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<b>TITLE OF CASE</b> NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE (NCSJRC), aka Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), aka.		<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> PHILIP M. ALGAR	<b>TYPED BY</b> MG
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**SYNOPSIS:**  
 REFERENCE: Report of SA PHILIP M. ALGAR July 8, 1958, San Francisco.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the Los Angeles Office for correlative purposes concerning the activities of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

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1. Will continue to report on the activities of the  
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SF T-2 Former [REDACTED] (Requested)	Documentation of WARREN K. BILLINGS	
SF T-3 [REDACTED]	Documentation of WARREN K. BILLINGS	
SF T-4 Former [REDACTED] (Requested)	WARREN K. BILLINGS, Chairman BACSC BACSC letter re WIDGE NEWMAN BACSC meeting 7/30/58 BACSC meeting 9/9/58 BACSC meeting 9/23/58 Organizer's Report September 8-11, 1958	[REDACTED]

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SF T-5 [REDACTED] Bank of America, Clay- Montgomery Branch, San Francisco, Calif. (Requested)	FORREST B. CRUMPLEY, Treasurer  Bank records, June, 1958 Bank records, July, 1958 Bank records, August, 1958	100-35117-1889  100-35117-1857 100-35117-1872 100-35117-1889
SF T-6 [REDACTED]	BACSC meeting, 8/16/58 EBSC meeting, 9/8/58 EBSC meeting, 9/19/58 EBSC meeting, 11/10/58	[REDACTED]
SF T-7 [REDACTED]	Organizer's Report, August 11-14, 1958	100-35117-1A(25)
SF T-8 [REDACTED] Fillmore Office, First Western Bank, San Francisco, California (Requested)	Bank records, June, 1958 Bank records, July, 1958 Bank records, August, 1958	100-35117-1857 100-35117-1872 100-35117-1889
SF T-9 [REDACTED]	BACSC meeting 7/19/58	134-429A-911
SF T-10 [REDACTED]	Financial Report, January 1-June 30, 1958 EBSC meeting, 8/9/58 EBSC meeting 6/9/58	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
SF T-11 [REDACTED]	BACSC fund raising 10/4/58	[REDACTED]

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DORIS RYDMAN, Secretary,  
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WAYNE LORETZ, Treasurer,  
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EBSC meeting, 5/5/58

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Report of: SA PHILIP M. ALGAR Office: San Francisco

Date: January 23, 1959

File Number: SF 100-35117  
Bureau 100-387835

Title: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN  
THE ROSENBERG CASE (NCSJRC)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Synopsis:

BACSC is in the process of re-organization by WIDGE NEWMAN, paid organizer of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, who spends three to four days each month in San Francisco for this purpose. BACSC still attempting to raise funds for the defense of SOBELL.

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DETAILS:

I. SAN FRANCISCO-BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES (BACSC)

A. Officers

1. National

SF T-1 on December 16, 1958, furnished a copy of a "Report to the National Committee, December 10, 1958, Submitted by the National Staff" which the informant had obtained at the offices of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, Los Angeles, California.

The report stated in part that San Francisco sent 132 signatures on a petition for presentation in Washington, and also reflected that WARREN BILLINGS of the San Francisco Committee is listed on the National Committee; however the report reflects that the listing is not definitely completed.

SF T-2 advised on September 23, 1942, that a meeting of the San Mateo Branch of the CP was held in the home of WARREN K. BILLINGS, 919-4th Avenue, San Mateo, California, on September 16, 1942.

SF T-3 advised on February 10, 1948, that WARREN K. BILLINGS was expelled from the CP on a prior date which was not known to the informant.

2. Local Officers

SF T-4 on December 10, 1958, furnished a copy of a letter dated December 1, 1958, which identified WARREN K. BILLINGS as Chairman of the BACSC.

SF T-5 advised on August 22, 1958, that FORREST B. CRUMPLEY was Treasurer of the Committee to Secure Freedom for Morton Sobell, Northern California Council, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California, (BACSC), as of that time.

On April 29, 1954, Mrs. BARBARA HARTLE, a convicted Smith Act subject and former full-time paid functionary of the 12th District CP, Seattle, Washington, furnished to SA STEVE S. CARTER handwritten notes in which she stated "FORREST CRUMPLEY - have attended King County CP functionaries meetings with him and have heard him admitting CP membership in 1947-1949."

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B. Activities

SF T-1 advised on June 6, 1958, that a Staff Meeting of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee took place at 462 North Western Avenue in Los Angeles, California, on June 2, 1958. Part of the discussion mentioned that the San Francisco Sobell Committee was not very active and had finally accepted the offer of the Los Angeles Committee to have WIDGE NEWMAN, paid Organizer of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, go up to San Francisco to organize the group there. It was stated that the situation was difficult as there is a clash of personalities in the San Francisco Sobell Committee. It was suggested that WIDGE NEWMAN make clear to San Francisco that they would have to pay her salary when she is in San Francisco.

SF T-1 advised on July 8, 1958, that a Staff Meeting of the Los Angeles Committee was held in Suite 3 at 462 North Western Avenue in Los Angeles on July 3, 1958. It was reported that the San Francisco Chapter of the Sobell Committee wrote the Los Angeles Sobell Committee that they did not have the necessary funds for WIDGE NEWMAN to come to San Francisco to re-organize the BACSC into a strong unit.

WIDGE NEWMAN stated that she was going on a vacation in July, 1958, and would stop in and see the BACSC people in S.F.

SF T-1 advised on August 4, 1958, that a Staff Meeting of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee was held in Suite 3 at 462 Northwestern Avenue, Los Angeles, on July 29, 1958. WIDGE NEWMAN said that the BACSC in San Francisco agreed in principle that she should help organize their group but that there were not enough people at the meeting to give final approval. She said San Francisco was still considering the proposal.

SF T-4 on July 24, 1958, furnished a copy of a letter received through the mail dated July 21, 1958, from WARREN K. BILLINGS, Chairman, BACSC, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco. The letter announced a meeting to be held on July 30, 1958, and reflected that a proposition had come from the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, approved by the National Office, that WIDGE NEWMAN, identified as the paid Organizer of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee for the past three years, come to the San Francisco Bay Area temporarily to coordinate work in the San Francisco Bay Area and set up a local full-time organizer.



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SF T-4 advised on August 8, 1958, that the BACSC held a meeting at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on July 30, 1958. The discussion concerned the possibility of bringing WIDGE NEWMAN, official organizer of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, up to San Francisco to re-organize the Sobell Committee here. The motion was made and approved that she be asked to come to San Francisco. She will arrive approximately August 8, 1958, and will have power to appoint officials and BACSC members are to follow her orders. She will receive \$85 a week in salary, all her traveling expenses will be paid and she will be provided with a car while in the San Francisco area.

SF T-4 advised on September 11, 1958, that the BACSC held a meeting at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on September 9, 1958. WIDGE NEWMAN was Chairman and she stated that she planned to send out 300 invitations for their next fund raising affair. She wanted the BACSC to concentrate on small parties and housewarmings to raise money so that all Sobell Committees in the Bay Area will acquire the necessary experience to obtain help from other people and to get new members on the committee.

SF T-4 advised on September 25, 1958, that the BACSC held a work meeting at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on September 23, 1958, at which literature was mailed out.

SF T-4 on October 16, 1958, furnished a mimeographed copy of an Organizer's Report for September 8 through 11, 1958, from WIDGE NEWMAN. The report concerned the plans of the Sobell Committee in the San Francisco Bay Area to contact people and raise funds. NEWMAN requested that Sobell Council meetings be arranged around her visits to San Francisco and the San Francisco Council agreed.

SF T-6 advised on August 27, 1958, that the Executive Committee of the BACSC held a special meeting on August 16, 1958, at 1220 Talbot Street, Berkeley, California, at which the guest speaker was WIDGE NEWMAN. The general purpose of the meeting was to plan functions to raise \$400.

WIDGE NEWMAN stated that recently she had heard a speaker begin his talk with the statement "I am a socialist, I believe in Marxism." NEWMAN said that this direct approach is good. She said that many old CP members have quit the party. She said that these people are

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immature. She stated that KHRUSHCHEV is cleaning up for the future and that these things happen in line with progress.

SF T-7 on September 22, 1958, furnished a mimeographed copy of the "Part-time Organizer's Report for the Bay Area from August 11 through 14, 1958" which the informant had received in the mail from the BACSC, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, October 9, 1958. The report was from WIDGE NEWMAN and concerned the meetings of the Sobell Committees in the San Francisco Bay Area with WIDGE NEWMAN. It concerned proposed plans to raise money, to contact people and to get people to help raise money.

### C. Finances

SF T-8 on June 23, 1958, made available information which reflected that the BACSC had the bank balance of \$1.57 in June, 1958.

The foregoing information must not be made public except in the usual proceedings after the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

SF T-8 advised on July 23, 1958, that the July, 1958, bank statement of the BACSC reflected the following information:

Balance	June 23, 1958	\$1.57
Service Charge	July 10, 1958	\$ .65
Balance	July 23, 1958	\$ .92

SF T-8 on August 22, 1958, made available information that the BACSC had the following bank balance:

Balance	July 23, 1958	\$ .92
Service Charge		\$ .65
Balance	August 22, 1958	\$ .27

SF T-5 on June 23, 1958, made available information which reflected that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, Northern California Council (BACSC), 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California, had the following bank balance in June, 1958:

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Balance	May 26, 1958	\$36.89
Deposits	June 5, 1958	\$49.30
Deposits	June 13, 1958	\$101.99
Balance	June 20, 1958	\$36.95

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The informant advised that Check Number 42 for \$14.80 dated June 7, 1958, was made payable by the Sobell Committee to the "People's World", a West Coast communist newspaper.

This source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which this information was obtained and will be unable to testify regarding said information or any additional information concerning other checks.

According to the informant, all checks were signed by the dual signatures of "WARREN K. BILLINGS, Chairman," and "FORREST B. CRUMPLEY, Treasurer."

SF T-5 on July 23, 1958, made available information that the Sobell Committee, Northern California Council (BACSC) of 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, had the following bank balances:

Balance	June 23, 1958	\$36.95
Deposits	June 27, 1958	\$57.75
Deposits	July 11, 1958	\$50.00
Balance	July 22, 1958	\$48.97

Check Number 46 dated June 25, 1958, payable to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, for \$26, was endorsed by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, Helen Sobell, New York City.

SF T-5 on August 22, 1958, made available information reflecting that the Sobell Committee, Northern California Council (BACSC), 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, had the following bank balance in August, 1958:

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Balance	July 25, 1958	\$167.97
Deposits	August 8, 1958	\$25.00
Balance	August 21, 1958	\$32.43

SF T-9 advised on July 21, 1958, that the BACSC held a fund raising affair at No. 5 Piedmont Street, San Francisco, on July 19, 1958. The informant did not know the amount of funds collected.

SF T-10 advised on August 13, 1958, that a meeting of the East Bay Sobell Committee was held at 4332 Panama Street, Hayward, California, on August 9, 1958.

At this meeting the informant obtained a copy of the "Financial Report of the Bay Area Council of the Sobell Committee" from January 1, 1958, to June 30, 1958. The report reflected that a total income had been received of \$2,452.56 and, including a contribution of \$466 to the National Office, total expenditures were \$2,396.45.

SF T-4 advised on August 8, 1958, that the BACSC held a meeting at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on July 30, 1958. FORREST CRUMPLEY gave the financial report and said that during the past six months San Francisco has collected \$1,542 for expenses. He said that after the July rent was paid there would be \$200 which would be used to pay the expenses of WEDDIE NEWMAN when she was in San Francisco.

SF T-11 advised on October 7, 1958, that a BACSC fund raising affair was held at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, on October 4, 1958. The informant stated that about \$26 was raised.

## II. EAST BAY SOBELL COMMITTEE (EBSO)

### A. Officers

SF T-12 advised on May 14, 1958, that the EBSO met on May 5, 1958, at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California, at which DORIS HYDMAN was appointed to and accepted the position of secretary to the EBSO.

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SF T-12 advised on May 2, 1958, that DORIS HYDMAN attended a meeting of the West Berkeley CP held at 840 Delaware Street, Berkeley, California, on April 29, 1958.

