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2182	11/23/54	HQ ltr NY	2	2	
NR	11/3/54	Nichols Tolson memo	2	2	
NR	undated	Background memo	1	1	
2183	11/22/54	Army ltr FBI	3	0	3 refer Army
2184	12/2/54	NY ltr HQ	1	1	
2185	12/7/54	HQ ltr NY encl	1/1	1/1	
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NR	1/7/55	" " "	1	1	
2191	1/21/55	HQ ltr NK	1	1	
2192	1/14/55	NK rpt HQ	9	9	b7C, b7D, b2
2192	1/25/55	HQ ltr NY	2	2	b7D
2193	1/25/55	NY rpt HQ	6	6	b2, b7C, b7D
2194	1/20/55	Army ltr FBI	4	0	4 rekr Army
NR	2/21/55	WFO ltr HQ ^{and} _{encl}	1/13	1/13	b7C
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NR	3/1/55	Director R/s and encl	1/1	1/1	
2196	3/29/55	NY ltr HQ	1	1	b7c, b7D
2196	4/3/55	HQ ltr NY	1	1	
2197	4/21/55	NY memo HQ	1	1	
NR	4/5/55	BS rpt HQ	5	5	b2, b7D
NR	4/12/55	Legat ltr HQ	1	1	b7c, b7D, b2
NR	5/14/54	Dir ltr A.A.G.	1	1	
2198	4/21/55	NY memo HQ w/encl	1/1	1/1	b2, b7c, b7D
2198	5/3/55	HQ ltr NY	2	2	b2, b7D
2199	4/22/55	HQ ltr NY	1	1	b7c, b7D
NR	5/3/55	SF rpt HQ	7	7	b7c, b7D, b2

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2201	5/11/55	HQ tt NY	1	1	
2202	5/5/55	NY ltr HQ	1	1	
NR	5/10/55	PH at HQ	1	1	b2, b7D.
NR	5/17/55	Dir ltr A.A.G.	2	2	
2203	5/17/55	Belmont Boardman memo	4	4	
2204	5/19/55	Nichols Tolson memo	1	1	
2205	5/20/55	Belmont Boardman memo	4	4	
2205	5/27/55	Dir ltr A.A.G.	1	1	
2206	5/11/55	NY at HQ	1	1	
2207	5/13/55	NY at HQ	1	1	
2208	6/2/55	A.A.G. ltr Dir.	1	1	

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2209	5/23/55	NY at HQ w/encl.	342	342	
2210	5/31/55	Belmont Boardman memo	3	3	
2211	6/14/55	NY at HQ	1	1	b7c b7D
2212	6/20/55	HQ ltr A.A.G. and encl	1	1	
2213	6/23/55	HQ ltr A.A.G. and encl	1	1	
2214	6/22/55	Rosen Belmont memo	1	1	
2214	6/27/55	HQ ltr A.A.G. Asst.	1	1	
2215	6/28/55	NY ltr HQ	1	1	
2215	7/14/55	HQ ltr NY	1	1	
2216	6/28/55	NY ltr HQ	1	1	
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NR	8/24/55	HQ ltr A.A.G.	2	2	b7D
NR	7/1/55	Legat ltr HQ	1	1	
NR	7/18/55	Nichols memo Belmont	1	1	
NR	7/18/55	Nichols memo Belmont	1	1	
NR	8/1/55	Bulky Exhibit form	1	1	
NR	8/19/55	HQ ltr CIA	2	2	
2219	8/9/55	Court ltr FBI and encl.	1/5	1/5	b7C
2219	8/12/55	FBI ltr Citizen	1	1	b7C
2220	8/4/55	Citizen ltr FBI and encl.	1/1	1/1	
2220	8/9/55	FBI ltr Citizen	1	1	
2221	8/23/55	NY ltr HQ	1	1	

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2223	8/31/55	LEE memo Branigan	1	1	b1
2224	9/8/55	Nichols memo Tolson and Encl.	1/18	1/18	
2225	9/12/55	NY ltr HA	1	1	
2226	undated	citizen ltr	2	2	
NR	9/29/55	CG rpt HA	30	30	b2, b7D, b7C
2227	10/8/55	Nichols memo Tolson	1	1	
22274	10/14/53	NY tt HA	1	1	
2228	11/18/55	HA ltr NY	1	1	
2229	12/12/55	HA ltr K Cantelero	3/1	3/1	
NR	2/1/56	Bulky Exhibit form	1	1	
2230	1/4/56	NY ltr HA	1	1	

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2232	3/5/56	HQ at NY	1	1	b2, b7D
2233	2/21/56	HQ at NY	2	0	b2, b7D
2233	3/9/56	HQ ltr NY	1	1	b7D, b2
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2234	3/16/56	HQ at NY	1	1	b2, b7D
NR	3/27/56	NY at HQ	2	0	b1
2235	3/28/56	Branigan Belmont memo Encl.	2/1	2/1	
2236	4/2/56	FBI ltr A.G.	2	2	
2237	4/2/56	Nichols ltr Tolson	1	1	
2238	3/30/56	Branigan ltr Belmont	2	2	b7D

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2240	4/6/56	Dir ltr A.G. w/ encl	1/2	1/2	
2241	4/10/56	Dir ltr citizen	1	1	
2242	4/11/56	Dir ltr Legat	1	1	
2243	4/2/56	Citizen ltr FBI and encl	1/1	1/1	
2244	4/9/56	Boardman ltr Dir	2	2	b7D
2245		translation w/ encl	2/1	2/1	
2245	4/12/56	Dir ltr A.G.	1	1	
NR	4/9/56	memo	1	1	
2246	4/10/56	HQ ltr CG	1	1	b7D
2247	4/12/56	Boardman memo Dir	3	3	
2248	4/9/56	Court ltr FBI and encl	1/11	1/11	

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2250	4/23/56	HQ ltr A.G.	1	1	
2251	5/2/56	HQ ltr A.G.	2	2	b1
NR	4/17/56	CG rpt HQ	17	17	b7c, b2, b7D
2252	4/24/56	Mohe memo Dir	1	1	
		newsclip	1	1	
2253	4/14/56	Legat ltr Dir w/ence	1/6	1/6	
2253	5/4/56	HQ ltr A.G.	1	1	
2254	5/15/56	CG ltr Dir	1	1	
NR	5/24/56	SF rpt HQ	21	21	b2, b7D, b7c
2255	5/20/56	HQ ltr A.G. newsclip	1/2	1/2	
2256	5/18/56	BRanigan Belmont - ltr -	1	1	

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2258	5/25/56	Belmont memo Boardman	1	1	
2259	5/28/56	Belmont memo Boardman	2	2	
2259	5/31/56	HQ Ltr Dep. A.G.	1	1	
2260	6/6/56	HQ Ltr A.G.	1	1	
2261	6/13/56	HQ Ltr A.G.	2	2	b2D
2262	6/13/56	Dir Ltr CIA	2	2	b7D

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATE: 11/17/54
 TIME: 11:21 A.M.
 BY: [illegible]

CHARACTER OF CASE:

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Advised that ROSENBERG told him that after ROSENBERG was first questioned by the FBI on 8/16/50, his wife, Ethel, removed \$7,000 and a Leica Camera from her apartment and delivered it for safekeeping to a couple who lived in Knickerbocker Village, were members of the CIO and were good friends of the ROSENBERGS. DAVID and EVELY ALMAN lived at Knickerbocker Village, 20 Monroe Street, apartment 2E-8, have two children, became associated with the ACS, RG and have been described as members of the CP. Records of the Camera Club, Knickerbocker Village reflect that neither JULIUS or EVELY ROSENBERG or DAVID or EVELY ALMAN were at any time members or officers of this club. JIM AL GRAY, former officer of the Camera Club, advised that he did not know the ROSENBERGS and never saw any of the members of the club mention any camera owned by the ROSENBERGS or the ALMANS. WILLIAM M. STINE, CANNING, former Professor, COM, does not know JULIUS ROSENBERG.

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DETAILS:

On March 19, 1951 T-1, of unknown reliability, advised that JULIUS ROSENBERG claimed that he had \$7,000 and a Leica Camera hidden in his apartment when Special Agents of the FBI visited his apartment on June 16, 1950. ROSENBERG told the informant that on that same day his wife, ETHEL, took the \$7,000 and a Leica Camera, placed the money and camera in a brown paper shopping bag, and delivered it to "friends" who lived in another house in Knickerbocker Village. ROSENBERG described these "friends" as members of the Communist Party, good friends of his, had two children and at one time considered moving and buying their own home and further that the husband was a member of the American Labor Party (ALP) in the neighborhood of Knickerbocker Village.

T-4, of known reliability, advised that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-4 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949.

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The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

T-5, of known reliability, in July 1954, advised that the Communist Party today as in the past through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party constitutes the force that controls it.

The records of Knickerbocker Village reflect that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN have occupied an apartment in that development since 1940 and resided at 20 Monroe Street, apartment 1E-8 and later in apartment 1I-5.

T-2, of known reliability, advised in 1946 that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN of apartment 1I-5, Knickerbocker Village, New York, were engaged in obtaining signatures on petitions for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., Communist Party candidate for the City Council of New York in 1946. Further, the informant advised that these individuals were members of the Communist Party, East Side Club, 5 Rutgers Street, New York City.

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

T-3, of known reliability, furnished a partial list of the sponsors of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC). This list named D. VIDALMAN as Executive Secretary and EMILY ALMAN as one of the sponsors. *N.Y. N.Y.*

The April 4, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 6, column 3, related that EMILY ALMAN was one of a delegation which conferred with L.F. GILMAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, regarding a new trial for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORITON SOBELL.

The "Daily Worker" of August 13, 1953 on page two, column one, announced that future activity of the NCSJRC would be planned at a two day Eastern Seaboard Conference to be held August 15 and 16, at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 77th Street and Broadway, New York, New York.

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This article related that DAVID ALMAN, Executive Secretary of the Committee, would discuss "What the Rosenberg Case Means to America".

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Mr. THOMAS GRAY, Manager of Knickerbocker Village, advised on October 28, 1954 that Mr. and Mrs. DAVID ALMAN had moved from Knickerbocker Village on October 29, 1953 and were living at Englishtown, New Jersey, address RFD #2, Box 62. Mr. GRAY stated that the ALMANS bought a chicken farm at Englishtown and that on occasion Mrs. ALMAN comes back to Knickerbocker Village to sell fresh eggs and chickens to the residents. He stated that the ALMANS never advised the management that they were going to buy a house and that to his knowledge they had never contemplated buying a house in the past nor had any communication come to the management from the ALMANS which indicated that they were going to buy a house. He stated that the ALMANS were good friends of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

Mr. THOMAS GRAY advised that a camera club was formed at Knickerbocker Village about 1940. He stated that the club was assigned a small room and had its own officers and members. He made available his file which reflected the creation of the club and the names of all members and officials. Examination of Mr. GRAY'S file of the Camera Club reflects that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and DAVID and EVELY ALMAN were not members or officials of this club.

Mr. GRAY remarked that when the ALMANS advised him that they were buying a house in New Jersey, that he passed a comment to one of his associates "they [ALMANS] must have made some good money working on the Rosenberg Committee".

Mr. GRAY further stated that he has known the ALMANS since they moved into the development and at no time particularly since the arrest of ROSENBERG has he ever

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seen either of the ALMENS with a camera nor has it come to his attention that they do own a camera.

Mr. JAMES ENNIS, a guard of Knickerbocker Village, advised that he knew the ALMENS for a great many years, that they were good friends of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, that they were working for the Rosenberg Committee, and distributed literature of this committee in the development, that they had two children, but that he never observed either one of them carrying a camera.

The records of Knickerbocker Village reflect that the ALMENS have two children, a girl MICHELLE, age ton in 1953, and JENNIFER, age five in 1953. *Alman N.Y., N.J. X*

Mr. AL GRAY lives at apartment AB-12 at 30 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, and is employed in the Special Investigations Unit of the New York Motor Vehicle Commission, 30 Centre Street, New York City. He stated that he did not know JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and knew nothing about them until they were arrested. He stated that he had been a member of the Knickerbocker Village Camera Club from its inception and had been a past president or some other officer.

He advised that he did not know DAVID or EMILY ALMAN and that to his knowledge neither the ALMENS or the ROSENBERGS had ever been members or officers of the Camera Club.

He further advised that to his knowledge they never visited the quarters of the Camera Club since they were restricted to the membership. He advised that he never heard any of the members discuss that the ROSENBERGS or the ALMENS had a Leica Camera or any camera.

He stated that the Camera Club was not truly a camera club where people get together and jointly take pictures, discuss their equipment and perform or engage in group activities. He stated that the reason the Camera Club was set up in Knickerbocker Village by the management was due to the fact that many people in the Village were

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amateur photographers and in the early 1940s did their own development. This work of necessity had to be performed in the bathroom of the apartments and the developers were causing some damage to the apartment proper. For this reason the management set aside a room to be used as a camera club. He said that the main and practically the only activity of this group is that the individual members have access to the room, have their own lockers where they can store their own chemicals and developers and develop their pictures. He advised that it is not a social club as is commonly found in many amateur camera clubs.

On October 6, 1954 Mr. WILLIAM MARTIN CHANNING, 91 Lee Avenue, Babylon, New York, was interviewed by SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR. CHANNING advised that he was a former teacher at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) and a member of the Communist Party unit at the college. He advised that WILLIAM PERL, MORTON SOBELL, and JULIUS ROSENBERG were students of CCNY in the engineering division. He advised that he was teaching in the history department and had no connection with JULIUS ROSENBERG, WILLIAM PERL or MORTON SOBELL. He advised that he did not know them and that as students they would not have been eligible for membership in the Communist Party unit at the college since that unit was made up of members of the teaching staff.

It is noted that MORTON SOBELL was convicted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG of conspiracy to commit espionage and that WILLIAM PERL was convicted in the Southern District of New York of perjury in that he denied before a Grand Jury knowing JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

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One copy of this report is being furnished the previously listed offices pursuant to Bureau instructions.

NEWARK, N.J. 10/15/55 - 19155 Lumber Jetties, Newark, Early American House
English town, New Jersey

will determine the residence of DAVID and MELLY ALMAN at RFD #2, Box 62, Angleton, and through this source, inform and furnish the details of the purchase of this residence by the ALMANS, including purchase price, manner of payment and source of funds.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

On completion of above lead by Newark and upon completion of current leads in the cases of WILLIAM PERL and MORTON SOBELL, will submit a closing report on instant case.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN W. HARRINGTON, dated 8/21/54,
at NY.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 11/16/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was; ET AL
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Rebulet of 8/4/54, in which the Bureau requested NY to submit in detail the reasons why NY in its letter of 7/30/54 named DAVID and EMILY ALMAN as the most logical suspects for the couple from whom ETHEL ROSENBERG gave \$7,000 and a Leica Camera on or about 6/16/50.

NY has concluded a thorough and complete review of this case in an effort to determine logical suspects for the couple who received the above named items. NY has been unable to find any other couple who would fit the description given by former [REDACTED]; namely, that they were staunch friends of the ROSENBERGS whom he trusted implicitly; they they lived in Knickerbocker Village; and one of the couple was a CP member. Further, that this couple had children and were considering buying a home of their own.

