Name

*Leah Epstein*

Address

*124 N. Westmasetyad  
LA*

TO PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN *SY*

We urge you to instruct Attorney Gen. J. P. McGranery to consent to new motions made by the defense attorneys of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell and to exercise executive clemency to spare their lives.

Name

*Sally Leavitt*

Address

*2737 Gulson St*

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully urge that you save the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

I believe that the death sentence was unusually severe, particularly in view of the milder 10-year sentences given to Tokyo Rose and Axis Sally, who were convicted of the more serious crime of treason.

I hope that you grant the Rosenbergs Executive Clemency.

Sincerely,

*L. Blumberg*

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SAC, Los Angeles

November 28, 1952

Director, FBI

65-58236-1356

LEAH ERB, was.;  
FREDA LEAVITT;  
L. S. BLUMBERG  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 7-22-86 BY 3042 pwt-DAC

Enclosed are Photostats of two cards addressed to the President, the contents of which are self-explanatory, one of which is signed Leah Erb and the other Freda Leavitt.

Your attention is directed to your file 100-32137, entitled "Leah Erb, was., Security Matter - C."

In relation to Freda Leavitt, reference is made to your letter dated December 8, 1948, captioned "Lewis Allen, aka Louis Allen; Ann Allen, Security Matter - C," page 5 of which reflects that a copy of the Jewish Fraternalist, the official publication of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, IWO, was obtained by a Special Agent of your office from an unknown individual in Pershing Square in 1948. This magazine was addressed to Freda Leavitt, 2737 Falsom Street, Los Angeles.

100-356577-2

Your attention is also directed to your file 100-23652, captioned "American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Birobidzian, Inc., (Ambijan) aka Southern California Committee for Jewish Rehabilitation (SCCJR), Internal Security - R, Registration Act" and particularly the report of your office dated July 2, 1951, page 6 of which reflects that one Freda Leavitt was a member of the Eastside Committee of the subject organization. This report states that Rose Rosenfield, Financial Secretary of the SCCJR, stated that the organization supported the Communist Party of Israel.

100-99898

You should search the files of your office for any additional pertinent information concerning Leavitt and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions concerning the handling of security investigations.

Enclosed for the Chicago Office is a Photostat of a post card addressed to the President signed L. S. Blumberg and postmarked in Chicago, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

Bureau files contain no identifiable information concerning Blumberg.

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Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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The Chicago Office should search its files for any additional pertinent information concerning Blumberg and be guided by current Bureau instructions concerning the handling of security investigations.

**NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY:**

Leah Erb is an SI subject, LA origin.  
(100-370313)

# Office Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : Att: Inspector *nnrich*  
SAC, New York (5-15348)  
SUBJECT: *P* JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 11/26/52

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There is forwarded herewith for the information of the Bureau a photostatic copy of the petitions filed by attorneys for the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL in proceedings under Section 2255. *R9-1*

*73* Encls. (3)

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