SF T-12 advised on June 13, 1958, that a meeting of the EBSC was held at 1757-26th Avenue, Oakland, on June 9, 1958, at which WAYNE LORETZ was nominated and accepted the position of Treasurer. All checks for the EBSC were to be countersigned by DORIS HYDMAN and WAYNE LORETZ. There is no reported CP information on WAYNE LORETZ.

#### B. EBSC Activities

SF T-12 advised on May 14, 1958, that the EBSC met on May 5, 1958, at 2724 Alcatraz, Berkeley. DORIS HYDMAN was appointed Secretary of the EBSC. It was brought out that the FBI agents had been to see various members of the EBSC and it was announced that the members of the EBSC should be polite but refuse to talk to FBI agents or give them any information.

SF T-12 advised on June 13, 1958, that a meeting of the EBSC was held at 1757-26th Avenue, Oakland, on June 9, 1958. The discussion concerned the contacting of important people for funds and also for getting signatures on petitions for the President.

SF T-12 advised on July 30, 1958, that the EBSC held a meeting at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on July 14, 1958. The discussion concerned the mailing of literature and sending out speakers to groups such as labor unions to try and get their support.

WIDGE NEWMAN was introduced as the paid Organizer for the Los Angeles Sobell Committee. She said that she was here at this meeting at the request of the National Office of the Sobell Committee and the San Francisco Committees. She said that the Bay Area Committees should build committees to reach important people, raise funds, and create local organizers. She stated that the local committees should propose three-month programs for action. She advised that her services would be \$85 a week for three to five days during her visit of once a month. She said she expected all the committees to share in her expenses or she could not come. The EBSC passed a motion accepting financial responsibility for one-fourth of her salary as an organizer.

SF T-12 advised on August 18, 1958, that the EBSC held a meeting at 1220 Talbot Avenue, Berkeley, on August 14, 1958, at which NEWMAN was present and her first purpose for their three-month program was to raise \$400 for the National Sobell Office. She said that they should mail appeals to people followed by personal contacts. NEWMAN said emphasis should be placed on getting money and the ways to get money would then be found.

SF T-12 advised on September 18, 1958, that the EBSC held a meeting at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on September 8, 1958. WIDGE NEWMAN ran the meeting. A motion was made to see 100 people to attempt to raise money for the National Committee. NEWMAN stated they were to raise money to help expand the work on the West Coast and in San Francisco and to help build Sobell Committees in San Francisco and other Northern California cities. She said that attempts should be made to get prominent people as speakers and to get labor organizations to give donations.

SF T-10 advised on June 12, 1958, that the EBSC held a meeting at 1757-26th Avenue, Oakland, on June 9, 1958. Discussions concerned raising funds and distributing leaflets.

SF T-10 advised on August 13, 1958, that the EBSC held a meeting on August 9, 1958, at 4332 Panama Street, Hayward, California. The discussion brought out the fact that the best approach to free MORTON SOBELL was independent political action.

SF T-6 advised on September 12, 1958, that the EBSC held a meeting on September 8, 1958, at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley. WIDGE NEWMAN was present and was trying to promote more coordination of fund raising activities in the Bay Area. She said that more labor unions should donate and more people should be contacted for donations.

SF T-6 advised on October 2, 1958, that the EBSC held a fund raising on September 19, 1958, at 1000 Talbot Street, Albany, California; approximately 70 people were present.

SF T-6 advised on November 17, 1958, that the EBSC held a meeting at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on November 10, 1958. A report was given on the National Sobell Committee and the discussion concerned plans for the Sobell Committee Work in the Bay Area.

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C. EBSC Finances

SF T-12 advised on July 30, 1958, that an EBSC meeting was held at 2724 Alcatraz, Berkeley, on July 14, 1958, at which WAYNE LORETZ, Treasurer, announced that they had \$75.50 on deposit.

SF T-12 advised on September 18, 1958, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz, Berkeley, on September 8, 1958. It was proposed that they try and raise \$400 during the three months of August, September and October.

SF T-12 advised on September 26, 1958, that the EBSC held a fund raising on September 19, 1958, at 1000 Talbot Avenue, Albany, California. According to the informant, approximately \$120 was collected.

SF T-6 advised on November 17, 1958, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on November 10, 1958. It was announced that the EBSC had approximately \$30 to \$40 in their fund and donations of about \$9 were taken up at this meeting.

D. Communist Party Connections with the EBSC

SF T-13 advised on July 9, 1958, that a meeting of the West Oakland CP Club took place on June 24, 1958, at 719 Jean Street, Oakland, California. According to the informant, HAROLD HOUGHTON, a CP member and Chairman for the evening, stated he was working with outside mass organizations, among which was the Sobell Committee. He did not further elaborate.

THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL, The Northern California  
Council of Sobell Committees (NCGSC), and  
The Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, and prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., on page 60, reflects the following paragraphs concerning the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.

"1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--A Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050-6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p.30)"

The "People's World," a West Coast communist newspaper on April 21, 1952, page 6, column 5, published an article entitled "Rosenberg case expert due in San Francisco," which reflected that WILLIAM A. REUBEN, identified in the article as a former public relations director for the American Civil Liberties Union and in April, 1951, a reporter for the "National Guardian," would speak in San Francisco on April 27, 1952, under the auspices of the recently organized San Francisco Provisional Committee to Secure Justice for Ethel and

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Julius Rosenberg. The headquarters of the Provisional San Francisco Committee was set out as 760 Hayes Street, San Francisco.

On page 6, columns 4 and 5 of this issue, the "People's World" also printed an article which reflected that a proposition would be made at the meeting on April 27, 1952, to make the provisional committee a permanent San Francisco Committee to Secure Justice for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

The "People's World" on April 25, 1952, page 3, column 5, published an article which reflected that the Rosenberg Committee in New York had made an emergency appeal for funds from the San Francisco Committee, and stated that contributions and loans should be sent to the Rosenberg Committee, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

A confidential source advised on April 28, 1952, that the San Francisco Committee to Secure Justice for Rosenberg met on April 27, 1952, in San Francisco and organized to distribute literature from and collect funds for the National Office.

A second confidential source on March 27, 1956, furnished the November, 1955 issue of the Sobell Newsletter issued by the Bay Area Council of the Sobell Committees, which published an article which stated that the BACSC would coordinate the work of the several Sobell Committees in the San Francisco area.

A third confidential source advised on September 20, 1956 that the BACSC was an integral part of the National Sobell Committee and received instructions and literature from the National Sobell Committee.

A fourth confidential source advised on January 4, 1957, that the Chairman of the East Bay Sobell Committee, one of the groups in the BACSC, stated in 1956, that there was no difference between the Northern California Council of Sobell Committees (NCCSC) and the BACSC, and that the NCCSC had been formed to focus attention on the Morton Sobell case, and, as outlying Sobell Committees were formed they would send representatives to the meetings in San Francisco.

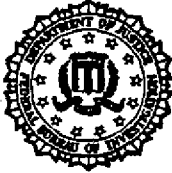
A fifth confidential source advised on May 18, 1958, that the BACSC is continuing to function and is planning BACSC affairs for the coming summer months.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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San Francisco, California  
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
(NCSJRC), aka Bay Area Council  
of Sobell Committees (BACSC), aka  
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Confidential informants utilized in the report of Special Agent PHILIP M. ALGAR dated and captioned as above at San Francisco have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Re your FD forms dated 2-1-59, submitted by your office in the above cases, listing property taken from Julius and Ethel Rosenberg at the time of their arrest and items taken from Apartment 61, 65 Morton Street, New York, former apartment of Sarant.

You should contact United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, and obtain his opinion pertaining to the possible use of these items in the event of any additional prosecution in either of the above cases. You should obtain from him his opinion pertaining to the disposition of those items not considered necessary for any additional prosecution.

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

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

RETAIN AS EVIDENCE

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

SEE BELOW  
JOHN A. HARRINGTON

A shell clasped pin - white and pink.  
A norwalk key number B311545 for Apt. G-11, 10 Monroe St., NYC.  
A Brass Independent Lock Key 1022 for apartment of Bernard Greenglass.  
An Eagle Lock Company key marked "Rothstein," 253 Rivington, and a Presto key and the eagle lock key #8367M.  
A Crest New York luggage key and a Yale luggage Key #829.

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Title and Character of Case:

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired:

8/11/50

Source From Which Property Acquired:

ETHEL ROSENBERG, 10 MONROE ST., NYC

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2/1/59 Date

Title and Character of Case:

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
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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-GE

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

RETAIN AS EVIDENCE-POTENTIAL  
EVIDENTIARY VALUE OF PROPERTY AS IT  
RELATES TO POSSIBLE PROSECUTIVE ACTION  
AGAINST VARIOUS PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS OF  
ROSENBERG ESPIONAGE RING.

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

SEE BELOW  
WILLIAM NORTON

- One large paper shopping bag with handles containing the following:
  - One can of Kodak acid fixer.
  - One can of Kodak microdol developer.
  - One small funnel.
  - One large glass graduate measuring jar.
  - One adjustable roll film developing tank.
  - One stainless steel thermometer.
  - One paper bag from Willoughby Camera Shop, NYC, containing a stirrer.
  - One small cloth bag containing 38 miscellaneous keys.

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Title and Character of Case:

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired:

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Source From Which Property Acquired:

APARTMENT OF JULIUS ROSENBERG  
10 MONROE ST., NYC APT 11-0E

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

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Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

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NY Field Division

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired:

7/7/50

Source From Which Property Acquired:

APARTMENT OF JULIUS ROSENBERG,  
10 MONROE STREET, NYC, APT 11-GE

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

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

RETAIN AS EVIDENCE

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

SEE BELOW  
WILLIAM F. NORTON

One Remington portable typewriter, Serial No. V-290917. On the face of the typewriter is scratched the following: EVELYNE MARCH.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired:

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Source From Which Property Acquired:

APARTMENT OF JULIUS ROSENBERG,  
10 MONROE STREET, NYC, APT 11-08

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Date Property Acquired:

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W. NORTON

Harry Gold's pipe.

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Randolph-Macon  
College

February 24, 1959

Dear Sir:

I am a student at Randolph-Macon College. It is required in our freshman year to write a research paper. I have chosen to write on the Rosenberg Case (Julius and Ethel Rosenberg). Could you send me any free information concerning the case.

Thank you for your kind consideration and help. 65-58236-2359

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Sincerely yours,  
David H. Borum  
Kappa Sigma House  
Randolph-Macon College  
Ashland, Virginia

DAVID H. BOROM  
KAPPA SIGMA HOUSE  
RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE  
ASHLAND, VIRGINIA



The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

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March 2, 1959

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**Mr. David H. Borum**  
**Kappa Sigma House**  
**Randolph-Macon College**  
**Ashland, Virginia**

Dear Mr. Borum:

Your letter dated February 24, 1959, has been received.

Although I would like very much to be able to help you with your schoolwork, the FBI has no material available for release relating to the Rosenberg case. This story, however, is described in quite some detail in "The FBI Story," by Don Whitehead, published by Random House, Inc., 457 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, in 1956, and a copy of it may be available to you in your school or local public library.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

# Freeport Area Joint High School

Harold J. Bush, Principal  
George J. Davey, Asst. Principal

325 Fourth Street

Freeport, Pennsylvania  
Phones 3 and 601

Mrs. Bessie McClain, Sec.  
Miss JoAnn Frantz, Asst. Sec.

February 19, 1959

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

My Problems of Democracy class at Freeport high school is now on the unit of Crime and Delinquency. As a project we are to select someone or something from this field and right a rather lengthy report on it.

As my subject I have chosen the Rosenberg Case. My history teacher informed me that you are the best source of information.

I hope that you will be able to help me.

If you do not have information on these spies, please send me something similar.

Thank you.

*Rosenberg, Ethel*

Cordially yours,

*Joyce Burket*  
Joyce Burket  
654 Hughes Drive  
Freeport, Pennsylvania

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Miss Joyce Burket  
654 Hughes Drive  
Freeport, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Burket:

Your letter dated February 19, 1959, has been received.

Although I would like very much to be able to help you with your schoolwork, the FBI has no material available for release relating to the Rosenberg case. This story, however, is described in quite some detail in "The FBI Story," by Don Whitehead, published by Random House, Inc., 457 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, in 1956, and a copy of it may be available to you in your school or local public libraries.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Internal Security Division

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- March 11, 1959

Director, FBI

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, with aliases, et alia  
ESPIONAGE - R

MARGENSON

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Reference is made to letter of the Internal Security Division dated March 9, 1959.