The ALMANS fit the foregoing to this extent. They are both members of the CP and are SI subjects of this office. They did live in Knickerbocker Village and have two children. They were friends of the ROSENBERGS as is fully illustrated by the fact that both of them were principal officials in the movement and action of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC). It has now been ascertained that the ALMANS moved from Knickerbocker Village on 10/29/53 and purchased a farm at Englishtown, New Jersey. Perhaps they should not be called as NY letter referred to them "the most logical suspects". But on the basis of the information known about them to date, it is believed that they should be considered as suspects.

The Bureau is further advised that a review of this case has been completed together with a review of the cases of WILLIAM PERL and MORTON SOBELL and no further logical leads have been developed that would assist in further determining the espionage activities of JULIUS ROSENBERG and his group.

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As the Bureau is aware, NY recommended the approach of SOBELL at Alcatraz and recommended the approach of WILLIAM PERL and thereafter his wife and to these recommendations the Bureau gave its assent. NY recommended these interviews believing that it was from the principals in the ROSENBERG network that information could be secured concerning the activities of the network.

The approaches to SOBELL have been made/and to date have not secured his cooperation. The Bureau will receive a letter from NY in the SOBELL case recommending that that case be closed under certain conditions.

WILLIAM PERL was approached at Terra Haute and refused to cooperate. His wife was contacted and told all available information that was in the Bureau's possession concerning the activities of her husband. She is to visit PERL at the penitentiary at Terra Haute on 11/3 and 4/54. When she returns to NY, she will be reinterviewed to determine the results of her visit to her husband. If this interview with Mrs. PERL discloses no further information concerning the activities of the ROSENBERGS and if no request for interview by a Bureau agent is made by MORTON SOBELL, within six weeks from the date of the contemplated last visit to him, NY will close this case.

A closing report, which will include future contact with Mrs. PERL and a brief resume of the conversations of the San Francisco agents with SOBELL, will be furnished; and also a report which will set forth the known facts of the delivery of the Leica Camera and the \$7,000 by ETHEL ROSENBERG to the unknown couple, together with a brief summary of the identity of DAVID and EMILY ALMAN.

Newark is being asked to develop the information concerning the purchase of the farm by the ALMANS in New Jersey. When this lead has been covered by Newark and no other information has been developed in the meanwhile, this case will be closed.

Bureau's opinion of the foregoing is solicited.

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AC, New York (65-15348) (origin. & 1 copy) November 23, 1954

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Re: Rep SA John A. Harrington, dated 11/16/54 at New York, and re: memo, of the same date, outlining the contemplated investigation in this case to be conducted by Newark and New York offices prior to placing the case in a closed status.

It is noted that Bufile of 8/4/54 instructed that your investigation of David and Emily Alman include an examination of their bank account to determine if it reflected any deposits pertinent to this case. Re: rep fails to reflect such investigation was conducted and you are instructed to conduct and report this investigation. Following completion of this investigation and that set out for the Newark office in re: rep, you should submit your recommendations regarding the interview of David and Emily Alman.

The Bureau agrees that Mrs. William Perl should be reinterviewed after her visit with her husband and the pertinent results, if any, should be incorporated in the instant case file.

It is noted that relet indicates you contemplate closing instant case in the event Morton Sobell does not request an interview with a Bureau agent within 6 weeks from the date of the last contact with him. Investigation in these two cases should be conducted separately and the results of the interview with Sobell should not govern the action in instant case, although a resume of these interviews should be incorporated in the next report submitted.

A review of the Bureau file reflects that by letter dated 9/29/53 the Bureau advised of an announcement appearing in the "National Guardian" of the future publication of a book entitled "The Atom Spy Myth--From Hiroshima to the Rosenbergs," by William A. London, and you were requested to obtain a copy of the book and forward it to the Bureau. You are instructed to advise if this book ever was published and, if it was, you are to review and forward a copy of the book to the Bureau.

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Howard is instructed to give prompt and expeditious attention to the lead set forth in recap and to determine all possible information concerning the Almans, their activities and financial background in order that an appropriate recommendation regarding their interviews can be made.

NOTE: Jerome E. Turtakow, former fellow inmate of Julius Rosenberg, executed espionage agent, advised Rosenberg told him that on the morning of his original interview by FBI agents he had a Leica camera and \$7000. in his apartment and that his wife, Ethel, took these items to the apartment of a CP member living in Knickerbocker Village. David and Emily Alman are suspects as recipients of the camera and money. Alman is presently residing in New Jersey on a farm purchased in Oct. 1953.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. [illegible]

DATE: Nov 11, 1954

FROM :

L. B. Nichols

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DATE 12/23/86 BY 3042 put DFC

SUBJECT :

For record purposes, SAC Kelly, of the New York office telephonically advised Mr. McGuire on November 2, 1954, that he had just talked to Judge Irving Saypol, who advised that he had received a letter from an attorney named Park Chamberlain, Balfour Building, San Francisco 4, California, which was rather complimentary of the Judge's handling of the Rosenberg case and which made inquiry of the twelve jurors who sat on the Rosenberg case. It being known that Chamberlain particularly wanted verification of the twelve individuals whose names he had were, in fact, the actual jurors. Judge Saypol stated that the information Chamberlain requested actually was a matter of public knowledge as he could get it by reviewing newspaper morgues, but Saypol wanted to be cautious and did not want to have any correspondence with anyone about whom there might be some question and, accordingly, he asked SAC Kelly if he could let him know whether Chamberlain was a fair or manly character. Kelly advised he could not find anything positively identifiable in the New York office indices and wondered if we had anything better.

After checking the Bureau indices and not finding any instances where the Bureau had ever investigated Park Chamberlain, not finding any references in our files definitely identifiable with the attorney in San Francisco, and not finding him on the Bureau mailing list or in Who's Who, SAC Kelly was called back and informed that the Northvale Hubbell Directory stated that Park Chamberlain was born 1911, admitted to the bar, 1939, and a graduate of Yale University College with an A. B. degree and LL. B. degree in law, was practicing at the Balfour Building in San Francisco. Kelly was also advised that there was nothing in the Bureau Identification Division on Park Chamberlain nor was the Bureau ever contacted on investigation of this individual. Kelly was also advised that a quick check had been made of the San Francisco office indices and no investigation had ever been made of Chamberlain in San Francisco, although San Francisco had one reference in their files indicating that recently Park Chamberlain had been Chairman of the meeting of the Great Boy Foundation, a Jewish intellectual group, anti-communistic and during the course of the meeting it had been reported that Chamberlain made a remark that nobody should be fairly still and that George Washington never had a file and that he also had made a remark that the United States general opinion that San Francisco was a

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JULIUS ROSENBERG
BUREAU FILE 65-58236

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Background and Principal Allegations

Julius Rosenberg was the head of a Soviet espionage ring which included his wife, Ethel, his brother-in-law, David Greenglass, his sister-in-law, Ruth Greenglass, and Morton Sobell, from 1944 to 1950. Rosenberg, his wife, and Sobell were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage in April, 1951, and the Rosenbergs were executed on June 19, 1953. Sobell is now serving a 30-year prison term. Rosenberg was employed at the United States Signal Corps as an engineer from September 3, 1940, until his removal for Communist Party affiliations on March 26, 1945.

Comments Relative to Jeopardizing Bureau Informants or Techniques

The information prepared by the Civil Service Commission pertaining to Julius Rosenberg includes information regarding the transfer of Rosenberg from one Communist Party club to another in 1944. This information was originally obtained by the Bureau through a confidential source developed at headquarters of the New York County Committee of the Communist Party on March 15, 1944. The information was furnished to the Security and Intelligence Division, Second Service Command, for its information and served as a basis for Army to discharge Rosenberg in 1945. The information regarding the existence of such a transfer card made public during the Rosenberg trial when it was used to Julius Rosenberg by the United States Attorney cross examination, and it is not believed it will jeopardize Bureau technique to include it in the Civil Service Commission information. The information relative to the one Julius Rosenberg who held membership book number 6603 in the Communist Party in 1940 was not obtained from a Bureau source.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 12/2/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15348)

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3 On 11/24/54, Mrs. HENRIETTA PERL was telephonically contacted at the residence of her brother-in-law, HENRI LEITMAN, at Spring Valley, New York. Mrs. PERL advised that she discussed with her husband some of the matters that had previously been discussed with her by agents of this office. She stated that she firmly believes that her husband is not guilty of any espionage activity. She was asked what comment her husband made to the matters that she discussed with him. Mrs. PERL stated that she did not care to comment on any of her conversation with her husband, other than to say that she believes he is innocent of any espionage activity.

Accordingly, when Newark covers the lead as set forth in the report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated 11/16/54, at New York, and when the Bureau resolves the question with San Francisco as to whether SOBELL should be recontacted, this office will submit a closing report in this case.

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SAC, New York (65-15348) (original and 1)

December 7, 1954

Director, FBI (65-58236)

JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al
ESPIONAGE - R

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Your attention is directed to an article appearing on page 3 of the "Daily Worker," for December 3, 1954, giving details of a meeting to be held for the benefit of Mrs. Helen Sobell. The article continues that John Wexley, playwright and screenwriter, will address the meeting. The article also stated Wexley's book, "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," will be published by Cameron and Kahn.

You are instructed to obtain this book when published, review it and forward it to the Bureau.

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John Wexley to Address Meeting On Sobell Case

Neighbors of Helen Sobell met recently to consider what they could do to help Helen Sobell and her family.

Mrs. Sobell is the wife of Morton Sobell, imprisoned in Alcatraz on a 30-year sentence on a charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage," a crime of which Mr. Sobell swears his innocence.

As a first step, the group decided to call together a larger gathering of neighbors to hear the facts on the case, presented by John Wexley, playwright and screenwriter, author of a forthcoming book on the Rosenberg and Sobell case.

Wexley's book, titled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," will be published by Cameron and Kahn.

The gathering will be held Dec. 10, 8 p.m., Room 201, 3410 Broadway (near 137 St.), New York.

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12/7/54
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: December 6, 1954

FROM : William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General,
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL.
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Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Sizoo	
Mr. Winterrowd	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to your letter of June 2, 1954, addressed to the Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III in which you advised that your Bureau would defer any action to our judgment regarding the disposition of the twenty-three boxes of letters, telegrams and items of mail sent to the Department in behalf of clemency for the Rosenbergs. An examination of the above material has disclosed no evidence of any material which would be of any interest to your Bureau.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 12/17/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was, ET AL
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ReBulet, 11/23/54.

A review of the Fall Publishers Weekly (which reflects publications of new books) and inquiries at several NYC book stores, failed to reflect the publication of any book entitled, "The Atom Spy Myth - - From Hiroshima to the Rosenbergs" by WILLIAM A. REUBEN.

An appropriate pretext telephone inquiry to the offices of the "National Guardian" reflected that this book has not been published and that the manuscript is in possession of WILLIAM A. REUBEN, the author. It was stated that as of this time REUBEN was undecided when this book would be published or, if it would be published.

On 11/24/54 Mrs. WILLIAM PERL advised SA JOHNA HARRINGTON that she had visited her husband, WILLIAM PERL, at Terre Haute Penitentiary and was accompanied by her son and WILLIAM PERL'S mother. She stated that she is now convinced after visiting her husband that he is not guilty of any espionage activity. Mrs. PERL advised that she did not wish to discuss any of the comments that her husband made during her conversation with him. She was asked if she had any further remarks or statements that she wished to make and she stated she did not expect to make any remarks and that she believed her husband was innocent of any espionage activity.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 12/22/54

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, Was; et al
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Rebulet 11/23/54.

Records of the Manufacturers Trust Company, 230 Second Avenue, reflect EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Street, New York City, opened a special checking account, #7585 on 10/2/52 with a deposit of \$150.00. A review of the transactions of this account fails to reflect any unusual deposit or withdrawals. The average balance maintained as carried is in the low three figures, approximately \$125.00. The present balance was reflected as \$6.00.

In view of a notation in the bank records that EMILY ALMAN had a prior account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, A search of the closed bank accounts will be made in an effort to locate this account. It is to be noted that these records are not readily available and are maintained in storage.

New York Office continuing investigation to locate additional accounts for the ALMANS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)(100-350204)

DATE: 1/7/55

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-5061)(100-24492)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al
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SM - C

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Rebulet to Los Angeles 7/14/54; LA letter to Bureau dated 6/29/54;
LA letter to Bureau 7/26/54 entitled "IRWIN EDELMAN, SM - C".

By referenced letter dated 6/29/54, Los Angeles furnished the Bureau a photostat pamphlet issued by EDELMAN on the subject "The Rosenberg Case - Some Observations". The last page of this pamphlet reflects EDELMAN's plans for publishing a case report on the ROSENBERG case.

By referenced letter dated 7/14/54, the Bureau requested Los Angeles to obtain copies of this publication and forward same to the Bureau.

Referenced letter dated 7/26/54 reflects this book had not been published and upon receipt of information that such a book had been published, Los Angeles would take steps to obtain same and forward to the Bureau.

For the Bureau's additional information, [redacted] who is in daily contact with affairs occurring within the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at Los Angeles, was contacted by SA ROBERT J. BARRY on 12/28/54 and advised as follows concerning this matter:

On 11/11/54, a conference of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was held at the Park Manor, 607 So. Western Avenue, Los Angeles. IRWIN EDELMAN was present at this conference and spoke criticizing the Rosenberg Committee as well as defense attorneys for the ROSENBERG for their handling of the ROSENBERG matter. During this talk, he read forward to his projected publication on the ROSENBERG case and stated he had been working on this publication since the execution of the ROSENBERGS.

[redacted] states that it is generally felt that this publication will be a direct attack against the Rosenberg Committee and officers of the Committee are very concerned over EDELMAN's plans for their publication. EDELMAN indicated he still lacked funds for this publication; however, [redacted] has advised that as soon as this publication is released, it is certain to come to the attention of this informant as well as the officers of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

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This informant has been alerted to the Bureau's interest in this publication and has stated will procure copies of it should it be published; however, to date its publication is still uncertain.

Los Angeles will forward this publication as soon as it is received from this informant.

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Date

Title and Character of Case:

JULIUS ROSENBERG

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Date Property Acquired:

7/7/50

Source From Which Property Acquired:

Apartment of Julius Rosenberg,
10 Monroe St., NYC. Apt. 11-02

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Basement shelf 6A

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

Evidence in any possible future prosecution
of members of Rosenberg espionage apparatus.

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

See below
SA William F. Norton

157. One Remington portable typewriter, Serial No. V 290917. On the face of the typewriter is scratched the following - Evelyn March.

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Title and Character of Case:

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Date Property Acquired:

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Apartment of Julius Rosenberg,
10 Monroe St., NYC. Apt. 11-G

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Basement shelf 6A

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

Evidence in any possible future
prosecution of members of Rosenberg
espionage apparatus.

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

See below
SA William Norton

123. One large paper shopping bag with handles containing the following:
124. Can of Kodak acid fixer.
125. One can of Kodak microdel developer.
126. One small funnel.
127. One large glass graduate measuring jar.
128. One adjustable roll film developing tank.
129. One stainless steel thermometer.
130. One paper bag from Willoughby Camera Shop, New York City
containing a stirrer.
131. One small cloth bag containing 38 miscellaneous keys.

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Director, FBI (65-58236)

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Reur O-1 Form dated January 7, 1955, advising a report in the instant case would be submitted in a report under the caption of "David and Emily Alman, Espionage - R."

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The leads to develop information about the activities of the Almans were set out in the instant case and, therefore, the results of the investigation should be reported in this case. You are instructed to submit a report reflecting the results of your investigation in the case captioned as above as well as in the individual case file on David and Emily Alman.

NOTE: Former confidential informant, Jerome E. Tartakow, a former fellow inmate of the Federal House of Detention with Julius Rosenberg, advised Rosenberg told him when Agents of the New York office first approached him in June, 1950, he refused permission to search his apartment and accompanied the Agents to the New York office. Ethel Rosenberg then removed \$6,000 in cash and a Leica camera and gave it to a young couple living in the same apartment development. David and Emily Alman are suspects for this young couple. Both were active in the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

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FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/24, 26, 29, 30; 12/3, 6, 8-10, 13, 1/14/55	REPORT MADE BY HARVEY W. JOHNSON, JR.
TITLE JULIUS ROSENBERG, Was. ET AL <i>Ethel Rosenberg</i>		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant advised that ROSENBERG told him that after ROSENBERG was first questioned by FBI on 6/16/50, his wife, ETHEL, removed 7000 and a Leica Camera from her apartment and delivered it for safekeeping to a couple who lived in Knickerbocker Village, who were members of the CP and were good friends of the ROSENBERGS. DAVID and EMILY ALMAN lived in Knickerbocker Village; became associated with National Committee to Secure Justice in Rosenberg Case and have been described as members of CP. The ALMANS purchased a home in New Jersey on 10/19/53 for \$13,500 with cash payment of \$4600. DAVID ALMAN borrowed \$500 from finance company in Freehold, NJ on 4/1/54 and on 9/18/54 purchased 1954 automobile on 36 months installment contract. DAVID ALMAN indicated to informant he had \$8000 cash at time of purchase of New Jersey residence. Bank in Englishtown, NJ presently holds ten \$100 personal notes given by DAVID ALMAN for purchase of building materials. Examination of checking account of EMILY ALMAN disclosed no unusual deposits or withdrawals. Checking account of DAVID ALMAN reflects three \$1000 deposits and one deposit of \$960. Checks drawn on this account in favor of CP controlled cooperative in New Jersey and CP member.

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DETAILS: On March 19, 1951 Newark Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, advised that JULIUS ROSENBERG claimed that he had \$7000 and a Leica Camera hidden in his apartment when Special Agents of the FBI visited his apartment on June 16, 1950. ROSENBERG told the informant that on that same day his wife, ETHEL, took the \$7000 and a Leica Camera, placed the money and camera in a brown paper shopping bag, and delivered it to "friends" who lived in another house in Knickerbocker Village. ROSENBERG described these "friends" as members of the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) who were good friends of his and who had two children and at one time considered moving and buying their own home and further that the husband was a member of the AMERICAN LABOR PARTY (ALP) in the neighborhood of Knickerbocker Village.

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Newark Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised in July 1954 that the CP today, as in the past through its members in key positions in the ALP, constitutes the force that controls it.

The records of Knickerbocker Village reflect that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN occupied an apartment in that development commencing in 1940 and resided at 20 Monroe Street, New York City in Apartment LE-8 and later in Apartment LI-5.

Newark Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised in 1946 that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN of Apartment LI-5, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, were engaged in obtaining signatures on petitions for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., CP candidate for the City Council of New York, in 1946. The informant further advised that these individuals were members of the CP, East Side Club, 5 Rutgers Street, New York City.

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

Newark Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, furnished a partial list of the sponsors of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC). This list named DAVID ALMAN as Executive Secretary and EMILY ALMAN as one of the sponsors of the NCSJRC.

The April 4, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 8, column 3, reflects that EMILY ALMAN was one of a delegation which conferred with A. F. OHMEN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, regarding a new trial for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

The "Daily Worker" of August 13, 1953 on page 2, column 1, announced that future activity of the NCSJRC would be planned at a two-day Eastern Seaboard Conference to be held August 15 and 16 at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 77th Street and Broadway, New York City. This article related that DAVID ALMAN, Executive Secretary of the Committee, would discuss "What the Rosenberg Case Means to America."

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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Newark Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN purchased a home at RD #1, Box 42, Bergen Mill Road, Englishtown, N. J. on October 19, 1953.

The following investigation was conducted in New Jersey to ascertain the details of the purchase of the abovementioned property by the ALMANs, including the purchase price, source of funds, manner of payment and also to determine the financial standing of the ALMANs subsequent to June 16, 1950, when ETHEL ROSENBERG disposed of \$7000 and a Leica Camera.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Asbury Park, N. J. reflect that the following business firms have made inquiries regarding the credit standing of DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, Box 42, Englishtown, N.J.:

Local Finance Company, Manasquan, N. J. (4/1/54)
Bell Finance Company, Freehold, N. J. (4/1/54)
Commerce Investment Company, Trenton, N. J. (9/1/54)

The foregoing credit records also indicate that DAVID ALMAN is employed as a chicken farmer and writer and previously resided with his wife at 20 Monroe Street, New York City.

JOHN NIEDRACH, manager, Local Finance Company, 191 Main Street, Manasquan, N. J., advised that his files contain no reference to DAVID or EMILY ALMAN. He stated that the ALMANs might have made application for a personal loan which was not approved, and in that event no record of the matter would be retained. NIEDRACH also checked the records of the Point Pleasant, N. J. branch of his firm and determined that they had had no dealings with the ALMANs.

SAM ACERRA, Manager, Bell Finance Company, 39 East Main Street, Freehold, N. J. stated that on April 1, 1954 DAVID ALMAN of RD 1, Box 42, Bergen Mill Road, Englishtown, N. J. obtained a \$500 loan from his firm. ACERRA provided a loan application executed by ALMAN which contained the following information;

Name	DAVID ALMAN, age 35 (1954) CP
Wife's name	EMILY ALMAN, age 32 (1954) MRS David ALMAN
Occupation	Farmer and free lance writer
Previous residence	20 Monroe Street, New York City
Credit references	First National Bank, Englishtown, N. J. Perth Amboy Savings Institution, Perth Amboy, N. J. GLF Feed Co., Englishtown, N. J. Millhurst Lumber Co., Millhurst, N. J.

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Income	\$150 per month; wife's income \$250 per month
Financial	
Obligations	Mortgage on home (GI) \$13,500 less equity of \$5000. Monthly payments on mortgage \$74. Personal note to Millhurst Lumber Co., Millhurst, N. J. \$750 due May 1954
Nearest	
Relatives	Parents: GABRIEL ALMAN, 20 Avenue B, New York City NY ETHEL ALMAN, 17 Clinton St., New York City NY
Security	
Offered	MRS GABRIEL ALMAN NY Furniture

In addition, ACERRA stated that his firm had made inquiries at the former address of DAVID ALMAN and had learned that the ALMANs had moved from Knickerbocker Village on October 29, 1953.

KENNETH C. CONKLIN, manager, Automobile Division, Commerce Investment Company, 730 Broad Street, Trenton, N. J., advised SA THOMAS S. LOVERING that during September 1954 DAVID ALMAN made application for a 36 month automobile loan which was refused by his firm. CONKLIN made available this application, and it was determined that it contained information similar to that set forth above; however, it was noted that in this instance DAVID ALMAN listed his income as \$600 per month and indicated that his residence was valued at \$23,000 and was subject to a mortgage in the amount of \$8500.

E. H. WINTER, manager, General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Trenton, N. J. advised SA LOVERING that on September 18, 1954 DAVID ALMAN signed a 36 month installment contract for the purchase of a 1954 Chevrolet Stationwagon. WINTER noted that Mrs. CECILIA G. ARNOW, 3832 Poplar Avenue, Seagate, Brooklyn, N. Y. was the co-signer for ALMAN on this loan. No additional information pertaining to this investigation was contained on the loan application submitted to this firm by ALMAN.

NO Locality

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Newark Confidential Informant T-8, who was mentioned previously, advised that DAVID ALMAN had indicated that at the time he purchased his residence in Englishtown, N. J. he had \$8000 in cash which he had accumulated in the form of savings. The informant further advised that the ALMAN residence is a two-story, eight room, frame home located on a 27 acre tract in Monroe Township, Middlesex County, N. J. Newark T-6 stated that the current market value of this property has been estimated at approximately \$15,000. In addition, this informant stated that DAVID ALMAN has earned his living in the past as a short story writer; however, he presently contemplates farming on a small scale to supplement his \$1500 annual income as a writer. Newark T-6 also advised that DAVID ALMAN indicated to him that in purchasing the above-described property he had made a down payment of \$4260.

Newark Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that a mortgage in the amount of \$8902.75 is held on the ALMAN residence by the Perth Amboy Savings Institution, 210 Smith St., Perth Amboy, N. J. Newark T-8 stated that this is a "G.I." mortgage originally granted to GEORGE and JEANNE SCHALBAUB, who in turn sold the property to WARREN and EDNA ROGAGLIA. According to Newark T-8, the ALMANs assumed this mortgage upon purchasing the property from the latter individuals. The informant stated that the deed to the property is in the name of the ALMANs and CECILIA G. VARNOW.

Newark Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that DAVID ALMAN presently has ten \$100 notes being held by the First National Bank of Englishtown, N. J. which he gave to the Millhurst Lumber Company, Millhurst, N. J. for the purchase of building materials. Newark T-9 stated that these notes, which were discounted at the bank by the Millhurst Lumber Company are due monthly until September 1955.

Newark T-9 further stated that EMILY ALMAN opened a checking account at the First National Bank, Englishtown, N. J., on April 27, 1954 with a deposit of \$500. Subsequent deposits to this account, seven in number, vary from \$77 to \$110 and none of the checks drawn on this account were larger than \$86.70. According to Newark T-9, the present balance in this account is \$1.31.

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Newark T-9 further stated that DAVID ALMAN opened a checking account at the First National Bank, Englishtown, N. J. on December 30, 1953 with a deposit of \$1000. which the informant believed was in the form of a check; however, the informant could not furnish any additional details regarding this item. Newark T-9 stated that DAVID ALMAN has made the following additional deposits to this account since December 30, 1953:

Date	Amount
1/26/54	1000.00
2/17/54	1000.00
3/3/54	346.53
3/8/54	525.00
3/8/54	300.00
6/3/54	500.00
6/18/54	30.00
6/29/54	160.00
7/8/54	960.84
7/21/54	150.00
7/28/54	61.90
7/29/54	100.00
8/4/54	84.39

Newark T-9 also advised that the deposits made by DAVID ALMAN on January 26, 1954 and February 17, 1954 were checks drawn on the personal account of CHARLES T. NEUSER or CHARLES P. STEWART at the Public National Bank and Trust Company, New York City.

Newark T-9 noted that the present balance in the aforementioned checking account of DAVID ALMAN is \$132.75 and the informant stated that ALMAN has drawn checks on this account in favor of the FLF Farmers Union Cooperative Association, Inc., and SYLVIA SCHNEIDER, among others.

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T-2 [REDACTED]	Documentation of ALP			
T-3 [REDACTED]				
T-4 [REDACTED]	Documentation of DAVID and EMILY ALMAN			
T-5 [REDACTED]	Furnished list of sponsors of NCSJRC	6/9/52	[REDACTED]	NY 100-107111-1B73
T-6 [REDACTED]	Purchase of home by ALMANs	12/30/54	[REDACTED]	Instant rep.
T-7 [REDACTED]		12/30/54		
T-8 ARTHUR TAYLOR, Asst. Sec'y-Treas, Perth Amboy Sav. Ins'., 210 Smith St., 2nd fl. Amboy, N. J.	Financial info re ALMAN residence	12/20/54	M. M. Wright	Instant rep.
T-9 NATHAN W. DEY, Cashier, 1st Natl Bank, Englishtown, NJ	Financial info	12/3,6/54	H. N. Johnson	Instant rep.
T-10 [REDACTED]				

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One copy of this report is furnished to the offices listed previously in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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At New York, N. Y.:

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Will identify CHARLES T. NEUSER or CHARLES P. STEWART who maintains a personal checking account at the Public National Bank and Trust Company, and who made out two \$1000 checks to DAVID ALMAN on 1/26/54 and 2/17/54.

Will consider advisability of requesting Bureau authorization for interview of DAVID and EMILY ALMAN by the Newark Office.

REFERENCE: Report SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON 11/16/54 *see 2/18*
at New York
New York letter to Bureau 11/16/54
Bureau letter to New York 11/23/54

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Re: Rep of SA Harvey W. Johnson, Jr., made at Newark, 1-14-55, setting out financial information regarding David and Emily Alman. It is noted that Mrs. Cecilia G. Arnow, 3832 Bolar Avenue, Seagate, Brooklyn, the mother of Mrs. Alman, appears to have close financial ties with her daughter and son-in-law. Her name appears on the deed to the property purchased by the Almans, indicating the probability that she supplied part of the \$4,600 cash used as a down payment. Her name also appears as a co-signer with Alman on his automobile loan. In view of this fact, you should develop appropriate financial background information concerning Mrs. Arnow to determine the source of her funds, bearing in mind the possibility she might have been entrusted with the \$7,000 by her son-in-law. Particular attention should be directed toward ascertaining if she had any large deposits or withdrawals in her bank account since the arrest of David Greenglass in June, 1950.

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NOTE: Jerome E. Tartakow, former fellow inmate with Julius Rosenberg in the Federal House of Detention, NYC, advised Rosenberg told him when the FBI came to his apartment the day after the arrest of David Greenglass he, Rosenberg, had \$7,000 and a Leica camera in the apartment. Rosenberg accompanied the agents to the New York office and Ethel Rosenberg took the money and the camera and gave it to another couple residing in the same apartment development. Alman is a suspect for being the

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recipient of this money and financial investigation is being conducted to ascertain if he has such money. Alman previously resided in the same apartment development as the Rosenbergs in New York and moved to New Jersey in October, 1953, and purchased a residence at Englishtown, New Jersey.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/25/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/24; 12/2, 10, 15, 22/54; 1/4, 7, 14/55	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD A. MINIHAN
TITLE JULIUS ROSENBERG, was; ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. HENRIETTA PERL, wife of WILLIAM PERL, advised that after a visit with her husband at Terre Haute Penitentiary, she was firmly convinced he was not guilty of any espionage activities and she stated she did not care to comment on any of her conversation with her husband. Informant advised that EMILY ALMAN maintained a checking account at the Second Avenue Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company, NYC, from 10/2/52 to date, with an average balance of \$125.00. A review of this account failed to reflect any pertinent deposits. Records of Knickerbocker Village, NYC Credit Bureau of Greater NY, and informants failed to reflect any additional bank accounts of the ALMAN'S.

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DETAILS: On November 24, 1954, Mrs. HENRIETTA PERL was telephonically contacted at the residence of her brother-in-law, HENRI LEITMAN at Spring Valley, New York, by SA JOHN J. HARRINGTON. Mrs. PERL stated that she had recently visited with her husband, WILLIAM PERL at the Terre Haute Penitentiary, and that she was firmly convinced that her husband is not guilty of any espionage activities. She stated she did not care to comment on any of her conversation with her husband, other than to say that she believes he is innocent of any espionage activity.