EX-102

In connection with considering the release of the three items of evidence impounded at the Rosenberg-Sobell trial, there have been numerous opinions given concerning the scientific ability of David Greenglass to obtain this information. Those attacking the Government's position have claimed that Greenglass did not have sufficient scientific education to prepare sketches which would be helpful to the Soviets. It is suggested that the publication of this information at this time will possibly cause more opinions to be issued by scientists on this matter.

It is suggested the Internal Security Division may wish to consider the above possibility with the Atomic Energy Commission before furnishing an opinion relative to releasing this information for publication.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 10, 1959

FROM : W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - DeLoach
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SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., et al.  
ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA

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W.C. Sullivan

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During trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg the main Government witness was David Greenglass, brother of Ethel. He was former Army sergeant stationed at Los Alamos during World War II who was recruited by Rosenberg and furnished information about the Atomic Bomb to Harry Gold and to Rosenberg. During testimony of Greenglass, 3 sketches were introduced into evidence. The first was a sketch of a lens mold which Greenglass said he gave to Rosenberg; the other 2 were sketches of a lens mold turned over to Harry Gold. These were not the original sketches but were prepared by Greenglass after his arrest as his recollection of the original sketches. Dr. Walter S. Koski, a physicist who was stationed at Los Alamos, testified that the sketches would be of assistance to a scientist working on the Atomic Bomb. Upon motion of Defense Attorney E. H. Bloch the sketches were impounded.

James Bishop is writing a book on case entitled, "The Time of the Traitors" which Bishop says will convince millions the Rosenbergs were guilty and fairly tried. Bishop wrote to the President requesting that he direct Atomic Energy Commission and Department of Justice to assist him in getting the impounded material released for inclusion in his book. The Internal Security Division by letter 3-9-59 forwarded Bishop's letter and stated a representative of that Division plans to view the evidence with a representative of Atomic Energy Commission, and Internal Security Division requests our opinion as to desirability of making the evidence public. The letter adds Judge Kaufman, trial judge, believes sketches could be made public but is not inclined to release them without assurances it would not be detrimental to our over-all security program.

The actual significance of these sketches has been a matter of speculation since the trial in 1951. Pro-Rosenberg advocates claim that Greenglass had insufficient scientific ability to prepare a sketch which would be of any assistance to the Soviets. Publication of these sketches would probably cause a flurry of opinions pro and con by scientists who are anxious for publicity and will provide another lever for more attacks against the Government's case.

ACTION:

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There is attached for your approval a letter to the Internal Security Division pointing out the possibility of more scientific opinions being provoked by publication of this material and suggesting the Internal Security Division consider this with the Atomic Energy Commission prior to furnishing any opinion relative to releasing this information.

Enclosure

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1 - Branigan

March 17, 1959

Honorable Irving R. Kaufman  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

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Dear Irving: *Kaufman*

With reference to our conversation yesterday I thought you would be interested in the following information pertaining to Irwin Edelman who placed an advertisement in "The Nation" for March 14, 1959, for a secretarial and editorial assistant to put in shape a book-length manuscript on never-disclosed facts in the Rosenberg case.

Edelman was born July 16, 1899, at Vitebsk, Russia, and became a naturalized United States citizen in 1934. He was a member of the Communist Party in 1946 and 1947 and reportedly was expelled for his criticism of the national leaders of the Communist Party.

is considered by his associates to be in sympathy with communist philosophy. He has been a "soapbox orator" and his speeches have criticized law enforcement and have been pro-Russian and anti-American. In November, 1953, information was received that Edelman was making overtures towards the Socialist Workers Party. However, there was some opposition within that Party to accept him. Members of his own family in the New York area refused to associate with him and him any further financial assistance due to his procommunist attitude. He resides at 215 Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York.

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Honorable Irving R. Kaufman

During 1952 and 1953 Edelman published pamphlets about the Rosenberg case in which he criticized the handling of the defense by Emanuel H. Bloch. He was expelled from the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case for his criticism. Since 1954 he has been making statements that he plans to write a book in the Rosenberg case.

Edelman is also the person in whose name an application for a writ of habeas corpus was filed before you on June 13, 1953, on behalf of the Rosenbergs. In this application he claimed that the Rosenbergs should have been tried under the Atomic Energy Act rather than the espionage statute. The defense counsel for the Rosenbergs refused to consent to the filing of this application. You denied this application on the grounds that Edelman had no standing to start such a proceeding. An application and a prayer for a stay of execution was made on June 16, 1953, to Mr. Justice Douglas of the United States Supreme Court and he granted a stay of execution on June 17, 1953. This stay was vacated by the United States Supreme Court on June 19, 1953.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely,

Edgar

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TO : A. H. Belmont

- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Lee

DATE: March 16, 1959

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ETHEL ROSENBERG  
ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA

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"The Nation" for 3-14-59 carries an advertisement by one Irwin Edelman, Post Office Box 463, New York, for a secretarial and editorial assistant to put in shape a book-length manuscript on never-disclosed facts in the Rosenberg case. The Director inquired, "What do we know about Edelman?"

Edelman is the subject of a Security Matter - Communist investigation and resides at 215 Gunhill Road, Bronx, New York. He is carried on the Security Index. He was born 7-16-99 at Visteski, Russia, and was naturalized in New York in 1934. He was a member of the Communist Party in 1946 and 1947 and was reportedly expelled for criticism of the national Communist Party leaders.

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Edelman is the person in whose name an application for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in District Court, Southern District of New York, on 6-13-53 on behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. This application claimed the Rosenbergs should have been tried under the Atomic Energy Act rather than the espionage statute. Rosenbergs' defense counsel

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: Julius Rosenberg  
Ethel Rosenberg  
65-58236

refused to consent to the filing of this application. The District Court denied the application on the grounds that Edelman had no standing to start such a proceeding. An application and a prayer for stay was made on 6-16-53 to Justice Douglas of the United States Supreme Court and he granted a stay of execution on 6-17-53. This stay was vacated by the United States Supreme Court on 6-19-53 and the Rosenbergs were executed.

**ACTION:**

For your information.

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I suggest a letter  
to Judge Kaufman  
giving him the  
background  
of this individual.  
Belmont is  
preparing

Done  
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U STATES DISTRICT  
CHAMBERS OF  
JUDGE IRVING R KAUFMAN  
UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

March 16, 1959

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*Martin*

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Edgar:

I received the enclosed from Jim Bishop.  
He advised me that it is a page from the March 14th  
issue of "The Nation" magazine. Note the advertise-  
ment of one Irwin Edelman. It looks like they will  
never stop.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

*letter was  
written to  
Judge Kaufman*

*Irving*

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Irving (Kaufman)

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
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Re Bulet, 2/19/59, concerning disposition of property listed in FD forms dated 2/1/59, submitted by the NYO to Bureau.

The Rosenberg file has been reviewed. It does not appear that HARRY GOLD's pipe was submitted in evidence at the trial and, in and of itself, it apparently has no evidentiary or investigative value. HARRY GOLD is clearly the owner of this pipe and it is suggested that the Bureau authorize its return to him. It does not appear that the Remington portable typewriter, obtained during the search incidental to the arrest of ROSENBERG, was submitted in evidence at the trial. It apparently has no evidentiary or investigative value at this time. However, if additional information is developed in the future concerning the Rosenberg network it could conceivably become very important and it is, therefore, suggested that the Bureau authorize its retention. The other items obtained at the time of the arrest of the ROSENBERGS which include the contents of the large shopping bag, the shell pin and the numerous keys, were not submitted in evidence at the trial. None of it would appear to have any evidentiary or investigative value and little intrinsic value. Bureau authority is requested to destroy this property with the possible exception of the roll film developing tank and the shell pin. The tank might be worth approximately \$10 or less. The pin is probably worth very little but could conceivably have some sentimental value although this is doubtful since no one has claimed it. In the case of the tank and the pin, the Bureau might consider the advisability of disposing of

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them in either of the following ways:

(1) Attempt to locate the ROSENBERG children and turn these items over to them.

(2) Consult the United States Attorney for authorization to turn the items over to the United States Marshal.

In connection with all of this property, consideration should be given to the fact that there are no attorneys presently assigned to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, who are familiar with the ROSENBERG case.

The property in the SARANT case consists of the bedroom door from Apartment 61, 61-65 Morton Street, New York City, together with its doorknob, hinges, and screws. This property was never used as evidence. It was obtained in March, 1951, from FLOYD ELWYN, JR., superintendent of the Morton Street property. It will be recalled that DAVID GREENGLASS advised espionage material had been photographed at the Morton Street apartment. The theory behind the obtaining of the door was that a frame for a camera had been attached to the door by a member or members of the ROSENBERG ring (probably either ALFRED SARANT or JOEL BARR) and that this camera had been used for photographing espionage material.

A series of holes in the door supported this theory but no further evidence was obtained in substantiation thereof. The door was not retained at the request of the United States Attorney.

ALFRED SARANT and JOEL BARR have both apparently been residing outside the United States

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for quite some time and there is no indication that they intend to ever return to this country.

On 1/8/57, FLOYD ELWYN, JR., executed a written authorization for SA RICHARD HRADSKY to dispose of the door as he saw fit. As previously noted, there are no attorneys presently assigned to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, who are familiar with the ROSENBERG case. In view of these considerations, it is felt that no useful purpose would be served by retaining the door, doorknob, hinges and screws.

UACB within two weeks of the date of this letter, arrangements will be made by the NYO for the destruction and/or disposal of this property, obtained from the Morton Street address.

SAC, New York

April 10, 1959

Director, FBI

**JULIUS ROSENBERG, aka. et al**  
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(New York File - 65-15348)

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**ALFRED E. SARANT**  
**ESPIONAGE - R**  
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Reurlet 4/2/59.

Bulet 2/19/59 instructed that you contact U. S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, and obtain his opinion pertaining to the possible use of items taken from the Rosenbergs at the time of arrest as well as items taken from the former apartment of Alfred Sarant in the event of further prosecution. You are also instructed to obtain his opinion concerning the disposition of articles not considered necessary for further prosecution.

Relet furnishes recommendations of your office regarding the disposition of these items with the exception of two items which have monetary and/or sentimental value in which case you recommend either giving the same to the Rosenberg children or obtaining authority from the U. S. Attorney to turn these articles over to the U. S. Marshal. The Bureau wants to have the opinion of the U. S. Attorney of the Southern District of New York regarding the disposition of all items before any of these items are disposed of or destroyed. You should, therefore, contact the U. S. Attorney in accordance with instructions in Bulet 2/19/59.

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NOTE: New York was instructed to contact U. S. Attorney for his opinion regarding the disposition of items. New York submitted the recommendations of that office pertaining to the disposition of these items and stated UACB the items would be destroyed or disposed of within two weeks of the date of this letter. It is felt that we should not dispose of these items

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Re: Julius Rosenberg  
(65-58236)  
Alfred E. Sarant  
(65-59242)*

*without consulting the U. S. Attorney. New York points out there are no Attorneys in the U. S. Attorney's office familiar with the Rosenberg case. We still believe it desirable to obtain the opinion of the U. S. Attorney.*

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59242)

4/27/59

SAC, NEW YORK (65-15360)

ALFRED E. SARANT  
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JULIUS ROSENBERG, aka.  
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ReBulet, 4/10/59, and NYO letter, 4/2/59.

The various items listed in referenced NYO letter were discussed on April 17, 1959, with SILVIO J. MOLLO, AUSA, SDNY.

Concerning HARRY GOLD's pipe and the various items taken from the ROSENBERGS at the time of their arrest, Mr. MOLLO requested the NYO to direct a letter to him listing these items. He indicated that upon receipt thereof, he would take up the question of the disposition of these items with the Security Division of the Department.

In connection with the door, doorknob, hinges and screws which were taken from the former apartment of ALFRED SARANT, Mr. MOLLO noted that these items have no apparent evidentiary value and that the FBI had been authorized to dispose of these items by the superintendent of the Morton Street property. He, therefore, expressed the opinion that these items could be destroyed.