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WILLIAM PERL^{was} sentenced to five years imprisonment on June 5, 1953, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, after being found guilty of two counts of perjury in that he denied knowing JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

Re DAVID and EMILY ALMAN

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its members in key positions in the American Labor Party constitutes the force that controls it.

Mr. THOMAS GRAY, Manager, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, advised that after reviewing available records concerning DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, formerly of 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, he possessed no information concerning the financial assets of the ALMAN'S or their banking affiliations. b7C

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked on December 10, 1954, by SA RICHARD F. O'HARA, but failed to reflect any pertinent financial data or indicate any banking affiliation of DAVID and EMILY ALMAN.

T-4 and T-5, of known reliability, familiar with financial data of New York City residents, advised that they possessed no information concerning DAVID and EMILY ALMAN.

The following information, furnished by T-6, T-7, T-8 and T-9, all of known reliability, was furnished on a confidential basis and should not be made public without the prior issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

On February 1, 1954, T-6 advised that EMILY ALMAN was paid \$30.00 to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City on January 1, 1954, and that these payments were made by checks drawn on the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City.

T-7 advised that EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, maintains a special checking account, Manufacturers Trust Company Branch, 230 Second Avenue, New York City.

T-8 advised that EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, opened a special checking account on October 2, 1952, in Manufacturers Trust Company, 230 Second Avenue, New York City with a deposit of \$150.00.

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He stated that the average balance maintained was carried in low three figures, averaging approximately \$125.00. He further stated that the balance as of December 22, 1954 was \$6.00. T-8 further advised that all the deposits and withdrawals were small and that the account failed to reflect any unusual deposits. T-8 further advised that there was a notation on this account that EMILY ALMAN had a previous account with the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City.

T-7 advised that EMILY ALMAN is listed in the records of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City as having a prior special interest savings account at the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company. T-7 pointed out that this information was originally furnished by EMILY ALMAN when she opened her current account in October, 1952.

On January 14, 1955, T-9 advised that the available records, Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, failed to reflect any record of this account. T-9 advised that he would conduct a further search of any record of this account, and would also attempt to locate a record under EMILY ALMAN'S maiden name, ARNOW.

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T-4 [REDACTED] b2, b7D	Financial data	12/10/54	[REDACTED] b7D	Instant Report
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T-6 [REDACTED] b7C b7D Times Square Br. Chase Nat'l Bank	Banking info re Nat'l Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case	1/6, 12/54	SA EDWARD J. CAHILL	100-107111
T-7 [REDACTED] b7C b7D Manufacturers Trust Co., NYC.	Info re banking accounts of EMILY ALMAN	12/15/54		Instant Report
T-8 [REDACTED] b7C b7D 230 2d Avenue Br., Manufacturers Trust Co.		12/22/54	SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN	Instant Report

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T-9 [REDACTED] Manufacturers Trust Co., 407 Broadway, NYC.	Info re bank account EMILY ALMAN	1/14/55	SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN	Instant Report

LEADSNEWARK (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Newark Office in view of the fact that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN presently reside within their field division.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York.

1. Will report the results of the search of the record at the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company conducted by T-9.

2. Will upon the completion of the financial investigation of the ALMAN'S, consider the advisability of recommending an interview of them.

REFERENCE Report of SA JOHN J. HARRINGTON, NY, 11/16/54.
Bureau letter to NY, 11/23/54

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PAUL ELISHA WILLIAMS
SECURITY MATTER-C

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of the report of SA DONALD E. WALTER dated 2-21-55 at Washington, D. C., in the above-captioned matter.

During the course of the interview with subject he was found to be co-operative and volunteered all derogatory information concerning himself which is known to WFO. This office has no information indicating subject has been engaged in Communist espionage or front activities since 1940.

WFO at this time is of the opinion that subject can be of no use to this office as a potential confidential informant, and accordingly, the case on PAUL WILLIAMS is herewith closed. S.

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE FEB 21 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/26, 31; 2/3/55	REPORT MADE BY DONALD E. WALTER sas
TITLE PAUL ELISHA WILLIAMS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER-C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject interviewed on 1-26-55 and 1-31-55. Personal history set out. Advised he flew a plane for the Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War in 1937. Returned to New York City and became Adjutant Commander of VALE. Taught at FAECT School in evenings and instructed members of IWO Flying Club. Admitted signing CP Petition in 1939 supporting candidacy of Communist ISRAEL ANTER for public office. Subject wrote several articles which appeared in the "Daily Worker" covering his flying activities and experiences in Spain. WILLIAMS attended a number of CP meetings in New York City, a National Negro Congress convention in Washington and admitted serving the Communist cause prior to 1940 but denied actual YCL, NWC or CP membership. Subject taught JULIUS ROSENBERG, MARK FOGARSKY and MICHAEL SIDOROVICH at FAECT School and employed them in WILLIAMS' Aeronautical Research Corporation. WILLIAMS denied any espionage activities and stated he has not engaged in any CP or front activities since about 1940.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

PAUL WILLIAMS was interviewed on January 26 and 31, 1955, by SA HOWARD FLETCHER, JR., and the reporting Agent at the Washington Field Office and furnished the following information:

PERSONAL HISTORY

Birth

June 17, 1907 at Youngstown, Ohio. Subject stated he has indicated at different times his birth to be June 17, 1909 which he did to assist him in securing certain types of employment. In addition, he stated he had indicated to employers he was older than he actually is, and he recalls doing this particularly to obtain employment on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad when he was still in high school. A certified copy of subject's birth certificate filed with the Thieblot Aircraft Company, 4924 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, reflects his birth as June 17, 1907.

Education

Rayen High School at Youngstown, Ohio. WILLIAMS stated he just completed his junior year at this school and then attended the Ohio Institute of Aeronautics where he completed his high school work.

Ohio Institute of Aeronautics

1928-1932 at Youngstown, Ohio. The subject stated he attended this school for four years and graduated in 1932 but that he received no degree from this school. The Institute conducted courses in aeronautics and in addition they built airplanes as school projects. Subject stated he had never attended the Carnegie Institute but that he may have indicated to some acquaintances that he attended school there.

Employment

After graduation from the Ohio Institute of Aeronautics, WILLIAMS had a number of temporary employments, and he hitchhiked to a number of areas of the country, and in 1934 he returned to Dayton, Ohio, where he became employed

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by the Works Progress Administration as Instructor in aeronautics from September 1934 to mid-1937.

Mid-1937 - WILLIAMS sought employment in Los Angeles at the Douglas Aircraft Plant unsuccessfully.

August 1937 to December 1937 - en route to and returning from Spain.

January 1938 to December 1938 - Designer with the Cuomo Aeronautics Development Company at 24 West 17th Street, New York City.

1938 (concurrent with the employment at Cuomo) - part-time instructor for approximately two semesters at the School of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians in New York City and part-time instructor for approximately three months on an infrequent basis for the International Workers' Order Flying Club.

August 1939 to May 1942, self-employed with the WILLIAMS' Aeronautical Research Corporation at 24 West 17th Street, New York City, and 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

1939 to 1941 - WPA, Architectural drawing (concurrent with his self-employment in the WILLIAMS' Aeronautical Research Corporation).

June 1942 to August 1942 - National Youth Administration on a per diem basis (concurrent with his employment at WILLIAMS' Aeronautical Research Corporation).

August 1942 to October 1942 - Methods Engineer with the Augrapa Tool Corporation at 241 Centre Street, New York City.

Fall of 1942 to January 15, 1947 - Wright Field Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. WILLIAMS was suspended on January 6, 1947, pending investigation for removal from this employment. He terminated January 15, 1947, by resignation in lieu of removal for falsification of entrance application papers as to experience, scholastic background and arrests. Subject stated that in 1942 he took an examination for employment in the Aircraft Division of the Philadelphia Navy Yard and passed the examination but never was actually employed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard or any other Navy installation.

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February 1947 to January 1952 - self-employed as a contracting architect on commercial buildings with offices at 1020½ West Fifth Street, Dayton, Ohio, and 1118 West Fifth Street, Dayton, Ohio. He operated as the N and W Development Company, which was a partnership with a ROBERT M. NELSON, in the architectural firm doing business with the contractor, Miller and Farmer Company of that city. Concurrent with this self-employment as an architect, subject continued to work on an airplane which he was constructing to demonstrate his theory of aeronautical principles (with a bird configuration). Subject stated he was the architect for the McFall Hotel in Dayton, Ohio, which he estimates to be a \$100,000 building and was also the architect for the Harris block which is a business block of six or seven stores in a one-story masonry building which he estimates to be about a \$100,000 building. In addition he was the architect for the Germantown Pike Hilltop Motel in Dayton, Ohio.

January 9, 1952, to February 1954, Draftsman and Layout Man, United States Recording Company, Washington, D. C. WILLIAMS stated he came to Washington to see a Dr. LOUIS CROOKS (deceased) at Catholic University in an attempt to have Dr. CROOKS make a wind-tunnel model of an airplane demonstrating WILLIAMS' aeronautical principles. WILLIAMS stated CROOKS did make a model of the plane for which he paid him \$300 and subject related numerous tests were conducted which supported his theory on aeronautical principles.

February 23, 1954 to date - Draftsman at the Thieblot Aircraft Company, Incorporated, 4924 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, Maryland. He stated he originally contacted this company in an effort to have THIEBLOT promote production of his type plane, but THIEBLOT evidenced no interest at that time but offered him employment as a Draftsman. WILLIAMS stated that within the past three weeks Mr. THIEBLOT, President of the corporation, has evinced interest in subject's model plane.

Addresses

July 1937, 1180 East 52nd Street, Los Angeles, California. Subject stated when in Los Angeles he attempted

to stay at the Young Men's Christian Association but was unable to do so and stayed in a rooming house which was on the YMCA's approved list. Subject stated he also stayed at a rooming house at an unknown number on Figueroa Street in Los Angeles but that any residence he had in that city was temporary and undoubtedly a rooming house.

August 1937 to December 1937, en route to and returning from Spain.

December 1937 to March 1938, Broadway Central Hotel, New York City. Subject said his expenses at this hotel were borne by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

March 1938 to October 1942, 425 East 6th Street, New York City, apartment 3A. He resided at this address with his first wife.

1942 to 1943, 16 Elgin Street, Dayton, Ohio (rooming house) and 2314 Lakeview, Dayton, Ohio, a private residence owned by ROBERT S. NELSON (his business partner from 1947 to 1951).

June 1943 to 1944, 1849 Ditzel Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. Subject stated this was an efficiency apartment in a government project and he lived here with his second wife, his first wife having died in New York City in early 1943.

1944 to 1949, 2642 Pickering Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. This is a house that WILLIAMS designed. He stated he did some architectural drawing of houses while he was employed at Wright Field Air Force Base; 1020 West 5th Street, Dayton, Ohio. Following his divorce, subject lived at this address which was his office. Subsequently he moved to the McFall Hotel for a time.

January 1950 to December 1951, 1229 Germantown Street, Dayton, Ohio. This was a building that WILLIAMS had designed, and he lived there with Detective Sergeant GLEATON, of the Dayton Police Force.

December 1951 to about May 1952, unknown address in the vicinity of Fifth and Florida Avenue, N. E., in Washington, D. C., at a rooming house.

May 1952 to date, 1321 T Street, N. W.

ACTIVITIES

Spanish Civil War

When WILLIAMS was in California in 1937 and had sought employment at the Douglas Aircraft Plant, he indicated he did not receive employment because of his color. In conversation with men at the rooming house where he was staying it was suggested that he visit the office of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy because it would be possible for him, being a pilot, to make \$1,000 per month flying for the Spanish Loyalists. Because he was without employment, WILLIAMS made application, which was approved, applied for his passport in California, and was given bus fare to New York from Los Angeles, and in August 1937 he sailed for France on the "Queen Mary."

WILLIAMS landed at Cherbourg, took a train to Paris, where he placed his passport in a safety deposit box, took a train to Southern France and walked across the border into Spain. He went to Albacete, which was the Loyalists headquarters, and an attempt was made to have him go into the infantry, but he refused and he was sent to La Ribera where he made one flight in a plane for the Spanish Loyalists. The subject stated this was the extent of his combat duty in Spain. He stated he did not fly more because he was told that the Spanish Loyalists had no longer any need for mercenaries because they had trained enough pilots to preclude their use. He subsequently went to Paris, and he recalled arriving in Paris on a November holiday. He stated he returned to the United States in December on the SS Aquatania. Upon arriving in New York he went to the headquarters of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and they secured quarters for him at the Broadway Central Hotel, and he stated his room at this hotel was paid for by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Membership in the VALB

The subject stated that upon his return to this country the VALB assisted him in obtaining employment. In addition WILLIAMS related that he was catered to by this organization because he had been a veteran of the Spanish Civil War, a pilot and because he was a negro. For this reason WILLIAMS became a member of the VALB and subsequently was made Adjutant Commander (second in command). WILLIAMS stated the

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VALB obtained a position for him at the FAECT School as an instructor in aeronautics, and it was through this connection that he became an instructor for the International Workers' Order Flying Club. These courses of instruction were given at night, and it was possible for the subject to continue a day-time employment. WILLIAMS said he never joined the FAECT because the dues were too high for him, but he was given honorary membership on the basis of his service in the Spanish Civil War.

Association with the ROSENBERGS

While instructing in an aeronautical class at the FAECT School, subject recalled he had in his class as students JULIUS ROSENBERG, executed Soviet espionage agent, MICHAEL SIDOROVICH and MARK POGARSKY, associates of ROSENBERG. WILLIAMS stated that when he organized his Aeronautical Research Corporation these individuals became employed in his firm with the understanding that they were to participate in financial profit that might result from their efforts. In addition to these individuals, WILLIAMS advised that ETHEL ROSENBERG did clerical and typing work for the firm. Most of the work done by these persons was performed at night. Subject stated he had been in the ROSENBERG home, which he recalled was on Sheriff Street in New York, but that he was in their home on only one or two occasions, and he has no distinct recollection of the visits except he recalled the ROSENBERGS were living with the parents of either the husband or wife. He recalled that on one occasion he met DAVID GREENGLASS at the home of the ROSENBERGS. Subject observed photographs of DAVID GREENGLASS, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, MICHAEL SIDOROVICH and MARK POGARSKY and identified them as the individuals with whom he had associated in New York.

Subject stated he had attended some Communist Party meetings where JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were present, and he recalled that MICHAEL SIDOROVICH was present at some of the big Communist Party meetings (those held in Madison Square Garden). In addition, he stated that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and SIDOROVICH in their conversations openly spoke of being members of the Communist Party, and he recalled that POGARSKY admitted being a member of the Young Communist League. WILLIAMS stated he had never seen DAVID GREENGLASS at any Communist Party meetings he attended.

Communist Party Activities

WILLIAMS denied having ever been a member of the Young Communist League or the Communist Party, but he readily admitted he had participated in Communist Party activities and those of front groups and was for a time sympathetic to their cause. He explained he felt he had experienced too much discrimination in this country because he is a negro, and in addition, he felt that the Communist Party represented merely another political faction on the United States political front. Subject stated he attended a number of Communist Party meetings in New York but they were small groups, generally speaking, and at different locations, and he has no clear recollection of the meeting places at this time. He recalled that on one occasion he gave a speech before one of the CP meetings on the race question. He recalled further having attended CP meetings at Madison Square Garden, and he advised he participated in two May Day parades in New York.