UACB within two weeks of the date of this letter, the NYO will direct a letter to Mr. MOLLO as requested and will arrange for the destruction and/or disposal of the property obtained from the Morton Street address.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 6/23/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: *Forb*  
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JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al.  
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ReNYlet, dated 4/27/59, concerning the disposition of HARRY GOLD's pipe and the various items taken from the ROSENBERGS, at the time of their arrest.

The indicated letter was sent to AUSA SILVIO MOLLO, on 5/20/59. AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE recently advised that he has been assigned to handle this matter. He indicated that the decision concerning the disposition of the property will probably be delayed for awhile, since he desires to familiarize himself with the ROSENBERG Case prior to submitting the matter to the Security Division of the Department.

This matter will be followed with AUSA CUNNIFFE and Bureau will be advised.

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- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. D.E. ~~Wood~~ *W*
- Mr. Sizoo
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Bland
- Mr. Branigan
- Mr. Donahoe
- Mr. Roach
- Mr. Scatterday
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- Mr. Ferris, 7631
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- Translation Sec. 6228 IB
- Reading Room
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- Consolidation Unit
- Special Mail Room
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- Indicate Index reference
- Post in File & Destroy O-1
- Note File # & return R/S to
- Mrs. Dean
- Mrs. Pulley
- Miss Brittan
- Miss Martis
- Mrs. Henley
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- Please call me
- Please see me

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- Mr. Lenihan
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- Mr. Litrento
- Mr. Martin
- Mr. McDermott
- Mr. Meehan
- Mr. Norpel
- Mr. O'Neill
- Mr. Peasinger
- Mr. Stokes
- Mr. Torrillo
- Mr. Turner
- Mr. Turyn
- Mr. Vizas
- Mr. Wallace
- Mr. Whitson
- Mr. Youts

*We see no necessity to interview [redacted] since Rosenberg is dead. OK?*

*Note - written by Hennrich, Espionage Sec., Room*

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TO : Director, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: August 4, 1959

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (65-4350)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., Et Al  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: New York

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While talking with Mr. JOSEPH BRANSKY, District Supervisor, Narcotics Bureau in Philadelphia, on August 3, he advised me of information which had been furnished by an informant of the Narcotics Bureau regarding a conversation which the informant had with JULIUS ROSENBERG at the time he was incarcerated in the Federal Detention House in New York City.

The informant is one [redacted] whose address is [redacted] Street, [redacted] Virginia, telephone [redacted] according to BRANSKY, was an informant used by the Narcotics Bureau on the first occasion when they were able to make a case on [redacted]

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BRANSKY said that he was talking with [redacted] some time after he was released from the Federal Detention House, and during the conversation [redacted] mentioned that he was in the Federal Detention House in New York City at the same time as JULIUS ROSENBERG. That [redacted] had said on one occasion when he was in the exercise yard with ROSENBERG, he had engaged him in conversation, and asked him how he, as a Jew and as a citizen of the United States Government, could do what he had done, and how could he justify his actions.

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ROSENBERG at first ignored him, and then stated that he believed that they (referring to the Russians) were "right;" whereupon [redacted] said to ROSENBERG, "Well, if you believe that their way is right, why don't you go to Russia to live?" ROSENBERG replied "They wouldn't let me come to Russia to live."

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BRANSKY related the above incident as of possible interest to the Bureau. He said that in the event the Bureau desires to interview ██████████ regarding this conversation, he has no objection, and that should ██████████ be reluctant to talk to Agents, BRANSKY's name could be used in talking with him. As a matter of fact, he suggested ██████████ might want to call him by phone, in which event he would tell him to relate any information which he had to Bureau Agents. b7cD

██████████ is apparently identical with the subject of a case entitled ██████████ in which the Baltimore office was origin, and which investigation was conducted during 1947. b7cD

The above is submitted to the Bureau for its information. A copy of this letter is being designated to the Richmond office in the event the Bureau desires to have ██████████ interviewed. b7cD

Date 8/1/59

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Title and Character of Case  
JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired 7/7/50 Source From Which Property Acquired APERTMENT OF JULIUS ROSENBERG 10 MONROE ST., NYC, APT 11-GR

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit VAULT Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same  
RETAIN AS EVIDENCE-POTENTIAL EVIDENTIARY VALUE OF  
PROPERTY AS IT RELATES TO POSSIBLE PROSECUTIVE ACTION  
AGAINST VARIOUS PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS OF ROSENBERG  
ESPIONAGE RING.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same  
SA W. NORTON

- One large paper shopping bag with handles containing the following:
- One can of Kodak acid fixer.
  - One can of Kodak microdol developer.
  - One small funnel.
  - One large glass graduate measuring jar.
  - One adjustable roll film developing tank.
  - One stainless steel thermometer.
  - One paper bag from Willoughby Camera Shop, NYC, containing a stirrer.
  - One small cloth bag containing 38 miscellaneous keys.

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Title and Character of Case  
JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired 8/11/50 Source From Which Property Acquired  
ETHEL ROSENBERG, 10 MONROE ST., NYC

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit VAULT Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same  
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same SA John A. Harrington

A shell clasped pin - white and pink  
A norwalk key number B311545 for Apt. G-11, 10 Monroe St., NYC.  
A Brass Independent Lock Key 1022 for apartment of Bernard Greenglass.  
An Eagle Lock Company key marked "Rothstein," 253 Rivington, and a Presto Key and the eagle lock key #8367M.  
A Crest New York luggage key and a Yalo luggage Key #829.

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Title and Character of Case

**JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
ESP - R**

Date Property Acquired <b>7/7/50</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>APARTMENT OF JULIUS ROSENBERG, 10 MONROE ST., NYC, APT 11-GE</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <b>VAULT</b>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <b>RETAIN AS EVIDENCE</b>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same <b>SA W.F. NORTON</b>	

One Remington portable typewriter, Serial No. V-290917. On the face of the typewriter is scratched the following: EVELYNE MARCH.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 8/12/59

FROM : *Forb* SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, Et Al  
ESPIONAGE - R

ReNYlet dated 6/23/59, concerning the disposition of exhibits in captioned case.

AUSA, EDWARD R. CUNIFFE, was contacted on 8/10/59, and advised that he has not completed his review of this matter as yet.

This matter will be followed with AUSA, CUNIFFE.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka. NATIONAL ROSENBERG - SOBELL COMMITTEE</b> <i>Julius Rosenberg</i>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA AVERY DACUS</b>	TYPED BY <b>jfg</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

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REFERENCE:  
Report of SA JOHN G. CALLAHAN, Jr., captioned as above, dated 1/26/59, at Chicago.

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Will continue to follow and report the activities of the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee and the Chicago Sobell Committee.

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One copy of the letterhead memorandum has been made available to G-2, ONI and OSI with copies of attached report.

This report has been classified confidential because it contains data furnished by [REDACTED] regarding Sobell activities of Chicago, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of this informant of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof. b2 b7D

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Report of: SA AVERY DACUS  
Date: AUG 6, 1959

Office: CHICAGO

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Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO  
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE  
ROSENBERG CASE, aka.  
NATIONAL ROSENBERG -  
SOBELL COMMITTEE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Synopsis:

Chicago Sobell Committee, (CSC), as of 7/17/59, continued to operate out of office 1301 in the Great Northern Office Building, 20 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. Activity regarding CSC's bank account and identity and information concerning CSC officers and volunteers set forth. HAVEN PERKINS, Midwest paid Sobell representative during the first part of December, 1958, was dismissed by CSC and action was upheld by National Sobell Committee. CSC reportedly has no full-time employees, and is operated by a volunteer group which does programing and fund raising. In 2/21/59, CSC held an affair at which HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, was the featured speaker, and in 5/59, coordinated Midwest tour for Reverend ERWIN GAEDE, Minister of the Unitarian Society of Westwood, Los Angeles, California, who toured some Midwestern cities in support of clemency appeal for MORTON SOBELL.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Congress of American Women (CAW)

Communist Party, USA (CP, USA)

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The following organizations mentioned in this report have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Chicago Council of American -  
Soviet Friendship (CCASF)

Chicago Sobell Committee

Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's  
Clubs

Lightfoot Defense Committee (LDC)

Midwest Committee for Protection of  
Foreign Born

National Lawyers Guild

"Praga Press"



I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Location

The Chicago Sobell Committee, (CSC), as of July 17, 1959, continued to operate out of Office 1301 in the Great Northern Office Building, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. The CSC signed a new lease with the United States General Services Administration, (GSA), Chicago, Illinois, which is currently operating the above building on April 1, 1959. This lease was co-signed by DAVID SOLTNER and SYLVIA LEVINSON for the CSC.

EUGENE THISSEN, Chief  
of Acquisition and  
Disposal, GSA, Chicago,  
Illinois, July 17, 1959

Officials and CSC Volunteers

In June, 1959, the following individuals were listed as officers of the CSC in the CSC bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois:

RUTH ROTHSTEIN - Chairman

DAVID SOLTNER - Secretary

(CG T-1, 6/10/59)

The above information and that in the "Finances" section regarding the CSC bank account can not be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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On May 18, 1959, source who has been active in CSC affairs advised that DAVID SOLTNER, Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER, SYLVIA LEVINSON, [REDACTED] 67D

[REDACTED] are in a group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programing in Chicago. Source said that this group has no full-time employees and that to his knowledge none of the Chicago Sobell volunteers have national positions or titles. Source said that inquiries concerning National Sobell work are handled by the National Office of the Sobell Committee in New York City, New York.

(CG T-2, 5/18/59)

Source advised on December 5, 1958, that HAVEN PERKINS was Midwest representative for the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, from 1956 to December, 1958.

(CG T-3, 12/5/58)

Source advised on February 6, 1959, that HAVEN PERKINS during the first part of December, 1958, was dismissed as the Midwest paid Sobell representative by the CSC, and this action was upheld by the National Office of the Sobell Committee. The National Office in upholding the dismissing of PERKINS stated that PERKINS had done a good job in contacting eminent officials and educators in various cities to sponsor petitions and publications in behalf of MORTON SOBELL, but as of that time the National Office was more interested in raising funds and PERKINS was not doing a good job in this.

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Information Concerning CSC  
Officers and Volunteers

RUTH ROTHSTEIN  
nee Merson

On August 1, 1951, [REDACTED] 67CD  
Cleveland, Ohio, a self admitted former member of the CP in Ohio, from 1944 until 1950, stated that he knew RUTH MERSON (RUTH ROTHSTEIN) to have been a member and active in the affairs of the CP, but that he, [REDACTED] was unable to supply specific dates relating to her membership in the CP.

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VICTOR DE COVITCH, a self admitted former member of the CP, in testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 14, 1950, stated that in July, 1950, RUTH MERSON, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union Staff Member, was a CP member in the Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America in the Ohio area.

HEDDA BASKER

HEDDA BASKER as of February 25, 1959, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Council of American - Soviet Friendship, (CCASF).

(CG T-5, 2/25/59)

ROBERT BASKER

ROBERT BASKER was in attendance at a CCASF affair held at his home, 5010 Jarlath Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, to raise funds on November 16, 1958.

(CG T-5, 11/17/58)

BORIS BRAIL

BORIS BRAIL was a Communist Party, (CP), member and a member of the Finance Committee of the CP of Illinois during 1957.

(CG T-6, 2/5/58)

PHILIP BRAIL

PHILIP BRAIL on April 9, 1958, attended a function of the CCASF held at 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-2, 4/17/58)

Dr. LEO GOLDMAN

Dr. LEO GOLDMAN was a member of the CP of Illinois as of June, 1957.

(CG T-7, 7/1 and 2/57)

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Mrs. LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN

Mrs. LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN was a member of the CP of Illinois as of June, 1957.

(CG T-7, 7/1 and 2/57)

SYLVIA LEVINSON

Information furnished in 1949 indicated that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was vice chairman of the Congress of American Women, (CAW).

(CG T-8, 3/17/59)


HAVEN PERKINS

HAVEN PERKINS on March 13, 1957, at a meeting of the CP held in his home at St. Louis, Missouri resigned from the CP. PERKINS stated that he was resigning because he wanted to go into "mass" work where he could do the most good.

(CG T-9, 3/13/57)

DAVID SOLTNER

On February 18, 1955, DAVID SOLTNER attended a meeting of the Lightfoot Defense Committee, (LDC), at the Pershing Hotel, 6400 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

 Chicago, Illinois, a member of the CP from 1944 to about 1948, (2/18/55) b7c

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Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKER

On May 10, 1958, GERTRUDE SOLTKER was chairman of a CSC meeting held at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-10, 5/13/58)

ERWIN SALK

Source advised in February, 1953, that he had learned from the finances secretary, CP District Number 8, that the CP in Chicago depended on ERWIN SALK for sizeable monetary contributions to the CP during 1952, in addition to the support he gave to organization funds.

(CG T-11, 2/53)

Mrs. ERWIN (EVELYN) SALK

On November 20, 1954, Mrs. EVELYN SALK attended a National Lawyers Guild banquet with her husband, ERWIN SALK, held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-12, 12/9/54)

Finances

The following information regarding the CSC's bank account maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, was furnished by CG T-1 on the dates indicated:

November, 1958

Opening Balance - \$371.66  
Closing Balance - \$392.92

In November, 1958, one check for \$63.61, issued to HAVEN PERKINS was cleared through the University National Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

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In November, 1958, one check for \$100.00 issued to Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was cleared through Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

In November, 1958, one check for \$23.00 issued to "Praga Press" was cleared through the Kaspar American Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 12/9/58)

December, 1958

Opening Balance - \$392.92  
Closing Balance - \$219.82

In December, 1958, one check for \$51.14 issued to Great Northern Properties, Inc., (office rent), was cleared through the American National Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

In December, 1958, one check for \$66.07 issued to HAVEN PERKINS was cleared through the Southeast National Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

In December, 1958, one check for \$10.73 issued to the Minnesota Sobell Committee was cleared through the Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

(CG T-1, 1/13/59)

January, 1959

Opening Balance - \$219.82  
Closing Balance - \$500.63

In January, 1959, one check for \$51.15 issued to Great Northern Properties, Inc., was cleared through the American National Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 2/11/59)

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February, 1959

Opening Balance - \$500.63  
Closing Balance - \$578.63

In February, 1959, one check for \$150.00 issued to Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was cleared through Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

In February, 1959, two checks each for \$51.14 issued to Great Northern Properties, Inc., were cleared through the American National Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

In February, 1959, one check for \$11.80 issued to "Praga Press" was cleared through Kaspar American Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 3/11/59)

March, 1959

Opening Balance - \$578.63  
Closing Balance - \$448.63

In March, 1959, one check for \$150.00 issued to Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was cleared through the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

In March, 1959, one check for \$100.00 issued to EARL ROBINSON was cleared through a New York bank.

(CG T-1, 4/9/59)

EARL ROBINSON, a ~~walk~~folk singer, entertained at CSC affair on February 21, 1959.

(CG T-2, 2/26/59)

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April, 1959

Opening Balance - \$448.63  
Closing Balance - \$655.40

In April, 1959, one check for \$51.14 issued to United States General Services Administration, (office rent), was cleared through Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

In April, 1959, one check for \$2.00 issued to Los Angeles Sobell Committee was cleared through Security First National Bank, Los Angeles, California.

(CG T-1, 5/20/59)

May, 1959

Opening Balance - \$655.40  
Closing Balance - \$528.88

In May, 1959, one check for \$150.00 issued to ERWIN A. GAEBE was cleared through the First National Bank, Los Angeles, California.

In May, 1959, one check for \$21.50 issued to MARJORIE SWABECK was cleared through the National Bank of Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois, (MARJORIE SWABECK is characterized subsequently in this report).

In May, 1959, two checks, one for \$3.37 and one for \$17.00 issued to Los Angeles Sobell Committee were cleared through the Security First National Bank, Los Angeles, California.

In May, 1959, one check for \$13.00 issued to "Praga Press" was cleared through the Kaspar American Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 6/10/59)



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Reverend ERWIN A. GAEDE, Minister of the Unitarian Society of Westwood, Los Angeles, California, visited the CSC and several other Sobell Committees in the midwest during May, 1959 on a tour in support of clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

(CG T-2, 4/14/59)

Source on February 16, 1959, advised that the CSC during the period January through September, 1958, contributed \$2,056.47 to the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

(CG T-13, 2/16/59)

## II. ACTIVITIES

A National Sobell Committee document prepared by the National Staff, dated December 10, 1958, was made available on December 12, 1958. This document states that the staff has followed the suggestions made at the work meeting held at Chicago that noted Americans already interested in the Sobell case be asked to send a letter to other eminent individuals inviting them to participate in a Commission of Inquiry. According to the document, an effective letter has been written and has been signed by Professor MALCOLM SHARP and others, and this letter will be mailed to appropriate persons throughout the country.

The document states that the Chicago Committee has reported excellent results in the Christmas amnesty appeal for clemency for MORTON SOBELL being circulated by eminent persons in that area. According to the document approximately 80 people have signed this impressive appeal. The document states that the matter of the signers seeking an appointment with the president was still being discussed by the National Staff.

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The document also states that the question of placing the Chicago appeal as an ad in the New York Times as well as the Chicago newspapers was also being considered.

(CG T-4, 12/12/58)

MALCOLM SHARP

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former editor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, advised SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, Jr., in 1951 that MALCOLM SHARP in the early 1940s was a Communist. BUDENZ claimed that SHARP, if questioned, would probably deny CP membership. BUDENZ advised that SHARP cooperated with the CP in various activities and in political affairs.

During a meeting of the Riverdale Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs held on January 6, 1959, at 4656 North Central Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, copies of an appeal that had appeared in the neighborhood newspaper, "The Sunday Star", dated December 28, 1958, captioned, "Appeal to the President on Behalf of Morton Sobell", were made available to all of those present. The appeal was described in the paper as being a copy of an appeal that had been sent to President EISENHOWER on December 15, 1958, containing the signatures of almost 100 prominent persons in the Chicago area. Everyone present was urged to sign their names in the appropriate place provided on the appeal, and send the appeal to President EISENHOWER.

(CG T-14, 1/9/59)

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Source advised on January 27, 1959, that he had learned from CLARA PERKINS that the appeal to President EISENHOWER petition idea of the CSC on behalf of MORTON SOBELL originated as an idea of CLARA PERKINS. According to source CLARA PERKINS stated that the appeal was drawn up and the names of 17 prominent people were obtained to encourage others to sign, and then it was presented to a wider group for signatures.

(CG T-4, 1/27/59)

CLARA PERKINS

On March 13, 1959, at a meeting of the CP in St. Louis, Missouri, held in her home, CLARA PERKINS resigned from the CP. The reason given by CLARA PERKINS for her resignation was that she wanted to get into "mass" work where she felt she could do the most good.

(CG T-9, 3/13/57)

On January 27, 1959, a letter from the National Office of the Sobell Committee, New York City was made available. This letter suggested that any help for the Midwest Sobell group would be discussed with DAVID SOLTNER, since what is needed in the Midwest is a more co-ordinated effort. It was also pointed out that some help might give Chicago some encouragement.

(CG T-4, 1/27/59)

On February 21, 1959, the CSC held an affair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. ERWIN SALK, 819 West Gunnison, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 60 people were in attendance at this affair. Entertainment was provided by EARL ROBINSON, a well known folk song composer and singer. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL was the featured speaker. She gave a report on the activities of the Sobell Committee in widely separated parts of the United States. She announced that Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, noted physicist and Nobel

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Prize recipient now a California resident was to speak at a dinner on March 13, 1959, in San Francisco in honor of Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, a former chaplan of Alcatraz Prison. She said that Reverend MC CORMACK became acquainted with MORTON SOBELL while MORTON SOBELL was at Alcatraz and that Reverend MC CORMACK became convinced that MORTON was innocent. She stated that Reverend MC CORMACK was subsequently dismissed from the position at Alcatraz because of his belief in MORTON's innocence.

HELEN stated that as a result of her visits to Atlanta, Georgia to visit MORTON SOBELL in the Atlanta Penitentiary, several important groups in Atlanta have scheduled her to speak for them in April, 1959.

HELEN SOBELL announced that the National Sobell Office now has attorneys in Washington, D.C. contacting Congress. She held up a letter which she stated a Sobell Committee attorney had received from the newly elected Congressman WILLIAM MEYER of Vermont. She stated that Congressman MEYER stated he was not familiar with the facts of the SOBELL case, and that he could be wrong but in his opinion MORTON SOBELL was innocent. She said that Senator MEYER indicated he felt a committee should study the entire case and render an opinion.

HELEN SOBELL announced that the Sobell Committee now has two attorneys in England doing research in connection with the Sobell case, and that they have indicated "there may be developments". She said that these attorneys have had to stay longer than anticipated, and pointed out that this was costing the Sobell Committee a load of money.

SYLVIA LEVINSON, DAVID SOLTNER and PHILIP BRAIL discussed contacting EUGENE FELDMAN to arrange for a Sobell meeting.

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BORIS BRAIL gave a collection speech and urged everyone to make a contribution to the Sobell Committee. Several \$50.00 donations were received and a few \$10.00 donations.

(CG T-2, 2/26/59)

EUGENE FELDMAN

During December, 1957, and January, 1958, EUGENE FELDMAN conducted a series of Negro history study groups for individuals of the CP within the Southside section of the Illinois CP District.

(CG T-15, 12/16/58)

On March 10, 1959, a letter captioned, "City-To City Week for Sobell --- A Plan of Cross-Country Action for Consideration by National Sobell Committee Members", was made available. This letter proposed a cross-country plan of action for the local Sobell Committees. According to this plan every city having a Sobell group was, in addition to its regular activities, to designate one special week for an all out drive for the Sobell case between then and June 19, 1959. The plan stated that during this week the local committees would be visited by a national or regional representative and this official would be at the local groups disposal for visiting community leaders, fund raising, speaking at affairs, getting people to write to Washington, and enlisting additional active committee members, etc.

According to the plan the program would be geared on a regional basis with the national staff members and other persons willing to make such a tour for the Sobell Committee participating.

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The plan stated that the midwest area needed the most attention at that time, and the national staff would cooperate with Chicago in arranging for representatives to visit Milwaukee, Twin Cities, St. Louis, New Orleans, Detroit, Cleveland, Akron, Dallas and Houston, during this selected week between then and June 19, 1959.

(CG T-2, 3/10/59)

Source advised on April 30, 1959, that he had learned that the CSC was planning a Midwest speaking tour by Reverend ERWIN GAEDE of California. Source said the plans called for Reverend Gaede to visit several midwestern cities where there are Sobell Committees and help these committees step up their work on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

(CG T-16, 4/30/59)

On May 6, 1959, page 9, columns 3 and 4, of the Hyde Park Herald, a Chicago neighborhood newspaper, carried the following announcement:

"PUBLIC MEETING

"Rev. Erwin A. Gaede, Minister of the Unitarian Society of Westwood, Los Angeles, California; Co-Chairman of National Clergymen's Appeal will speak on

'PRISONER ON OUR CONSCIENCE:  
THE CASE FOR MORTON SOBELL'

Hear why leading clergymen, attorneys and scientists are requesting President Eisenhower to grant Executive Clemency in the interests of American justice and scientific achievement to Morton Sobell, young scientist, husband and father, who while proclaiming his innocence, has served 8 years of a 30 year sentence, imposed during a period of wartime hysteria.

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WED., MAY 13, 8:30 P.M.  
CHAPEL OF K.A.M. TEMPLE  
930 E. 50th ST.

Donation 75¢

Auspices Chicago Sobell Committee"

Source advised on May 11, 1959, that he had learned that DAVE of the CSC had been in contact with the Sobell group in Detroit concerning whether or not the Detroit groups would like to participate in Reverend GAEDE's midwestern tour. Source stated that Detroit advised that they would be unable to participate in the tour.

(CG T-4, 5/11/59)

On May 11, 1959, source advised that he had learned that DAVID SOLTNER of the CSC had been in contact with the Sobell group in Minnesota concerning whether or not they would like to participate in Reverend GAEDE's midwestern tour for MORTON SOBELL. Source stated that the Minnesota group advised they would be happy to have Reverend GAEDE for two days and if possible they would like to have him for a longer time.

(CG T-4, 5/11/59)

On May 13, 1959, a CSC meeting was held at 1147 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 50 people attended this meeting. The main theme of the meeting was clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

PHILIP BRAIL urged everyone present to write to Senator FRANK MOSS of Utah and thank him for his wonderful work, help and personal interest in the SOBELL case, and urge that the SOBELL case be reviewed again by the Supreme Court on the basis that

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SOBELL's conviction was a miscarriage of justice and a basic denial of elementary rights. BRAIL also requested everyone present to write to other senators and urge them to request clemency for SOBELL.