In recalling his activities during this period, which he estimates to be from about January 1938 until sometime in 1940, WILLIAMS is of the opinion that he was being exploited by the Communists because he was a negro, because he was sympathetic to their cause, naturally, and because he was a Spanish Civil War veteran. He feels he was of value to them as a representative of the negro race, and he readily admits that he was sympathetic to the political purposes of the CP.

During this period when he was in sympathy with Communist activities, WILLIAMS regularly read the "Daily Worker", and he had written five or six articles which were eventually published in the "Daily Worker" wherein he wrote concerning his experiences as an aviator and as a Spanish Civil War veteran. With regard to the numerous discrepancies in his personal history, WILLIAMS explained some of them may have occurred from these write-ups in the "Daily Worker" wherein activities, feats and background were attributed to him which were erroneous. WILLIAMS felt that this was done by the "Daily Worker" in order to make him more of a hero in the eyes of the negro people and in turn influence other negroes to become interested in the CP. He stated he was paid a nominal sum for these articles which appeared in the "Daily Worker."

WILLIAMS was queried as to why he declined to join the CP yet he did not hesitate to participate in their cause and was fully sympathetic to their purposes. He stated he had

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seriously considered the matter of joining the Party and failed to do so because he was unable to make up his mind. He said a CP card had been given to him at the VALB headquarters in New York with his name filled in, but he stated he paid no dues nor membership fees, and he took no steps to acquire membership.

WILLIAMS recalled that in early 1938 or 1939 he had attended a meeting of the National Negro Congress held in Washington, D. C. He stated he was never a member of the National Negro Congress, and his attendance at the meeting in Washington was the extent of his activities in the National Negro Congress.

WILLIAMS stated he had signed a CP Petition for ISRAEL AMTER in New York for a political campaign. He is unable to recall the public office AMTER was seeking, but he stated his action in signing this petition was in accord with his previous thoughts concerning the CP, namely that it was a political organization seeking to improve the negro status in American life.

Subject stated that about 1939 or 1940 he came to the realization that the CP actually had nothing to offer the negro race, and he had some personal experiences on grievance committees of the WPA wherein he felt the activities of the Communists in presenting their grievances were excessive. He recalled with regard to his association with the ROSENBERGS that it was about this time he informed them that there was nothing further for them to do in connection with the WILLIAMS Aeronautical Research Corporation. He said he had never paid the ROSENBERGS any money for their efforts because they expected to participate in a patent which they hoped to obtain. He said the ROSENBERGS were considerably upset when they discontinued association, but he had no further contact with them from that date forward. He estimates the breakup to have occurred in late 1939 or 1940. He said the ROSENBERGS had no knowledge of his address after 1940 and that he had had no personal contact with them. Concerning the ROSENBERGS' arrest and conviction on espionage charges, he said he had no knowledge that they might be participating in such activities, but he stated he was not greatly shocked because he had known them as firebrand type of Communists.

The Communist Party, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the National Negro Congress and the International Workers Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" is an east-coast Communist daily newspaper.

Espionage Activities

The subject advised he has never engaged in any espionage activities against the United States nor has he been requested to engage in such. He recalled that when he was still close to the Communist Party he had had contact with some individuals at Amtorg in New York City, and on one occasion he had been offered an exporter's commission by some individual at Amtorg if he would buy a Curtiss electric propeller ostensibly for his own firm which would be delivered to Amtorg. Subject contacted the Curtiss firm, but the firm immediately discerned that he was attempting to obtain the propeller for Amtorg and so informed him. When confronted in such a manner, WILLIAMS did not argue with the Curtiss firm and was unsuccessful in obtaining a propeller. To the best of his recollection, this occurred in early 1940.

MISCELLANEOUS

Subject stated he became interested in flying in his youth, and when he was in Ohio he would perform drafting work in order to exchange his talents for materials for his own plane and to acquire flying time. He recalled he had been in a crash in the early 1930's in Youngstown and had suffered a fractured skull. For an extended period of time he has done experimental and promotion work on his plane and a model of it in an effort to demonstrate an aeronautical principle on which he admits the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics has made an unfavorable recommendation.

WILLIAMS stated he has been married four times. His first wife, SYLVIA COLLINS WILLIAMS, he married in New York in 1940 and she died of tuberculosis in New York City in early 1943. His second wife was GRACE THORPE WILLIAMS whom he married in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1943 or 1944. He stated she divorced him in 1948 for incompatibility. From this union was born a son, who is now living with his former wife in Cincinnati, Ohio. WILLIAMS attributed this divorce to his inability to provide as high a standard of living as his wife desired. His third wife was ELIZABETH STEVENSON WILLIAMS, whom he married in 1950 and divorced in 1951. He stated they lived together approximately two months and during this period of time she was home only about a week. [REDACTED] b7c

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His present wife is RUTH HOLLAND WILLIAMS, born September 15, 1927. He resides with his wife, her mother and three of her brothers at 1321 T Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. WILLIAMS has a daughter by this wife who is now three months of age. He explained his wife formerly was employed in a clerical position at the Pentagon in the Department of the Air Force but that prior to the birth of their child she left this employment and has no re-employment rights. She is currently unemployed. WILLIAMS added he is the main support of the family because his mother-in-law does not work and two of his wife's brothers have hemophilia and are unable to perform physical labor. A third brother is 15 years of age.

WILLIAMS stated he and all members of his family are highly active in the Jehovah's Witnesses. WILLIAMS advised that he gives speeches in connection with his activities in the Jehovah's Witnesses, pointing out the evils of Communism based on his experience in the past.

Subject stated he has been arrested on only one occasion in his life and that occurred in Dayton, Ohio, in the 1930's before he went to Spain. He was arrested on suspicion of selling stolen medical supplies but was released. WILLIAMS maintains his acts of selling the supplies were legal because he had received the medical supplies as payment for work he had performed.

Additional photographs of individuals connected with the ROSENBERG case were exhibited to subject, but he was unable to identify any persons other than those mentioned herein.

The only individual at Amtorg whom he was able to recall was a man by the name of YAROSLAVSKY who was a United States citizen from Brooklyn. YAROSLAVSKY was a doorman at Amtorg. YAROSLAVSKY was interested in promoting WILLIAMS' plane principle in hopes of making some money on it, but Amtorg was not interested in anything of an experimental nature but wanted products and plans of actual operating equipment. Subject was unable to recall any of the individuals with whom he talked at Amtorg.

Concerning other discrepancies in his personal history, WILLIAMS stated he had never left the United States during the period Selective Service was in operation during World War II in an effort to seek employment with the Ferry

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Command of the Royal Air Force. He stated he may have asked permission of his Selective Service Board to make the trip to Canada, but this was never done. He stated he had never been in the United States Navy and had never been in Hawaii.

The following description was obtained through interrogation and observation of the subject:

Name:	PAUL ELISHA WILLIAMS
Birth:	June 17, 1907, Youngstown, Ohio
Height:	6'
Weight:	180 pounds
Race:	Negro
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Black
Scars:	None
Characteristics:	Fine features
Occupation:	Draftsman and architect
Residence:	1321 T Street, N. W.
Telephone Number:	ADams 2-7285

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies are being sent to New York because of subject's connection with the ROSENBERG case and because of the extensive previous investigation conducted on the subject for an alleged Selective Service violation.

THE CLEVELAND DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies are being sent to Cleveland because of subject's acquaintanceship with MICHAEL SIDOROVICH.

THE NEWARK DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies are being sent to Newark because of subject's acquaintanceship with MARK POGARSKY, aka MARK PAGE.

THE CINCINNATI DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies are being sent to Cincinnati because subject resided in Youngstown, Ohio, and Dayton, Ohio, for extended period of time.

REFERENCE: WFO report of SA DONALD E. WALTER dated 9-14-54 and WFO airtels dated 1-27-55 and 2-2-55.

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TO: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE: February 25, 1955

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BASE
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Deputy Attorney General

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The substance of the information furnished by the Paris office was prepared in memorandum form for the Attorney General under date of February 25, 1955, pointing out that the circumstances were an example of the quality and effectiveness of the [redacted] b1

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It is believed that the office at Paris is deserving
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3. It is recommended that the office at Paris be commended for this case and if you agree, it is suggested that this memorandum be forwarded to the Administrative Division in order that an appropriate letter be drafted.

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TITLE JULIUS ROSENBERG, was.; ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DAVID ALMAN
Informant advised ROSENBERG told him that after ROSENBERG was first questioned by FBI on June 16, 1950, his wife, ETHEL, removed \$7,000.00 and a Leica Camera from her apartment and delivered it for safe keeping to a couple who lived in Knickerbocker Village, who were members of the Communist Party and good friends of the ROSENBERGS. DAVID and EMILY ALMAN lived in Knickerbocker Village, and have been described as members of the Communist Party. The ALMANS purchased a home in New Jersey on October 19, 1953, for

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Clarks Office, New Brunswick, New Jersey, reflect \$2,000.00 mort-
gage held by FEDERMAN was discharged on May 24, 1954.

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Details

On March 19, 1951, Newark Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, advised that JULIUS ROSENBERG claimed that he had \$7,000.00 and a Leica Camera hidden in his apartment when Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation visited his apartment

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on June 16, 1950. Subject told the informant that on that same day, his wife, ETHEL, took the \$7,000.00 and the Leica Camera, placed the money and camera in a brown paper shopping bag, and delivered it to "friends" who lived in another house in Knickerbocker Village.

The subject described these "friends" as members of the Communist Party who were good friends of his, and who had two children, and at one time considered moving and buying their own home, and further, that the husband was a member of the American Labor Party in the neighborhood of Knickerbocker Village.

Newark Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that from the time of its inception, in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally, these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. The informant knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

Newark Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised in July, 1954, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

The records of Knickerbocker Village reflect that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN occupied an apartment in that development commencing in 1940, and resided at 20 Monroe Street, New York City, in Apartment LE-8 and later in Apartment LI-5.

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Newark Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised in 1946, that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, of Apartment M-5, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, were engaged in obtaining signatures on petitions for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., Communist Party candidate for the City Council of New York, in 1946. The informant further advised that these individuals were members of the Communist Party, East Side Club, 5 Rutgers Street, New York City.

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

Newark Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN purchased a home at RD #1, Box 42, Bergen Mill Road, Englishtown, New Jersey, on October 19, 1953.

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The records of the Middlesex County Clerks Office, Middlesex County Court House, New Brunswick, New Jersey, were checked by Special Agent ROLLO V. CLARK, JR., on February 18, 1955, and found to reflect the following information regarding the residence purchased by DAVID and EMILY ALMAN on October 19, 1953:

Deed #11714, filed in Book 1713, Volume 222, recorded October 21, 1953, reflects that WARREN W. RAGAGLIA and EDNA H. RAGAGLIA, RD #1, Box 42, Englishtown, New Jersey, conveyed 27 and 62/100 acres of land in Monroe Township, New Jersey, to DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, County of New York, New York State, and CECELIA G. ARNOW, 3832 Poplar Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, Kings County, State of New York, on October 19, 1953, and that the property was conveyed subject to a first mortgage in the amount of \$8,902.75 held by the Perth Amboy Savings Institution, which was executed February 1, 1951, which the ALMANS and ARNOW agreed to assume as part of the purchase price.

The above deed conveyed an undivided half interest in the property to DAVID ALMAN and EMILY ALMAN, and an undivided half interest in the property to CECELIA G. ARNOW, widow, as tenants in common. The deed also conveys the undivided one half interest in the property to DAVID ALMAN and EMILY ALMAN, husband and wife, as tenants in the entirety.

Mortgage #11608, Book 1215, Volume 124, Recorded October 21, 1953, indicates that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, husband and wife, residing at 20 Monroe Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, County of New York, State of New York, and CECELIA G. ARNOW, widow, residing at 3832 Poplar Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, gave a mortgage dated October 19, 1953, to SIMON FEDERMAN, residing at 162 West 34th Street, Borough of Manhattan, County of New York, State of New York, in the amount of \$2,000.00, 2% interest per annum, in part payment of 27 and 62/100 acres of land conveyed to DAVID ALMAN, EMILY ALMAN, and CECELIA G. ARNOW by WARREN W. RAGAGLIA and EDNA H. RAGAGLIA, and that the mortgage would be subordinate only to a first mortgage executed to the Perth Amboy Savings Institution on February 1, 1951, in approximately the sum of \$8,933.57. This \$2,000.00 mortgage provided the principal to be paid as follows:

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One hundred dollars on the 19th day of January, 1954; one hundred dollars on the 19th day of each and every month thereafter for twenty consecutive months, and that the principal must be paid in full by August 19, 1955.

Discharge Book #22, Page 222, reflects that the above mortgage given by DAVID ALMAN, EMILY ALMAN, and CECILIA G. ARNOW to SIMON FEDERMAN, 162 West 34th Street, New York, New York, was discharged on May 24, 1954, and that the discharge was recorded on June 15, 1954. The discharge was stamped "Return to Law Office of BERNARD H. WEISER, 10 West Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey."

The above records contain no other additional information concerning SIMON FEDERMAN.

The aforementioned records of the Middlesex County Clerks Office, also reflect that the mortgage held by the Perth Amboy Savings Institution, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on the above property was originally given to the Perth Amboy Savings Institution in the amount of \$10,000 by ~~GEORGE SCHALHOUB~~ and JEANNE M. ~~SCHALHOUB~~, his wife, Monroe Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey, on February 1, 1951, and was recorded February 5, 1951.

The mortgage provided that the principal and interest would be paid in monthly installments of \$60.60 commencing March, 1951, and if not sooner, the final payment would be made in March, 1971. The mortgage indicated that the property had been conveyed on March 1, 1951, by ~~JOSEPH KYAK~~ and ~~CONSTANTINA KYAK~~, his wife to the SCHALHOUBS and that the mortgage was given to the Perth Amboy Savings Institution to secure payment of money advanced to pay a portion of the purchase price for the property. N.J.

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T-1, Former [REDACTED] b2 b7D	Info re activities of subjects.	3-19-51	W.F. WORTON, JR. J. A. HARRINGTON	NY 65-15348-2040
T-2, [REDACTED] b2	Documentation of American Labor Party.			
T-3, [REDACTED] b2 b7D	Documentation of American Labor Party.			
T-4, [REDACTED] b2	Documentation of DAVID and EMILY ALMAN.			b7D
T-5, [REDACTED] b2 b7D	Purchase of home by ALMANS.	12-30-54	[REDACTED]	Ins. rep.
T-6, [REDACTED] b2 b7D	[REDACTED]	12-30-54	" "	" "
[REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]	2-7-55	" "	" "
(Per request).	[REDACTED]			

One copy of this report is furnished to offices listed previously in accordance with Bureau instructions.

LEADNEW YORK OFFICE

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At New York City

Will identify SIMON FEDERMAN, 162 West 34th Street.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York dated 1-25-55.

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VERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: March 24, 1955

FROM : SAC, Newark (65-4085)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was. ET AL
Espionage - R

Re Bureau letter to New York dated 1-25-55.