Reverend ERWIN A. GAEDE, featured speaker for the meeting, stated he believed everyone present was familiar with the facts of the SOBELL case, and in view of the fact that the main interest of the group was to obtain clemency for MORTON SOBELL and shorten his sentence, he would like for all of the attorneys present to make suggestions as to how they thought this objective could best be accomplished. A number of law professors from the University of Chicago stated that they thought this objective could best be accomplished by bringing pressure on the Supreme Court for a review of the SOBELL case.

PEARL HART said that the main thing was to get SOBELL out of prison, then worry about the review by the Supreme Court because once he is out, he can take the Fifth Amendment, and it will be harder to put him back in prison.

(CG T-17, 5/14/59)

PEARL HART

PEARL HART at the annual conference of the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born held in Chicago, Illinois on March 17, 1959, was retained as general counsel for the MCPFD.

(CG T-18, 3/29/57)



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Reverend ERWIN GAEDE on May 14, 1959, spoke before a group of Socialist youth on the campus of the University of Chicago. The topic of Reverend GAEDE's speech was "Prisoner On Their Conscience, MORTON SOBELL".

Reverend GAEDE stated that it would have been impossible for anyone accused of treason to have received a fair trial under the conditions that prevailed at the time of MORTON SOBELL's trial. According to GAEDE many lawyers feel that the case should have been dismissed by the judge and that SOBELL should have been tried separately.

Reverend GAEDE announced that he was on a national tour attempting to organize a petition campaign among clergymen to petition President EISENHOWER for SOBELL's release.

(CG T-19, 5/20/59)

On May 16, 1959, the CSC held a meeting at the home of Dr. LEO GOLDMAN, 706 Forest Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. PHILIP BRAIL opened the meeting. He stated that there is a great need to educate the people concerning SOBELL. He read a letter which he stated had been sent by Senator FRANK MOSS of Utah to President EISENHOWER requesting that President EISENHOWER consider reopening the SOBELL case.

Reverend GAEDE stated that he had felt that he had accomplished a great deal while in Chicago. He mentioned that he had contacted unions, newspapers and had met with a group of ministers in Chicago headed by ALVA TOMPKINS. He said that TOMPKINS and STEPHAN LOVE are planning to get out mail to 1500 ministers in Chicago urging them to join the clergymen's appeal for MORTON SOBELL.

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A collection was taken during the meeting. It was learned that over \$200.00 was received. It was mentioned that one individual gave \$100.00.

During the discussion concerning Reverend GAEDE's midwest tour it was learned that it had cost \$350.00 including meals and that Cleveland had contributed \$75.00 toward his expenses.

DAVID SOLTNER deplored the fact that the CSC has no paid representatives who could contact the thousands of people in Chicago who must be aroused on the behalf of SOBELL. He mentioned that the CSC had such a representative when it first started and indicated it would be better now to have a paid representative instead of depending upon volunteers.

(CG T-2, 5/18/59)

Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS

On June 13, 1959, Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS attended a Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, (MCPFB), dinner at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-25, 6/17/59)

STEPHEN LOVE

In 1950, STEPHEN LOVE was a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

(CG T-20, 4/7/52)

III. CSC LITERATURE

On January 14, 1959, a CSC news letter signed by DAVID L. SOLTNER dated January, 1959, was made available. The letter is addressed to "Dear Friend", and reflects that SOLTNER was happy to report on the "appeal to the president." According to SOLTNER almost 100 Chicagoans signed the appeal requesting clemency for SOBELL and the appeals, bound in a handsome volume, with a letter from Mr. STEPHEN LOVE were sent to President EISENHOWER on December 15, 1958. He stated a copy of the material was also sent to the United States Pardon Attorney, Mr. REED COZART, in Washington, D.C.

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SOLTKER states in the letter that in addition STEPHEN LOVE sent press releases to several hundred newspapers along with a personal letter requesting the editors to make a study of the SOBELL case. Also two large advertisements concerning the appeal were placed in two of Chicago's largest neighborhood newspapers, "The North Side Sunday Star" and "The South Side Hyde Park Herald". According to the letter the advertisements were paid for by volunteer contributions.

The letter concludes by saying the CSC existed incorporated in every respect with the original sponsors of the appeal, "we all share a deep sacrifice with this appeal together with other appeals and efforts in behalf of MORTON SOBELL will eventually make it impossible to deny him his just freedom".

An envelope was inclosed with the letter requesting the recipient to make a contribution for the work of the CSC.

(CG T-2, 1/14/59)

On February 20, 1959, a leaflet announcing a folk opera entitled "Sandhog" which was to be presented by the CSC on March 5, 1959, at University Theater, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois was made available. Leaflet states tickets were to be \$2.25 and urges the recipient to attend this affair.

(CG T-2, 2/20/59)

On February 20, 1959, a CSC news letter, dated February 14, 1959, signed by DAVID L. SOLTKER was made available. This letter sets out the following information received from the National Sobell Committee. A letter has been mailed to a list of noted Americans by a group of eminent persons who ask that a commission of inquiry be independently established. It is hoped that the response will be such as to result in a group of people undertaking an objective and independent study of the case.

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Our attorneys are currently undertaking a very important aspect of the legal research with the hope of finding new material of value.

Our attorneys expect they will enter the courts again within the next few months. They will move on the question of an illegal sentence. A recent Supreme Court decision greatly strengthened this action.

Beginning this week on alternate weeks for a two month period there will be a Sobell representative in Washington, D.C. to discuss the case with Senators, Congressmen and national organizations.

In conclusion the letter states that after rating the finance problems of the national committee it was embarrassing to discuss the CSC finances, however, the CSC is doing something about its finances. The CSC is holding an affair on February 21, 1959, at which HELEN SOBELL will be the special guest and is presenting a folk opera entitled "Sandhog" on March 5, 1959, at Northwestern University.

(CG T-2, 2/2/59)

On March 4, 1959, source furnished a one page CSC news letter dated March 1, 1959, signed by DAVID L. SOLTNER. This letter restates some of the things HELEN SOBELL said at the February 21, 1959, CSC affair held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. ERWIN SALK.

The letter states that it was expected that a special national appeal by clergymen would be initiated at the PETER MC CORMACK affair which was to be held in California on March 5, 1959 by announcement of an appeal to the president by leading clergymen on the East coast.

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The letter reflects that the Chicago appeal published recently in two neighborhood newspapers has been most favorably received and mentioned that this appeal may also appear as an advertisement in a major New York newspaper if the necessary finances can be raised. The letter states that an independent letter signed by a group of eminent Americans was being sent to noted individuals throughout the country requesting that they participate in a commission of inquiry. According to the letter the commission of inquiry could study the entire SOBELL case objectively and arrive at an objective conclusion.

The letter says that a request was made to the United States Supreme Court on February 13, 1959, for the court to recommend new legislation reversing an 1886 Supreme Court ruling which has been interpreted to mean that a person can be put on trial in the United States even if kidnapped from another country. The letter also mentions that a memorandum has been submitted to the Senate Subcommittee on American Republics Affairs, and that antagonism of Mexico over the kidnapping of SOBELL from Mexico was described in this memorandum. The letter urges its recipient to write to the subcommittee in Washington, D.C. in support of this memorandum.

The letter concludes with a reminder that the CSC presentation of the folk opera entitled "Sandhog" will be held on March 5, 1959, and requests a contribution for the CSC.

(CG T-2, 3/4/59)

On April 14, 1959, a CSC news letter dated April, 1959, signed by DAVID L. SOLTNER was made available. This letter sets out information received from other Sobell Committees.

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The letter states that the CSC was in the process of arranging for a midwest tour for Reverend ERWIN GAEDE of Los Angeles. According to the letters Reverend GAEDE, together with Reverend MC CORMACK was one of the initiators of the new National Clergymen's Appeal and Reverend GAEDE has generously consented to travel in the midwest on a 17 day tour in May, 1959. The letter states that the CSC has invited the Sobell groups in Milwaukee, St. Louis, Twin Cities, Detroit and Cleveland to participate in Reverend GAEDE's tour.

The letter states that Reverend GAEDE during his tour will speak at meetings, meet with committees, and speak about the SOBELL case with leading persons in the various cities he will visit.

The letter encloses an envelope for the recipient requesting a contribution for the CSC to carry on its work.

(CG T-2, 4/14/59)

On May 11, 1959, a leaflet announcing a CSC meeting to hear ERWIN A. GAEDE, Minister of the Westwood Unitarian Society of Los Angeles, was made available. Leaflet stated that Reverend GAEDE was touring the midwest gathering support for the National Appeal by Clergymen in behalf of MORTON SOBELL and his family. According to the leaflet the meeting at which Reverend GAEDE was to speak was to be held on May 10, 1959, at Dr. and Mrs. LEO GOLDMAN's residence, 706 Forest Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. The leaflet also announces that Reverend GAEDE would appear on May 13, 1959, in the chapel of Kam Temple, 930 East 50th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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On May 14, 1959, a leaflet captioned "Appeal to the President on Behalf of Morton Sobell", setting out the names of 39 West Coast clergymen as its initiators; a reprint of an independent plea for MORTON SOBELL made by seven prominent East Coast persons, published in the New York Times on February 22, 1959, and a mimeographed letter signed by Reverend PETER MC CORMACK and ERWIN A. GAEDE were made available. This material requested the recipient to add his name to the clergymen's appeal for clemency for MORTON SOBELL. This material was distributed at a Minnesota meeting on January 13, 1959, in Chicago.

(CG T-21, 5/14/59)

On May 18, 1959, a leaflet entitled "Text of a Statement on the Morton Sobell case" by CARLTON BEALS, described as an authentic lecturer authority on Mexico and the Caribbean area and former consultant to the United States Government on Mexico was made available. This statement was circulated by the CSC in Chicago during May, 1959. This statement sets out some data alleged to be facts concerning the SOBELL case and calls SOBELL's conviction a "brazen denial of elementary rights and so absurd it's incredible." A postscript on the statement licensed HELEN SOBELL to use the statement as she wished.

(CG T-2, 5/18/59)

On June 8, 1959, a CSC letter dated May 6, 1959, signed by DAVID L. SOLTKER was made available. This letter stated that making arrangements and co-ordinating Reverend GAEDE's visit to Chicago and the midwest demanded so much time that it was decided to combine the contribution request for May and June, 1959. The letter briefly comments concerning the midwest tour of Reverend GAEDE and states that as a result of his tour a group in Chicago has decided to sponsor a request to every clergyman in the Chicago area to join in an appeal to the president on behalf of SOBELL.

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The letter concludes with a request for a contribution to the CSC for May and June.

(CG T-2, 6/8/59)

IV. SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

During a meeting of a Hyde Park Section CP Club, CP of Illinois, held February 12, 1959, in Chicago, it was announced that there would be a play presented on March 5, 1959, at Evanston, Illinois, entitled the "Sandhog", under the sponsorship of the CSC. Everyone present stated that they would attend this affair.

(CG T-22, 2/18/59)

V. SUPPORT OF THE SOCIALISTS WORKERS PARTY

During a meeting of the Chicago Branch SWP on December 3, 1958, held at SWP headquarters in Chicago, ISADORE WARWAK, an SWP member, gave a report on the CSC. He said that at the present time volunteers in Chicago were attempting to get people to sign an appeal to the president requesting Christmas amnesty for MORTON SOBELL. He urged all those present to sign this appeal.

(CG T-19, 12/15/58)

(CG T-23, 12/4/58)

During a Chicago Branch SWP meeting held on May 13, 1959 at SWP Headquarters in Chicago, ISADORE WARWAK announced that the CSC needed someone to get out some literature and that MARGE SWABECK, a SWP member, was hired to get out this literature.

(CG T-24, 5/14/59)



A P P E N D I X

ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

The following organizations and/or publications, which have been utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450, are characterized in the attached appendix pages.

CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

EDWIN GORDON FOX, 7147 Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, (now deceased), made available in January, 1954, the "First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated, "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was validated August 11 (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board."

A source advised on June 20, 1956, that at an Executive Committee meeting of the CCASF, an officer of the organization stated that the aims of the Council were peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U. S. S. R.

A second source advised on May 11, 1959, that the CCASF continues to use its facilities for the purpose of propagandizing for international peace and cultural exchange with the U. S. S. R. This source advised that even though the CCASF claims to be autonomous, leaders of the group are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

Cited as one of the local organizations active in the Communist propaganda campaign exploiting atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p.72.).

EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF  
JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS (ELFJWC)

"The Jewish Fraternalist" dated October, 1947, self-identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on page six, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report on the national convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted the ELD changed its name to ELFJWC and adopted a new constitution.

The current address of the national office of ELFJWC is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

Both the IWO and the JPFO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

The "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, in its issue of December 9, 1956, page seven, column one, in an editorial, referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as a Jewish-language Communist paper.

LIGHTFOOT DEFENSE COMMITTEE (LDC)

On May 7, 1956, a source advised that the Lightfoot Defense Committee was formed in the fall of 1954 by the Communist Party (CP), for the purpose of publicizing the arrest of CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, USA, under the Smith Act of 1940, and to raise funds for his defense.

The Lightfoot Defense Committee continued to operate under the direction of the CP until March, 1956, at which time the CP broadened the scope of the organization and formed the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC), thereby dissolving the Lightfoot Defense Committee.

A source advised on May 3, 1957, that the CJDC was formed by the CP in March, 1956. The majority of the current leadership of the CJDC are known to the source as current CP members.

Another source on May 15, 1957, furnished a "Memorandum: Annual Budget Estimate - Summary" on the letterhead of the CJDC dated May 13, 1957. In summarizing the past work of this committee, it was stated that its work included "carrying the Lightfoot case--first test of the Smith Act 'membership' provision--to the Supreme Court; assisting in defense of the rights of foreign born Americans; opposition to Congressional witchhunts; opposition to anti-labor laws; defense of civil rights; assistance to families of victims of political persecution."

The same letter listed the future work of the committee as including the "concentrating on helping develop an informational campaign on the Taft-Hartley 'conspiracy case,' on current civil rights struggles;" and work on some key issues in the Illinois Assembly including "FEP, anti-labor bills, etc." and in addition, the continuation of work on current Smith Act cases.

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

MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF  
FOREIGN BORN (MCPFB)

On May 12, 1955, [REDACTED] <sup>670</sup> a member of the Communist Party from 1944 to about 1948, advised that the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) was formed in the late 1940's and was at that time and up to May, 1955, the Midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB).

A source advised on May 5, 1959, that the MCPFB has been, since May, 1955, and still is the Midwest organization of the ACPFB.

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

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The National Lawyers Guild has been cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions", and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."

(Committee on Un-American Activities,  
House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

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

PRAGA PRESS

A source advised on May 6, 1959, that Praga Press Incorporated, 1510 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois, was organized as a printing company in January, 1943. At this time, the company regularly printed "Nova Doba", a Czech language publication, and about 31 other publications which were for the most part union shop newspapers for labor unions described by this source as being under Communist influence.

The source advised that this organization is currently Communist dominated and primarily concerns itself with the printing of "Nova Doba" and "Ludove Noviny", Czech and Slovak language weekly newspapers, respectively, which are Communist dominated and follow the Communist Party line. In addition, Praga Press has in the past printed and is presently printing the "Party Forum", which is the official monthly organ of the Communist Party, Illinois District.

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Sobell Committee  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Avery Dacus, dated and captioned as above at Chicago.

Informants used in this report and in the appendix section to characterize organizations have furnished reliable information in the past except Chicago T-20. Chicago T-20 is an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area.

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Will continue to report on the activities of the BACSC.

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Documentation of ESTHER SKLAR

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Documentation of DORIS RYDMAN

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File Number: SAN FRANCISCO (100-35117)  
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Title: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Synopsis: The Sobell Committees in the San Francisco Area continue to raise funds for SOBELL's defense. Rev. PETER MC CORMACK, former Chaplain at Alcatraz Penitentiary, has made speeches favoring SOBELL's innocence at various SOBELL functions and allowed the use of his name on SOBELL literature for the purpose of interesting people in the SOBELL case.

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I. NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON

SOBELL

A. ACTIVITIES

SF T-1 advised on February 16, 1959, that the National Staff of the Sobell Committee held a work meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on October 24-26, 1958. It was announced that the Sobell Committee in San Francisco had contributed \$1850 from January through September of 1957, and \$770 from January through September, 1958.

SF T-1 advised on March 10, 1959, that she had received a copy of a "Report to National Committee, 2/11/59," submitted by the National Staff, typewritten on a letterhead of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

The report reflected that a letter written by a group of eminent persons asked that a Commission of Inquiry be independently formed for the purpose of making an objective and independent study of the SOBELL case. This letter had been mailed to a list of noted Americans hoping that they would respond to such a commission of inquiry. The report also reflected that a special appeal to clergymen was being initiated on the West Coast and they hoped to obtain a distinguished group of signers to the appeal by the time of a dinner honoring Reverend MC CORMACK in San Francisco.

SF T-1 on March 10, 1959, advised that the National Sobell Committee members desired to initiate a "City to City Week for SOBELL". The National Committee furnished a report to the field on a letterhead from the New York Headquarters. The report reflected that San Francisco and Los Angeles should make attempts to visit all major cities on the West Coast and in the Rocky Mountains to set up SOBELL Weeks in each city before June 19, 1959.



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SF T-2 on May 29, 1959, furnished a letter printed on a letterhead of Rev. PETER MC CORMACK, 2801 Turk Street, San Francisco, California, dated May, 1959. The letter contained literature from the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, maintaining that SOBELL is innocent and proposed that a "Commission of Inquiry" be established for a thorough, independent and impartial public examination of the issues in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL trial.

The letter requested the recipient to consider serving on the proposed inquiry commission. The informant advised that a copy of this letter had been sent to the President of Stanford University at Palo Alto, California.

SF T-3 advised in July, 1959, that Rev. PETER MC CORMACK was formerly Chaplain of Alcatraz Penitentiary.

There is no reported Communist Party (CP) information on Rev. PETER MC CORMACK.

## II. BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES (BACSC)

### A. OFFICERS

SF T-3 advised on January 8, 1959, that a meeting of the BACSC was held at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on January 7, 1959. The informant identified the following persons as officers of the BACSC:

Chairman, WARREN BILLINGS  
Treasurer, FORREST CRUMPLEY  
Acting Secretary, MARNY STICH  
Voluntary Worker, MARY KRVAR

The informant advised that MARY KRVAR, as a Volunteer Worker, works for 3 days a week at the BACSC Office at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco.

SF T-4 advised on May 7, 1959, that the BACSC met at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on April 29, 1959. He identified WARREN BILLINGS as Chairman and MARY KRVAR as Executive Secretary.

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SF T-5 advised on September 23, 1942, that a meeting of the San Mateo Branch of the CP was held in the home of WARREN K. BILLINGS, 919 4th Avenue, San Mateo, California, on September 16, 1942.

SF T-6 advised on February 10, 1948, that WARREN K. BILLINGS was expelled from the CP on a prior date, which was not known to the informant.

On April 29, 1954, MRS. BARBARA HARTLE, a former full-time paid functionary of the 12th District CP, King County, Seattle, Washington, furnished to SA STEVE S. CARTER handwritten notes in which she stated:

"FORREST CRUMPLEY--have attended King County CP functionary meetings with him and have heard him admitting CP membership in 1947-1949".

SF T-7 advised on May 26, 1958, that MARNY STICH had been a member of Branch 11 of the San Francisco County CP (SFCC) at that time.

SF T-8 advised on May 8, 1958, that MARY KRVAR was a member of the Warehouse Club, CP East Bay Region, Oakland, California.

#### B. ACTIVITIES

SF T-3 advised on January 8, 1959, that a meeting of the BACSC was held at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on January 7, 1959. The discussion concerned the framework of the program for the coming tribute dinner honoring Rev. PETER MC CORMACK. The dinner was to be held at the Whitcomb Hotel, 8th and Market Streets, San Francisco, sometime in February, 1959.

WARREN BILLINGS, Chairman of the BACSC, said that the National Committee for MORTON SOBELL in New York wanted to make the name of Rev. PETER MC CORMACK a big issue nationally. New York wants to give a lot of publicity to his name and they will use such titles as "Alcatraz Was My Church". The BACSC decided to charge \$5 a plate for the dinner.

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SF T-3 further advised that FORREST CRUMPLEY, Treasurer of the BACSC, read a financial report. He stated that the Sobell Committee has \$75 in the bank and about \$50 in cash on hand. All bills have been paid except for the January rent and it was decided to pay that next month.

SF T-9 on March 2, 1959, furnished a copy of a printed invitation to attend a dinner in the honor of Rev. PETER MC CORMACK who will speak on his experiences as Chaplain at Alcatraz during MORTON SOBELL's internment there. The invitation stated that the dinner would cost \$5 and was to be held on Friday, March 13, 1959, at 7:30 PM in the Crystal Room of the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco. The invitation reflected that the dinner was sponsored by the BACSC and reservations were to be made through their office at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco.

SF T-9 advised on March 16, 1959, that a fund raising dinner sponsored by the BACSC was held on March 13, 1959, at the Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco. There were about 250 people present. The informant stated that a collection was taken and he believed the amount collected was over \$1100. He advised that all speakers claimed that MORTON SOBELL was innocent and that he had been falsely accused and imprisoned.

SF T-3 advised on March 16, 1959, that the above mentioned dinner honoring Rev. MC CORMACK had been held and it was announced that \$1174 had been collected.

The "Oakland Tribune", a daily newspaper published in Oakland, California, on March 14, 1959, published an article which reflected that a banquet honoring Rev. PETER MC CORMACK for his work in attempting to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL was held on March 13, 1959, in San Francisco. Rev. MC CORMACK was presented with a petition signed by 38 West Coast ministers appealing to President EISENHOWER to recommend a new trial for SOBELL or commutation of his sentence.

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SF T-10 advised on March 19, 1959, that the BACSC held a dinner honoring Rev. PETER MC CORMACK at the Whitcomb Hotel on March 13, 1959, Rev. MC CORMACK and MRS. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, were among the speakers and protested SOBELL's imprisonment. The informant stated that it was announced that the following amounts of money were raised in cities in the Bay Area:

Palo Alto,	\$185
Santa Clara,	\$ 25
Petaluma,	\$175
Marin County,	\$125

SF T-11 on March 20, 1959, verified that a dinner honoring Rev. MC CORMACK was held on March 13, 1959. The guest speakers all stated that they thought SOBELL was innocent. According to the informant, the BACSC made a collection of over \$1100.

SF T-12 advised on April 3, 1959, that the BACSC held a dinner honoring Rev. MC CORMACK on March 13, 1959. He furnished information similar to that given above.

SF T-13 advised on March 31, 1959, that the Sobell Committee held a dinner on March 13, 1959, at the Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco. The informant advised that 232 persons attended the dinner.

#### C. FINANCES

SF T-1 advised on February 16, 1959, that the National Staff of the Sobell Committee held a work meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on October 24-26, 1958. At that time it was announced that the Sobell Committee in San Francisco had contributed the following:

January through September, 1957	-----	\$1850
January through September, 1958	-----	\$ 770

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SF T-3 advised on January 8, 1959, that a BACSC meeting was held at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on January 7, 1959. FORREST CRUMPLEY, Treasurer of the BACSC, read a financial report stating that the Sobell Committee had \$75 in the bank and about \$50 cash on hand.

SF T-14 on February 24, 1959, made available information which reflected that the bank statement of the Northern California Council of the Committee to Secure Freedom for MORTON SOBELL reflected the following information:

Balance-----	1/26/59-----	\$112.70
Deposits-----	2/59-----	\$163.00
Balance-----	2/20/59-----	\$ 39.54

Two checks were made payable to and endorsed by MARY KRVAR. Two other checks were signed by EUGENE EAGLE and FORREST B. CRUMPLEY. The rest of the checks were signed by WARREN K. BILLINGS and CRUMPLEY.

SF T-15 advised on October 27, 1958, that EUGENE EAGLE attended an open meeting of the SFCCP held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on October 23, 1958.

SF T-3 advised on March 16, 1959, that the BACSC held a fund raising dinner at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, on March 13, 1959, at which a collection of \$1174 was made.