Enclosed herewith are six copies of report of Special Agent HARVEY W. JOHNSON, JR., dated March 24, 1955, at Newark. This report sets out additional information regarding SIMON FEDERMAN, who held a \$2,000.00 mortgage on the residence of DAVID and EMILY ALMAN. This mortgage was discharged on May 24, 1954, and was to be forwarded to the law office of BERNARD H. WEISER, 10 West Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey.

Inasmuch as FEDERMAN is a resident of New York City, and this office is not aware of his identity or activities, no attempt was made to contact WEISER in this matter.

Newark files contain several references to the name SIMON FEDERMAN, which reflect that an individual of that name was President of the American Federation of Polish Jews in 1949, and was listed as a speaker before such groups as the American Birobitjan Committee and the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists, and Scientists during 1949 and 1950.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 1, 1955

Mrs. Julius Rosenberg

Enclosed is a memorandum from the Attorney General from the Director dated 2-24-55, which the Attorney General has returned with the following handwritten notation: "beside the last paragraph 'I remember too how accurate their reports were at the time of the Rosenberg case. H. B.'"

Julius

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Ethel Rosenberg

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TO

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3/1/55

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 3/29/55

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was; ET AL
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Rebulet to NY, 12/7/54 and NYlet to Bureau, 12/17/54.

According to recent advertisements appearing in the "National Guardian", the "Atom Spy Hoax" by WILLIAM A. REUBEN, was published by Action Books, Room 2800, 165 Broadway, NYC, on 3/3/55.

On 12/16/54, [REDACTED] advised SA JOSEPH V. WATERS that she attended a preview reading by JOHN WEXLEY of excerpts of his book, "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" which was to be published by Cameron and Kahn on 1/31/55.

NYO purchased a copy of the "Atom Spy Hoax" and if available, will purchase a copy of "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," and after reviewing them, will forward the copies to the Bureau in compliance with the instructions set forth in Bulet 12/7/54.

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**JULIUS ROSENBERG, was. et al
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Reurlet 3/29/55 advising that a copy of the book, "Atom Spy Hoax," by William A. Reuben had been purchased by your office and after review it would be forwarded to the Bureau. For your information, the Bureau has received a copy of that book and it will not be necessary for your office to submit the book and the review of the same. You should place the book in your office library.

Regarding the book, "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," by John Wexley, to be published by Cameron and Kahn; you should obtain a copy as soon as possible and submit it to the Bureau with a review of the same.

NOTE: Cameron and Kahn is the publishing house which published the book, "False Witness," written by Harvey Matusow.

cc: 100--342893 (Angus Cameron)

cc: 100--74021 (Albert Kahn)

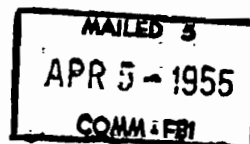
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 4/21/55

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was; ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet, 4/5/55.

A telephonic inquiry to the offices of Cameron and Kahn, Publishers of the book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg", by JOHN WEXLEY, disclosed that publication has been delayed for two or three months.

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REPORT MADE AT BOSTON	DATE WHEN MADE APR 5 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/14; 3/3, 18, 21/55	REPORT MADE BY JOHN F. NOONAN
TITLE JULIUS ROSENBERG NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, was. National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Only activity noted in Boston Division took place on 11/14/54 when a JOHN WEXLER lectured before the People's Victory Forum, Dorchester, Mass., on a book written by WEXLER about the ROSENBERG case. WEXLER expressed the hope his book would prove the innocence of the ROSENBERGS and raise enough money for the release of SOBELL. On 11/10/54 [REDACTED] expressed the opinion b7D that the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee should be re-activated, indicating this committee not presently active in the Boston area at the time. No evidence of re-activation found.			
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DETAILS: All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise designated.			
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I. SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITY OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

An indication of the lack of activity of this committee in the Boston area was received when Boston Informant T-1 advised on November 16, 1954 that he had met [REDACTED] on November 10, 1954. During a conversation with [REDACTED] told T-1 that he felt there should be a re-activation of the ROSENBERG SOBELL Committee and that an attempt should be made to stimulate interest again in this committee. T-1 indicated to [REDACTED] that he felt such an attempt to re-activate the work of this committee was inadvisable at the present time because of the feeling which Senator MC CARTHY has aroused against Communism. T-1 stated that [REDACTED] felt that in the face of such opposition the committee should become active again. b7D

Miss ANNE MATHEWS in her testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947 concerning Communist activities at Winston-Salem, North Carolina identified PHIL KORITZ as a Communist Party member at Winston-Salem in 1947.

The March 26, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" identified PHIL KORITZ as Chairman of the Boston Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress. The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily publication.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

Boston Informant T-2, on March 13, 1954, stated that SUE KORITZ, wife of PHIL KORITZ, appeared to be in charge of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case.

HOLLIS MOSHER, a publicly admitted former member of the Communist Party, identified SUE KORITZ as Chairman of the Mattapan Branch of the Communist Party as of that date, January 30, 1950.

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

Boston Informant T-3, on December 7, 1954, advised that he had been in attendance at a meeting of the People's Victory Forum held on November 14, 1954 at the Morton Plaza, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

The purpose of this meeting was a lecture given by a JOHN WEXLER, the author of a book written about the ROSENBERGS. T-3 stated that WEXLER read from his book and made comments upon various passages. According to T-3 the lecture was a defense of the ROSENBERGS and the theme of the lecture revolved around a supposed plot which had sent them to the chair. WEXLER concluded his lecture by expressing the hope that his book would prove the innocence of the ROSENBERGS and would raise enough money to help obtain the release of the other innocent victim who was spending thirty years in Alcatraz.

HOLLIS MOSHER, a publicly admitted former member of the Communist Party, District #1, Boston, Massachusetts, advised on December 20, 1954 that as a former Communist Party member he attended functions sponsored by the People's Victory Forum from 1949 to 1954. He stated the People's Victory Forum, in his opinion, followed the Communist Party line on numerous public issues and that it supported Communist Party policies; that this organization allowed Communist Party literature to be sold at its meetings; that its leadership had openly spoken in favor of Communism, as well as promoting Communist Party literature; and that its leadership had also invited Communist Party members to speak at its functions at which time direct Soviet Union propaganda had been disseminated.

Boston Informant T-4, on November 23, 1954, made available a mimeographed letter, which letter bears the signature of ROSE SOBELL. Printed at the top of the page is the name and address, "Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York". The letter concerns the writer's son, MORTON SOBELL, and expresses thanks that he is still alive. The letter discusses the fact that MORTON SOBELL has been sentenced to thirty years in Alcatraz, and requests that aid, in the form of money, be sent to help free MORTON SOBELL. A postscript on the letter states that checks can be made out to either ROSE SOBELL or MORTON's wife, HELEN SOBELL.

This letter was received through the mail by Boston Informant T-4.

On November 23, 1954 T-4 also furnished a pamphlet entitled, "The Facts in the Case of MORTON SOBELL". This was received through the mail by T-4 and the last page bears the name of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York.

The pamphlet discusses SOBELL's background, his "kidnapping" from Mexico to be returned to the United States and quotes various sources in an effort to show the lack of justice in the trial of MORTON SOBELL.

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The pamphlet concludes with a request that the reader join the thousands who are writing letters to the Director of Prisons, Justice Department, Washington, D.C. urging that SOBELL be removed from Alcatraz to a regular federal prison.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG on March 29, 1951 in the Southern District of New York for conspiracy to commit espionage. On April 5, 1951 MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of thirty years.

It is noted that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted on March 29, 1951 at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiracy to commit espionage and were sentenced to death by Trial Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN on April 5, 1951. The ROSENBERGS were executed on June 19, 1953 at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York,

Boston Informants T-4, T-5 and T-6, who in the past have had some knowledge of the activities of instant committee, stated on March 18, 1955, February 14, 1955 and March 3, 1955 respectively that they know of no local activity on the part of this committee.

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T-1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7D 11/10/54	11/16/54	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-2	[REDACTED]	SUE KORITZ Head of Committee	3/13/54	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-3	[REDACTED] b2 b7D	JOHN WEXLER Lecture, 11/14/54	12/7/54	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b2 b7D
T-4	[REDACTED]	Letter of ROSE SOBELL Pamphlet on MORTON SOBELL Activity of NCSJMS	11/23/54 11/23/54 3/18/55	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
T-5	[REDACTED]	Activity of NCSJMS	2/14/55	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-6	[REDACTED]	Activity of NCSJMS	3/3/55	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

DATA

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

REFERENCE

Report of SA PAUL M. ROTHMEL, Jr., dated September 7, 1954, at Boston.



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

Date: April 12, 1955
To: Director, FBI (65-58236)
From: Legat, Paris (65-126)
Subject: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETAL
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ON 10/23-86

ReBulet to New York 3/24/55 entitled [redacted]
and SAC Letter No. 55-26 dated 3/29/55.

By letter dated 11/4/52 information in the captioned matter
was furnished by this office to the Bureau from [redacted] and by
letters dated 1/16/53, 4/24/53, 2/3/54, 4/30/54 and 8/20/54, information
was furnished by this office to the Bureau from [redacted]

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On 4/12/55 the Paris file was corrected and informant identi-
fied and properly characterized according to Bureau instructions. No
local dissemination has been made in this case. Bureau copies should
be corrected pursuant to instructions in reBulet.

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cc. [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

May 14, 1954

Director, FBI

NATIONAL ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE, also known as
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
FBI file 100-387835

There is enclosed for your information one
Photostat of an article captioned "Six-Week Memorial
Period Marks Anniversaries of Rosenbergs" which appeared
on page 2 of the "Daily Worker" for May 10, 1954. You
will note this article contains information relating to
activities that have been planned by the Committee to
Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

Enclosure

cc - Bufile 65-58236 (Julius Rosenberg, et al)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-58236)

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was; ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 4/21/55

ReBulet, 11/23/54.

Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of the report of SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN, at NY, dated as above.

With reference to an interview of DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, the NYO is of the opinion that in the absence of an indication that they would be cooperative no interview should be conducted.

EMILY and DAVID ALMAN have been active officers in the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and have to date continued their activities in behalf of MORTON SOBELL and protesting the innocence of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. Both names are included on the Security Index.

It is also to be noted that SIMON FEDERMAN, who held a \$2,000 mortgage on the ALMAN residence and who is referred to in the enclosed report, advised SAS JAMES R. HOYMAN and ALESIO SAVIOLA on 11/2/53, that he had nothing to discuss with the agents and refused to make any statement regarding his affiliations or associations with the Communist movement. SIMON FEDERMAN'S name is also included on the Security Index.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/21/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/3, 8, 15, 17, 23, 30; 4/6/55	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD A. MINIHAN mfd
TITLE JULIUS ROSENBERG, was; ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SIMON FEDERMAN, 162 West 34th Street, NYC, who formerly held a second mortgage of \$2,000 on the residence of DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, 625 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn. Informants advised FEDERMAN was one of the founders of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case; subscribed to the "Morning Freiheit" and/or "Jewish Life". Article in the "Daily Worker" reflects FEDERMAN posted \$500 cash and \$10,000 in bonds for ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, who was convicted for violation of the Smith Act in 1953. Informant advised that a search of the records of the Manufacturers Trust Company, Canal Street, NYC, failed to reflect an account for the ALMANS. Informant unable to locate a bank account for CECILIA ARNOW.

*By file 6-7-55 volume 9 of
Reports 6-30-55 Mail cover on
Cecilia Arnow unproductive to date
See NY letter 6/14/55 - Mr. 2215*

AGENCY 0-6
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DATE FORW. 5-2-55
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DETAILS: On March 19, 1951, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JULIUS ROSENBERG claimed that he had \$7,000 and a Leica Camera hidden in his apartment when special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation visited his apartment on June 16, 1950. ROSENBERG stated to the informant that on the same day, his wife, ETHEL, took the \$7,000 and the Leica Camera, placing the money and camera in a brown paper shopping bag, and delivered it to "friends" who lived in another house in Knickerbocker Village.

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ROSENBERG described these "friends" as members of the Communist Party who were good friends of his and who had two children, and at one time considered moving and buying their own home, and further that the husband was a member of the American Labor Party in the neighborhood of Knickerbocker Village.

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

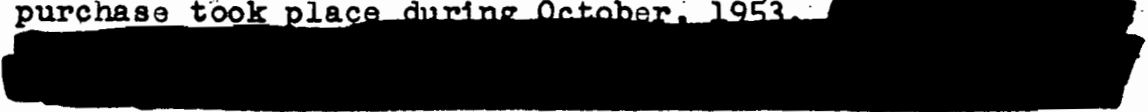
T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 4, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-2 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 14, 1954, that the Communist Party, today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

Mr. THOMAS GRAY, Manager, Knickerbocker Village, 10 Monroe Street, New York City, New York, advised SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON on October 28, 1954, that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN occupied an apartment in that development from 1940 to 1953 and resided at 20 Monroe Street, New York City.

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T-4, who is familiar with legal matters pertaining to the purchase of a home in Englishtown, New Jersey, by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN, advised on February 7, 1955, that the purchase took place during October, 1953. b7D



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The records of the Middlesex County Clerk's Office, Middlesex County Court House, New Brunswick, New Jersey, were checked by SA ROLLO V. CLARK, JR., on February 18, 1955, and Discharge Book number 22, page 222, reflected that the mortgage given by DAVID ALMAN, EMILY ALMAN and CECELIA ARNOW to SIMON FEDERMAN, 162 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was discharged on May 24, 1954, and that the discharge was recorded on June 15, 1954.

SIMON FEDERMAN

T-5, who is in a position to know the residence and employment of SIMON FEDERMAN, advised on March 17, 1955, that FEDERMAN resides at 625 Ocean Avenue, apartment 6A, Brooklyn, New York, and is self-employed under the business name, Embroidery, Efficiency Novelty, 162 West 34th Street, New York City.

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The CRC, the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have all been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Since the information furnished by T-7 furnished no identifying information concerning SIMON FEDERMAN, it is not known whether this individual is the same as the individual who held the second mortgage on the property of the ALMANS.

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"The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated March 3, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life":

"Morning Freiheit"

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

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"2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)

"3. 'The official Communist newspaper published in the Yiddish tongue. For many years, M. J. Olgin was editor of Freiheit. Olgin was one of the outstanding leaders of the Communist Party in the United States for 20 years.'
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 242.)

"4. 'One of the daily papers published by the Communist Party.'
(Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938. p. 331.)"

"Jewish Life"

"1. 'Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications.' Published by the Morning Freiheit Association, Inc.
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 49 and 225.)

"2. A Communist International publication distributed by the Communists' Progressive Book Shop in Boston, Mass.
(Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1938, p. 281.)"

The "Daily Worker" dated August 1, 1951, page 3, reflects an article captioned, "\$20,000 Bail Accepted for ALEXANDER BITTELMAN". The article stated that among those who posted the bail was one SIMON FEDERMAN, Embroidery Manufacturer, 625 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, who put up \$10,000 in United States Treasury bonds and \$500 in cash.

ALEXANDER BITTELMAN was convicted in the Southern District of New York on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act.

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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

On November 2, 1953, SIMON FEDERMAN, 625 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised SAS JAMES R. HOYMAN and ALESIO SAVIOLA that he had nothing to discuss with the interviewing agents and refused to make any statement regarding his affiliations or associations with the Communist Party.

DAVID and EMILY ALMAN

T-9, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on March 3, 1955, that a search of available records at the Canal Street branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, failed to reflect any record of an account under the names DAVID or EMILY ALMAN or under the maiden name of Miss EMILY ARNOW.

The above information, furnished on a confidential basis, should not be made public without the prior issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

CECELIA ARNOW

T-10 and T-11. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], advised on March 15, 1955, that they possessed no information concerning CECELIA G. ARNOW, 38-32 Poplar Avenue, Sea Gate, Brooklyn, New York. b7D

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by SE RICHARD F. O'HARA on March 3, 1955, and failed to reflect any record of CECELIA G. ARNOW.

Lt. WILLIAM BOBERG, Sea Gate Association Police Department, advised SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN on March 23, 1955, that the records of the association reflected that CECELIA ARNOW resides at 38-32 Poplar Avenue. He stated that she is not a property owner but resides at these premises as a tenant. Lt. BOBERG stated that the Sea Gate Association possesses no information concerning her and would not be engaged in any financial transactions with her. He stated that he was not aware of her banking affiliations.

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CHARLES T. NEUSER AND CHARLES P. STEWART

T-12, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on December 3 and 6, 1954, that DAVID ALMAN deposited the following checks on the dates indicated in the First National Bank of Englishtown, New Jersey:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/26/54	\$1,000
2/17/54	1,000

T-12 advised that the deposits made by DAVID ALMAN on January 26, 1954 and February 17, 1954, were checks drawn on personal accounts of CHARLES T. NEUSER or CHARLES P. STEWART at the Public National Bank and Trust Company, New York City.

T-13, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised that there is no record of a CHARLES P. STEWART or CHARLES T. NEUSER in the files of the Public National Bank and Trust Company, 37 Broadway, New York City. He further advised that the central indices of the bank failed to reflect any record of an account of the aforementioned individuals in the 24 New York City branch offices. He stated that the bank maintains no record of special checking accounts and that in all probability checks were drawn on such accounts.

The above information furnished by T-12 and T-13 was furnished on a confidential basis and should not be made public without the prior issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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NEWARK (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being designated for the Newark Office for information in view of the fact that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN reside within their field division.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York.

Will request authority of the Bureau to place a mail cover on CECELIA ARNOW in an effort to determine her banking affiliation.

REFERENCES

Reports of SA HARVEY M. JOHNSON, at Newark, 1/14/55 and 3/24/55, and report of SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN, at New York, 1/25/55.

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T-1 [REDACTED] b2 b7D Info re activities of JULIUS ROSENBERG 3/19/51 SAS. WILLIAM F. NORTON & JOHN A. HARRINGTON 65-15348-2040

T-2 [REDACTED] Documentation of the ALP.

T-3 [REDACTED] b2 b7D Documentation of the ALP and Associate.

T-4 [REDACTED] b7C Purchase of home by ALMANS 12/30/54 SA HARVEY N. JOHNSON, JR. 65-15348-2736

[REDACTED] b7D 2/5/55 " " (per request)

T-5 Documentation of associate.
Appropriate pretext phone call to employment office of SIMON FEDERMAN by SA WILLIAM J. CRUMLEY, JR., on 3/17/55

T-6 Not utilized

T-7 [REDACTED] Used to document associate.

T-8 [REDACTED] b2 b7D Used to document associate.

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First National
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T-13	Used to document associate			
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[REDACTED]
Bankers Trust
Company, 39 Broad
Street, NYC
(per request)
In April, 1955, the
Public National Bank and
Trust Company merged with
the Bankers Trust Company, NYC

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Ticker: Mr. LEE

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May 3, 1955

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Rerep SA Richard A. Minihan, dated 4/21/55 at
New York.

It is noted T-1 in rerep is Jerome Eugene Tartakow, former [redacted] who was formerly described as being of unknown reliability and is described in rerep as one who has furnished reliable information in the past. The Bureau is aware of the difficulty in describing Tartakow accurately, since the information he furnished which was susceptible of proof has been proven, but it must also be considered that despite the above Tartakow has a criminal record and was serving a sentence on eleven counts of car theft when he was developed as an informant in the instant case.

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The Bureau also realizes that Tartakow was, because of such a sentence, placed in the unique position of being able to gain the confidence of Rosenberg. However, in view of Tartakow's unsavory background, it is believed that when information furnished by him is set forth in reports in the future, he should be described as "T-..., who has furnished reliable information in the past but whose background is questionable...." It is believed this phrase should be added in the future in order to place other agencies receiving Bureau reports on notice that Tartakow is not considered to be of unquestioned reliability. No changes or corrections are necessary in rerep.

CC: 1 - Newark (65-4085)(inf.)

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NOTE: Jerome Eugene Tartakow, former [REDACTED] was a fellow inmate of Julius Rosenberg in the Federal House of Detention, NYC, prior to, during and after the Rosenberg trial. Through his friendship with Eugene Dennis, convicted Communist leader also in the FHD, Tartakow gained the confidence of Rosenberg and furnished the Bureau with extremely valuable info re Rosenberg and his espionage activities. On one occasion during the trial, Tartakow advised that Rosenberg was worried that the FBI would locate passport photos he had had made. As a result, extensive investigation located the photographer who made such passport photos of the Rosenberg family. This photographer was used as a very valuable Govt. rebuttal witness. The info which could be proven was proven and investigation is still being conducted on certain other info furnished by Tartakow. b2 b7D

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April 22, 1955

Director, FBI (65-58236)

for
JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al
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ReBulet to New York 3/24/55 captioned [REDACTED]

Information was received in the instant case from [REDACTED] which was furnished to the Bureau by the Legal Attache, Paris, by letters dated April 30, 1954, and August 20, 1954. These letters were furnished to your office by routing slips dated 5/21/54 and 9/7/54, respectively.

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You should review your files and advise the Bureau if the information contained in these letters was reported by your office in any reports in the instant case or in any other related case.

NOTE:

The documentation of [REDACTED] formerly of known reliability, is being changed to that of one "whose reliability cannot be established since he has furnished information of both known and unknown reliability."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 8 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/11-13, 16, 21 22/55	REPORT MADE BY FRANK S. PERRONE - gtb
TITLE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, was., National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <u>Julius Rosenberg</u> CONFIDENTIAL <i>WAS PUBL 10/7/55</i>			
<p>Headquarters for San Francisco Rosenberg-Sobell Committee (SFRSC) now located at 1122 Market Street, Room 216, San Francisco, California. SYLVIA STEINGART, PEARL BALEY, and BELLE ELBERT, identified as having CP affiliations, reported as officers of SFRSC. T-2 related on 4/15/55 that activities of SFRSC directed towards getting MORTON SOBELL removed from Alcatraz Prison and/or getting him a new trial. On 1/4/55 SFRSC had checking account balance of \$4.12. This account was closed on 2/11/55.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P* -</p> <p><i>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10/23/86 BY 3042 fwt-DSC</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL <i>WAS PUBL 10/7/55</i></p>			
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DETAILS:

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death, and SOBELL was sentenced to serve thirty years' imprisonment.

I. ADDRESS

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, related on February 1, 1955, that the headquarters for the San Francisco Rosenberg-Sobell Committee (SFRSC) were located at 1122 Market Street, Room 216, San Francisco, California.

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, related on April 14, 1955, that the committee did not have any branches in the Northern District of California.

San Francisco T-3, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, related on April 22, 1955, that the committee had occupied Room 216, 1122 Market Street, San Francisco, since February 1, 1955, and was paying \$25 per month for rental of the room. T-3 went on to say that the committee had identified itself as the San Francisco Sobell Committee.

II. OFFICERS

T-2 related on April 14, 1955, that the following were officers of the SFRSC up to the time the committee moved to its new headquarters:

SYLVIA STEINGART	Executive Secretary
PEARL BALEY	Local Chairman
BELLE ELBERT	Recording Secretary

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported in May, 1950, that SYLVIA STEINGART was the Organizational Secretary for the New Jewish Congress Branch of the San Francisco County Communist Party (SFCCP).

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San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, related in September, 1952, that PEARL BAILEY was a member of the Inter-Mission Section of the SFCCP.

San Francisco T-6, a self-admitted member of the Communist Political Association (CPA) and the Communist Party (CP) from April, 1945, to September, 1949, related on March 19, 1951, that some time around 1947 BELLE ELBERT was a member of the Russian Hill Branch of the SFCCP.

The CP was known as the CPA during the period from May 23, 1944, to July 28, 1945.

III. ACTIVITIES

In the November 19, 1954, issue of the "Daily People's World" (DPW), page 2, columns 3-4, appeared an article captioned "Sobell group spurs transfer campaign." The article informed that the SFRSC had announced that forty persons not previously in the campaign had pledged to devote at least one hour before the Thanksgiving holiday to circulate petitions to transfer MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz Prison. The article went on to inform that the committee had a November goal of 1,000 signatures on the petition and 500 letters to JAMES V. BENNETT, Director of Prisons, Washington, D.C., asking for SOBELL's transfer.

The DPW is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

T-2 related on April 14, 1955, that the activities of the SFRSC were directed towards getting MORTON SOBELL removed from Alcatraz Prison and/or to get him a new trial.

IV. FINANCES

San Francisco T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 25, September 24, and October 26, 1954, made available the following information concerning the checking account balance of the SFRSC:

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Balance on July 23, 1954 \$262.38
Balance on October 18, 1954 \$108.84
Total deposits during the
above period \$646.27

T-7 on December 22, 1954, furnished the following information concerning the checking account balance of the SFRSC:

Balance on November 22, 1954 \$659.11
Balance on December 20, 1954 \$240.91
Total deposits during the
above period \$106.10

T-7 on January 26, 1955, made available the following information concerning the checking account balance of the SFRSC:

Balance on December 24, 1954 \$5.41
Balance on January 4, 1955 4.12

No deposits were made during the above period. The difference in balance was due to a \$1.29 bank charge.

T-7 informed on February 25, 1955, that the SFRSC had withdrawn \$3.31 from its checking account balance on February 11, 1955, and on the same date had closed this account.

The above information is not to be made public except upon the issuance of the usual subpoena.

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	4/14/55, activi- ties of SFRSC	4/14/55	"	[REDACTED] 1

T-3: [REDACTED] (by request)	4/22/55, address b7c b7D	4/22/55	FRANK S. PERRONE (orally)	Instant report
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T-4: [REDACTED] b2 b7D Thumbnail sketch
of SYLVIA STEINGART

T-5: [REDACTED] b2 b7D Thumbnail sketch
of PEARL BALEY

T-6: [REDACTED] b2 b7D Thumbnail sketch
of BELLE ELBERT
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T-7: [REDACTED] b7c b7D	7/23/54	8/25/54	DIRCK A. MERRILL	100-35117- 964
Anglo- California National Bank, Market and Jones Branch, San Francisco, Calif. (by request)	10/18/54 Checking account balances 11/22/54 12/20/54 Checking account balances 12/24/54 1/4/55 Checking account balances 2/11/55, closed checking account	9/24/54 10/26/54 12/22/54 1/26/55 2/25/55	WILLIAM G. HARRY " WILLIAM G. HARRY(orally)	Instant report Instant report

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LEAD:

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the San Francisco Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA FRANK S. PERRONE, 12/23/54, at San Francisco.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE 1/25/96 BY 3042 PWS/ABV, NY 5/5/55

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG; ESPIONAGE - R

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NYO was advised by WILLIAM B. HASS of the M and S Company, 92 Pine Street, NYC, on 4/29/55, that the Company had received a job from the Cameron and Kahn Publishing Company to make the plates for a book. They have discovered the book is apparently entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg", but the author is unknown to the firm.

They observed that it apparently criticizes the ROSENBERG trial. Since they have determined the type of book it is, they wish to report its contents and have offered to send a copy of all proofs run off as they make up the plates. They also advised that they are not accepting any more work from Cameron and Kahn after completing this job.

The NYO received proofs for 300 pages today and will hold them until the proofs for the full 672 pages, which the book will comprise, are received. Each proof comprises four pages of the book.

Upon receipt of the remaining pages, of the proofs, the NYO will furnish same to the Bureau.

The NYO will also obtain the book when published and will forward it to the Bureau with a review, as instructed by referenced letter.

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Mr. Belmont

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SAC, NEW YORK

CC-Mr. Nichols
Mr. Lee

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ADVISING YOUR OFFICE RECEIVED FIRST THREE HUNDRED PAGES OF BOOK
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This book is written by John Wexley. Judge Irving Kaufman advised Mr. Nichols book contains criminal libel. The printing company which is making the plates of the book has furnished the NYO with the first 300 pages and will furnish remaining 327 pages when completed. Book has not been published as yet.

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Request for Mail Cover Authorization
FD-227 (12-10-54)

To : Director, FBI (65-58236)

Date: 5/5/55

From : SAC, New York (65-15348)

Attention:

Subject: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was
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☒ Domestic Intelligence Division
☐ Investigative Division

Name: ~~CECELIA~~ ARNOW

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Necessary and desirable in connection with the investigation in this case to determine the identity of the recipient of \$7,000 from ETHEL ROSENBERG in 1950. CECELIA ARNOW is the mother of EMILY ALMAN, a suspect in this investigation. No previous mail cover on this individual. No known facts which would result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

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Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized:
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN on 5/9/55, that JOHN WEXLEY, author and Security Index subject of the Phila. Office, was the main speaker at a dinner held in his honor by the Phila. Chapter of captioned organization on 5/6/55 at Chin's Restaurant, 1008 Race St., Phila. [redacted] reported that WEXLEY spoke mainly on his forthcoming book, "The Judgement of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG" and the research he had done in preparation for this book. He said that HARRY GOLD was the main Government witness responsible for the conviction of the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL. He described GOLD as a psychopath and a liar. WEXLEY said that one-half of the proceeds from the sale of his forthcoming book, which will be out on 6/19/55, will go for the defense of MORTON SOBELL and the other half to the publishers of the book. He stated that money collected at the dinner, which according to the [redacted] amounted to approximately \$600, would be used to pay for copies of the forthcoming book which will be sent to a number of prominent persons, including Judge KAUFMAN, who presided at the trial, and J. EDGAR HOOVER.

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May 17, 1955

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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Director, FBI

MORTON SOBELL, with aliases
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Information has been received that John Wesley, author, was a main speaker at a dinner of the Philadelphia chapter of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. This dinner was held May 6, 1955, at Chin's Restaurant, 1008 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Wesley discussed his forthcoming book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" and the research he had done in preparation for the book. Wesley alleged Harry Gold was the main Government witness responsible for the convictions of the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell. He described Gold as a psychopath and liar.

Wesley stated one-half of the proceeds of the forthcoming book, which will be published June 19, 1955, will go for the defense of Morton Sobell and the other half to the publishers of the book. He further promised the money collected at the dinner would be used to pay for copies of the book which would be sent to a number of prominent persons, including Judge Irving Kaufman, trial judge at the Rosenberg trial, and J. Edgar Hoover. The money collected at the dinner amounted to approximately \$800.

For your information, this book is being published by Cameron and Kahn, which firm published "Fulco Witness," written by Harvey M. Hutcheon.

Wesley is a screen writer by profession who reportedly belonged to the Los Angeles County Communist Party in the 1940's. Complete information concerning Wesley has been furnished to you in the past in the case captioned "John Wesley, with aliases, Security Matter - C."

The above is furnished to you for your information.

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CC- 100-387835 (Nat'l Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case)

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NOTE: The NYO has obtained from a printing firm the first 429 pages of the captioned book which have been forwarded to the Bureau and are being reviewed. The remaining pages will be forwarded by the NYO as they are received. The book will total 627 pages.

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TO : L. V. Boardman *8/10/55*

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FROM : A. H. Belmont *o/s*SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., et al
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By airtel 5/11/55 the NYO forwarded the enclosed first 429 pages of a book captioned "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," written by John Wexley and published by Cameron and Kahn. These pages were received by the NYO from H & S Company which company is printing this book. The publication date is June 19, 1955. On May 9, 1955, Judge Irving R. Kaufman, trial judge at the Rosenberg trial, advised Mr. Nichols telephonically that a young lawyer in the District Attorney's office advised him this book contained criminal and civil libel which had been inserted deliberately in the hopes of provoking a libel suit which would afford Cameron and Kahn an opportunity to make a public issue of freedom of the press.

Wexley is a screen writer and free lance author who has been identified as a member of the Communist Party (CP), is the subject of a pending Security Matter - C case and his name is on the Security Index. Cameron and Kahn is the publishing house which published "False Witness" by Harvey M. Matusow.

The portion of the book enclosed alleges the entire case against the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell was a gigantic frame-up participated in by then Attorney General Howard McGrath, then U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, Irving Saypol, then Assistant U. S. Attorneys Myles Lane, Roy Cohn, James Kilsheimer, Judge Irving R. Kaufman and the FBI. He attempts to relate the trial to world events claiming the Truman administration wanted to disprove the charge of being soft on Reds and to justify its erroneous estimate of Russian military know-how, and to do this claimed the atomic bomb had been stolen.

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cc - L. B. Nichols
L. V. Boardman
A. H. Belmont
W. A. Branigan
100-259145 (John Wexley)

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RE: Julius Rosenberg, was., et al

He attempts to psychoanalyze Klaus Fuchs and reaches the novel conclusion Fuchs was a Nazi spy who confessed to be a Soviet spy so he would be tried under the Official Secrets Act rather than the Treason Act for dealing with the enemy which carried the death penalty (pages 24-25). He ridicules the man hunt for Gold described by the Director in the article in "Reader's Digest" captioned "Crime of the Century," claiming it did not occur since Bureau agents did not interview Fuchs until after May 18, 1950, and that Gold's confession was released May 24, 1950. Wexley apparently does not recognize the fact the Bureau received information from the British in the interim (pages 64-65).

Wexley likens Ruth Greenglass to Lady MacBeth urging her husband to destroy the Rosenbergs, due to Ruth's envy of the more talented Ethel Rosenberg and the better educated Julius Rosenberg (page 122). In an introduction to one chapter he attempts to liken Sobell's flight to Mexico to the Flight to Egypt (page 146). Wexley analyzes the trial testimony in a word for word manner and in those places where any slight deviation is made between the testimony of the Greenglasses and Harry Gold, he brands them perjurers. If the testimony agrees, he then states it was well rehearsed. He makes the assumption Gold and Greenglass conferred while imprisoned together in New York City before the trial.

Wexley attempts to develop an "anatomy of frame-up" whereby derogatory information is developed on a person by the FBI and this person is then forced to fabricate a story or he will be prosecuted for an offense developed in the original derogatory information. In the case of Gold he quotes from "Crime of the Century" a statement that in 1947 the investigation of Gold "developed some highly useful information." By speculation Wexley enlarges the information into some heinous unknown crime which Gold wanted concealed and he thus became a willing witness (pages 64-65). Regarding Greenglass he accuses him of stealing uranium and of black market operations in stolen Army material while stationed at Los Alamos and states this was used as a lever to force Greenglass' testimony (page 85). Regarding Elitcher he states it was fear of prosecution for the false affidavit Elitcher furnished to the Navy Department concerning his membership in the CP.

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RE: Julius Rosenberg, was., et al

Wexley also discusses in a knowing manner a FBI file which he calls "Central Subversive File Checks" in which file all subversive data on everyone is kept and is used whenever necessary. He states the name of David Greenglass was included in this file when he played handball in a Young Communist League while in his teens (page 81).

Wexley attempts to explain Sobell's flight to Mexico as just getting "welcome respite from the oppressive atmosphere in the United States." He also states that when the Korean War broke out Sobell stayed in Mexico due to his fear of "Palmer raids" which he assumed would be made (page 150). In a footnote Wexley states the Director masterminded the Palmer raids. Wexley describes Sobell in Mexico as one of the pathetic victims of hysterical times and not reasonable (page 158).

Wexley states Judge Kaufman was thoroughly indoctrinated by the Roman Catholic Church since the age of 15 due to his attendance at Fordham University. He states Kaufman attended Fordham to gain the double advantage, politically, of being Jewish and a graduate of a Catholic university. Wexley questions why the Judge was not in the armed forces and why no mention was made of any civilian contribution made by Kaufman to the war effort (page 252).

On page 115 Wexley makes the following statement: "... when Greenglass testified at the trial that there was no coercion and that he testified voluntarily, it was not only perjury but subornation of perjury because the prosecution knew he was lying and permitted him to lie."

In March, 1953, the Department was requested to advise if a libel action might be filed on behalf of SA John A. Harrington against "New Jersey Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs" which stated in an advertisement that Harrington admitted he helped an important witness in that case to lie under oath. The Criminal Division advised there is no Federal statute making it a crime to publish libelous matter; however, it is a criminal offense in a number of states including the District of Columbia and the Bureau might wish to consider having Harrington institute local proceedings. The Civil Division by letter of April 23, 1953, advised no injunctive relief was available to Harrington although he could, if he desired,

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RE: Julius Rosenberg, was., et al

personally bring a suit for libel but no opinion was expressed regarding his chances for success in such a suit. The Civil Division advised no precedent had been found, despite exhaustive research, for the Attorney General to institute a civil suit for libel on behalf of a Government employee.

ACTION:

It is recommended this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Nichols for any further action he may desire to take in connection with Judge Kaufman's telephone call of May 9, 1955. The remaining pages of the book will be reviewed as received from the NYO. The first 429 pages are being retained in the office of Supervisor J. P. Lee, Espionage Section, for use in connection with review of additional pages received.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V. per*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *my*

SUBJECT: Julius Rosenberg

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Judge Irving Kaufman called to advise that a young lawyer in the District Attorney's Office had related to him that a new book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by John Wexley had been reviewed for libel. It was found to contain not only civil libel, but criminal libel. The book is published by Cameron and Kahn and the young lawyer informed Judge Kaufman that he in turn had been informed that the book deliberately contained criminal libel with the hope that somebody would take it to court so that Cameron and Kahn could make a public issue of freedom of the press.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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TO : L. V. Boardman *SPW*
 FROM : A. H. Belmont *Q*
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Pages numbered 430 to 557 of the book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," by John Wexley, were received from the NY office by airtel 5/13/55. The first 429 pages of this book were reviewed in a memo from me to you 5/17/55, captioned as above.

It will be recalled Judge Irving Kaufman advised Mr. Nichols telephonically 5/9/55 that he learned this book contained civil and criminal libel deliberately inserted by the publishers, Cameron & Kahn, to provoke a court test on the point of freedom of the press.

This portion of the book continues to analyze the trial testimony of David Greenglass and raises questions which were brought out on the various appeals, namely, Greenglass lacked the basic educational qualifications to determine the functioning of the atomic bomb and, likewise, to reproduce a sketch of the bomb. Wexley, therefore, concludes in his usual authoritative manner that Greenglass was coached before the trial by Harry Gold and others. Wexley also discusses the testimony of the Greenglasses, referring to the console table given Rosenberg as a gift by the Russians and which he adapted for microfilming purposes. The author states the prosecution "must have sponsored these perjuries wilfully, maliciously and deliberately" and is, therefore, "guilty of subornation of perjury." (p. 456)

The author then attempts to account for the money Rosenberg gave to David Greenglass to finance his projected

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 CC: 100-259146 (John Wexley)

Mr. Boardman
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flight from the U. S. Werley states the \$1000 given Greenglass was a business debt Rosenberg was paying off. (p. 467) The \$4000 was made up of Greenglass' profit from black market operations and contributions from relatives. (p. 463)

Werley accuses Greenglass of taking innocent conversations and putting a sinister twist to them.

Irving Saypol, then United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, is accused of a "deliberate falsehood" in informing Judge Kaufman and the defense attorneys that the indictment of William ~~Perl~~ for perjury during the Rosenberg trial was made in the regular course of administration of justice. (p. 491-492) On this point, Werley cites the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals, condemning this arrest but ruling that since the defense did not make a timely motion during the trial, it waived its rights for a mistrial. Werley then likens the Circuit Court of Appeals to Pontius Pilate, washing its hands after it found the verdict to be corrupt. (p. 493)

29 Werley states it is his firm conviction that it was "Roy Cohn who was one of the most responsible for that mockery of justice" called the Rosenberg trial. He states this "effete, sickly, ambitious youth" achieved the "most notorious reputation in the annals of the American bar." (p. 487)

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The author reviews the testimony of the 18 other witnesses and claims none of it corroborates the testimony of the Greenglasses, Elitcher, Gold and Bentley. An entire chapter is devoted to Elizabeth Bentley (Chapter 22, p. 512-27) in which her credibility is attacked and the authorities cited for this attack are Harvey M. Matusow and Byron Scott, the latter being the attorney for William Henry Taylor, member of the Silvermaster network. This chapter concludes with the statement that the "blunt truth is that Elizabeth Bentley, Red Spy Queen, is primarily the creation of John Edgar Hoover." p. 527.

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The Sobell case is discussed and the conclusion reached that Elitcher's accusation was the only testimony presented and all the other witnesses against Sobell are described as substitutes for corroboration. The Government is accused of coercing Elitcher into framing Sobell and criminally manufacturing a "deportation" out of a brutal kidnapping to create in the minds of a jury the picture of a hunted fugitive captured with the aid of the Mexican Government. (p. 535)

The testimony of Julius Rosenberg is reviewed and, as to be expected, is described as the complete truth and forthright. Judge Kaufman is described as the "boy judge" who made so little attempt to conceal his hostility that the press picked it up. (p. 538) The conclusion is reached that Judge Kaufman, not Julius Rosenberg, is the fanatic. (p. 548)

The author states with no hesitation the FBI had Julius Rosenberg under surveillance from 1944 on, as that was the date of his membership in the CP which the FBI reported to G-2. (p. 556) He reaches the same conclusion concerning William Perl, based on the fact that the FBI obtained copies of money orders Perl sent to Alfred Sarant in Ithaca in 1947 for payment of rent on Sarant's New York apartment. The author then states why, during all this surveillance, did not the FBI produce one scrap of incriminating evidence? (p. 557) NY

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No local
Regarding the FBI report made to G-2 re the CP membership of Julius Rosenberg, the author states "This may very well have been another piece of malevolence or idiocy such as the false accusation that was made against Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense, by the ex-Communist informer, Ralph deSola." (p. 557) Actually, the information concerning Rosenberg's CP membership was obtained from a list of members of the Industrial Section 16-B of the CP who were being transferred to their local branches.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., et al
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Nichols for whatever action he may desire to take regarding Judge Kaufman's telephone call of 5/9/55. The pages 437-557 are being retained in the office of Supervisor J. P. Lee, Espionage Section, for use in connection with the review of the remaining pages of this book to be received from the New York office.

2. The pages of the book received to date are now being Photostated and as soon as completed, they will be furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice for whatever action it deems appropriate.

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er - Mr. Lee

Assistant Attorney General (orig & 1)
Warren Olney, III

May 27, 1955

Director, FBI

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, with aliases, et al
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A book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," written by John Wexley, is to be published on June 19, 1955. This book is being published by Cameron and Kahn, New York City, which is the firm which published "False Witness," written by Harvey M. Matusow. Wexley is a screen writer by profession, who reportedly belonged to the Los Angeles County Communist Party in the 1940's. Complete information concerning him has been furnished to you in the past in the case captioned "John Wexley, with aliases, Security Matter - C."

Judge Irving R. Kaufman, trial judge at the Rosenberg trial, has advised he received information that this book contains both civil and criminal libel which has been deliberately inserted inasmuch as the firm of Cameron and Kahn would welcome a lawsuit dealing with the issue of freedom of the press.

There are enclosed Photostats of the first 557 pages of this book for your review, and any further action you may desire to take. Photostats of the remaining pages of the book will be furnished to you when received.

Enclosures - 137 (printer's galley approx. 4 to a page) (making 557 pages)

cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General, William F. Tompkins
cc - 100-387835 (National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case)

cc - 100-342893 (Angus Cameron)

cc - 100-74021 (Albert Kahn)

cc - 100- (John Wexley)

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New York office obtained the pages of the book from a printing company in New York City. To date 557 pages of the book have been received and have been reviewed. Separate memoranda were covering the review of the pages received to date have been prepared.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

JULIUS ROSENBERG, WAS, ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R.

Rebutel, 5/11/55.

Attached herewith are the first 429 pages of the book captioned, "The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg", received to date from H & S Company. Remaining pages will be forwarded as they are received.

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Attached herewith are the pages 430 through 557 of the book captioned, "The Indignment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG," received this date from the H and S Company. Remaining pages will be forwarded as soon as received.

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Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

June 2, 1955

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal DivisionSUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., et al.
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 27, 1955, transmitting photostats of the first 557 pages of a book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" written by John Wexley.

This does not appear to be a matter over which the Criminal Division has any jurisdiction and your memorandum and enclosure is being transmitted to Internal Security Section, attention: John F. Reilly, of that Division, who has in the past, I understood, been assigned to the Rosenberg case.

If there are additional photostats of this book, as mentioned in the last paragraph of your memorandum, it is suggested that they be forwarded direct to Internal Security Division instead of to the Criminal Division.

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Assistant Attorney General (original and 1) June 9, 1955
William W. Tompkins

Director, FBI

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to Mr. Warren Olney

Reference is made to my memorandum dated May 27, 1955, furnishing Photostats of the first 557 pages of the book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," written by John Wexley. There are attached Photostats of pages 558 to 678 of this book which complete the entire book.

Information has been received that a man believed to be John Wexley informed the printer the following pages were being revised because of possible libel actions: 435, 436, 456, 561, 566, 567, 118, 181, 341, 240 and 297. The only revised pages obtained to date are pages 435-436 and Photostats of these pages are enclosed. If any other revised pages are received, they will be furnished to you.

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cc - 100-387835 (National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case)
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Attached are the remaining proofs of the book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," by **JOHN WEXLEY**, as received from the H & S Company.

Mr. SIVAK advised that the following pages were revised and he was told by a person, believed by him to be **WEXLEY**, that they were revised because of possible libel action:

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The only revised page that Mr. SIVAK was able to furnish was page 435-36 which is in the enclosure. Mr. SIVAK advised that this completes all the work for Cameron and Kahn.

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