SF T-9 advised on March 16, 1959, that a fund raising dinner was sponsored by the BACSC on March 13, 1959, at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco. The informant stated that over \$1100 was taken up in a collection, which the informant believed was over and above what the BACSC made from the dinner.

SF T-10 advised on March 19, 1959, that the BACSC held a fund raising dinner at the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, on March 13, 1959. The informant stated that it was announced that the following cities in the Bay Area had donated the following amounts to the collection:

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Palo Alto,	\$185
Santa Clara,	\$ 25
Petaluma,	\$175
Marin County,	\$125

SF T-11 advised on March 20, 1959, that a fund raising dinner sponsored by the BACSC was held on March 13, 1959, at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco at which over \$1100 was raised.

SF T-4 advised on April 1, 1959, that the BACSC held a fund raising dinner at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, on March 13, 1959, and collected over \$1100.

SF T-12 advised on April 3, 1959, that the BACSC sponsored a fund raising dinner at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco on March 13, 1959, and collected over \$1000.

#### D. CONNECTIONS OF THE BACSC WITH THE SFCCP

SF T-16 advised on March 10, 1959, that a meeting of the Sunset Club of the SFCCP was held at 1834 43rd Avenue, San Francisco, on February 19, 1959. It was requested that everyone in the Sunset Club attend a dinner to be held at the Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco, on March 13, 1959, in honor of the former Alcatraz chaplain. It was also announced that this affair was sponsored by the Sobell Committee of San Francisco and everyone agreed to help sell tickets.

SF T-17 advised on June 25, 1959, that a meeting of the Building Trades Club, Emil Rabin Section, (AF of L), SFCCP, was held on June 12, 1959, at 585 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco. VERN BAUN, a member of the Building Trades Club, and Chairman of the meeting, stated that the Director of the Sobell Committee in San Francisco had contacted him several times and requested that somebody from the Emil Rabin Section be designated to serve on the Sobell Committee. BAUN said that the Director told him that the weakest part of the Sobell Committee support was in the Trade Union field and that such a move would strengthen the committee. BAUN said that their delegate would actually act in a liaison capacity but would not officially be on the committee. It was decided that JOHN TAYLOR, a CP member, who was present, would represent the section.

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### III. SAN FRANCISCO SOBELL COMMITTEE (SFSC)

#### A. ACTIVITIES

SF T-10 advised on May 21, 1959, that the SFSC sponsored a fund raising social affair at the home of GEORGE ANDERSEN, 570 El Camino Del Mar, San Francisco, on May 9, 1959. Dr. EUGENE EAGLE gave a narration on the photographs he had taken on his recent trip to Russia and Europe. He remarked favorably on Russia and made derogatory remarks concerning the United States.

SF T-18, a member of the CP from 1936 to 1950, advised on June 23, 1955, that GEORGE ANDERSEN was a member of a lawyer's group known as the Haymarket Group, Professional Section, SFCCP, from 1936 to February, 1950. The informant advised that ANDERSEN was most active in the CP from World War II until about 1949.

SF T-11 advised on May 12, 1959, that the SFSC sponsored a fund raising affair at the home of GEORGE ANDERSEN, 570 El Camino Del Mar, San Francisco, on May 9, 1959. ANDERSEN was Chairman for the evening and Dr. EUGENE EAGLE was narrator of the films he had taken on his recent trip to the Soviet Union.

SF T-4 advised on June 5, 1959, that a Sobell benefit affair was held at the home of GEORGE ANDERSEN in San Francisco on May 9, 1959. Dr. EAGLE showed slides of his trip to Europe and Russia and commented favorably on Russia. A collection was taken and MARY KRVAR announced that over \$80 was collected.

SF T-1 advised on June 27, 1959, that ESTHER SKLAR was the official delegate from the SFSC to the Western Regional Organization Conference of Sobell Committees held in Los Angeles, California, on June 27, 1959, under the auspices of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee. Rev. PETER MC CORMACK also attended. The main topics of discussion concerned the raising of money and the various media to be used by the Sobell Committees in the future.

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The informant further advised on June 28, 1959, that Rev. PETER MC CORMACK read a report from the SRSC to the Sunday meeting held on June 28, 1959, of the Western Regional Organization Conference.

SF T-19 advised in 1940 that ESTHER SKLAR joined the CP in 1928 in New York City. SKLAR was Organizer of Unit 18, City Terrace, Los Angeles County CP, California, in 1932. The informant stated that SKLAR was a member of the Los Angeles County CP up until at least 1938.

SF T-1 advised on July 10, 1959, that Rev. PETER MC CORMACK was the delegate of the SFSC to the Western Regional Organization Conference sponsored by the Los Angeles Sobell Committee in place of ESTHER SKLAR, who was ill.

#### B. FINANCES

SF T-1 advised on March 6, 1959, that MARY KRVAR is employed by the SFSC and receives a salary of \$40 and works only part time.

SF T-10 advised on May 21, 1959, that the SFSC sponsored a fund raising affair at the home of GEORGE ANDERSEN, 570 El Camino Del Mar on May 9, 1959. GEORGE ANDERSEN donated \$10 for the collection. About 40 people were present but the informant did not know the total collected.

SF T-4 advised on June 5, 1959, that a Sobell benefit affair was held at the home of GEORGE ANDERSEN in San Francisco on May 9, 1959. The informant stated that a collection of over \$80 was taken up.

#### IV. EAST BAY SOBELL COMMITTEE (EBSC)

##### A. OFFICERS

SF T-20 advised on January 12, 1959, that a meeting of the EBSC was held at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California, on January 5, 1959, at which time the informant identified WAYNE LORETZ as Treasurer of the EBSC.



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There is no reported CP information on WAYNE LORETZ.

SF T-4 advised on May 7, 1959, that the EBSC met at 2617 Haste Street, Berkeley, on May 4, 1959. DORIS RYDMAN was elected Chairman and Secretary. BEN LEGERE was elected permanent representative from the EBSC to the BACSC and he accepted the position. The committee meeting consisted mainly of various ways of raising money for the SOBELL defense.

SF T-20 advised on April 29, 1959, that DORIS RYDMAN attended an executive meeting of the West Berkeley Club of the CP in Berkeley, California, on April 23, 1959.

There is no reported CP information on BEN LEGERE.

B. ACTIVITIES.

SF T-4 advised on December 15, 1958, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California, on November 10, 1958. The discussion concerned various ways and means of obtaining SOBELL's freedom.

SF T-4 advised on December 15, 1958, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on December 1, 1958. The main topic of discussion concerned whether the EBSC should meet with Rev. PETER MC CORMACK or not. No decision was made.

SF T-4 advised on January 12, 1959, that a meeting of the EBSC was held at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on January 5, 1959. This discussion concerned the banquet to be held honoring Rev. PETER MC CORMACK which would raise money for the Sobell Committee.

SF T-4 advised on February 10, 1959, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on February 2, 1959. The business of the meeting concerned the changing of the MC CORMACK dinner from February 21, 1959, to March 13, 1959.

SF T-20 advised on January 12, 1959, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on January 5, 1959. The discussion concerned getting support for SOBELL and raising money for his defense. It was suggested that literature be mailed to school teachers, scientists, professors, ministers, professional people and newspapers.

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WAYNE LORETZ, Treasurer, gave a report on their finances which reflected that the EBSC used \$48 to mail out literature. So far they had received only \$44 worth of contributions in return. The EBSC had sent a \$35 check to the BACSC in San Francisco. The EBSC had received sustainers of \$11. The present total on hand for the EBSC is \$34.56.

SF T-20 advised on February 9, 1959, that a meeting of the EBSC was held at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on February 2, 1959. The treasurer's report was read and reflected that the EBSC had received a \$100 donation from a local labor union which was sent to the BACSC. The treasurer reported that the EBSC had sent \$330 in the last 3 months of 1958 to the BACSC. The treasurer stated that the EBSC has \$38.42 in their bank account.

SF T-21 advised on March 9, 1959, that a reception was sponsored by the EBSC at the Pot Luck Restaurant, Channing Way and San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, on February 23, 1959, honoring ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL. Rev. PETER MC CORMACK spoke of his acquaintance with SOBELL on Alcatraz and said that SOBELL did not belong on Alcatraz.

SF T-4 advised on April 16, 1959, that the EBSC held a meeting at 2611 Fulton Street, Berkeley, on April 6, 1959. Most of the comments concerned the success of the SOBELL dinner held at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco. WAYNE LORETZ reported that the EBSC had a balance of \$66 in their treasury.

#### C. FINANCES

SF T-20 advised on January 12, 1959, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on January 5, 1959. A treasurer's report reflected that the EBSC had spent \$48 mailing out literature and received only \$44 in contributions. A \$35 check had been sent to the BACSC in San Francisco and \$11 in sustainers had been received. The EBSC had \$34.56 total on hand.

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SF T-20 advised on February 9, 1959, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on February 2, 1959. It was announced that the EBSC had received a \$100 donation from a local labor union which was sent to the BACSC in San Francisco. The EBSC had sent \$330 to the BACSC in the last 3 months of 1958. As of February 2, 1959, the EBSC had \$38.42.

SF T-4 advised on April 16, 1959, that the EBSC met at 2611 Fulton Street, Berkeley, on April 6, 1959. WAYNE LORETZ, Treasurer, reported that the EBSC had a balance of \$66.

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THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,  
The Northern California Council of Sobell Committees (NCCSC),  
and the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, and prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., on page 60, reflects the following paragraphs concerning the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE:

"1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel & Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case --A Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 - 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairman of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

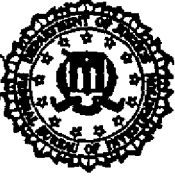
"(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

A confidential source advised on January 4, 1957, that there was no difference between the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), formed to manage committees in and around the San Francisco Bay area, and the Northern California Council of Sobell Committees (NCCSC), formed to manage committees in the rest of Northern California.

A second confidential source advised on May 5, 1959, that the BACSC is affiliated with the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. The source stated that the BACSC is continuing to function and plan future Sobell affairs.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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San Francisco 2, California

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August 6, 1959  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,  
aka, Bay Area Council of Sobell  
Committees (BACSC), aka  
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Informants utilized in the report of Special Agent PHILIP M. ALGAR dated and captioned as above at San Francisco have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 9/17/59

FROM : *WFB* NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: *WFB* JULIUS ROSENBERG aka, ET AL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re WFO R/S dated 9/1/59, requesting advice as to whether the stop on EDWARD JAMES WEINSTEIN placed on 3/3/52, with the Passport Office, Department of State, should be maintained.

The WFO is requested to remove the stop at the Passport Office.

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DATE 8-6-86 BY 3042 *put etc*

*Blair*

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- 2-Washington Field (65-5521) (RM)
- 1-New York (65-15773) (EDWARD JAMES WEINSTEIN)
- 1-New York (65-15348)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: September 24, 1959

FROM : *JLJ* SAC, WFO (65-5521)

SUBJECT: *6* JULIUS ROSENBERG, aka., ET AL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: New York)

*Robinson*

Re New York letter dated September 17, 1959, requesting WFO to remove stop notice previously placed with the Passport Office, Department of State, on EDWARD JAMES WEINSTEIN on March 3, 1952.

This is to advise that under date of September 24, 1959, this stop was removed.

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- 2 - New York (65-15348)(RM)
  - (1 - 65-15773 EDWARD JAMES WEINSTEIN)
- 2 - WFO
  - (1 - 105-2303)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 9/28/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter 8/12/59.

AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE was contacted on 9/28/59 and advised that he is withholding his opinion concerning disposition of the evidence pending further study.

This matter will be followed with AUSA CUNNIFFE.

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TO : W. A. Branigan

DATE: 11/5/59

FROM : J. P. [Signature]

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, WAS ET AL  
ESP-R

E. A. Gregg  
Room 1501

Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 11/24/59

FROM: *Z/BS* SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al  
ESPIONAGE - R *HR*

ANATOLI ANTONOVICH YAKOVLEV, aka  
FUGITIVE *YO*  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Re New York letter 9/28/59, in the Rosenberg case.

AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE advised on 11/24/59, that he still has this matter under study and has, therefore, not reached a decision concerning the disposition of the evidence.

Mr. CUNNIFFE also advised he has been requested by his office to determine whether a nolle prosequi should be entered in connection with the indictment outstanding against ANATOLI YAKOVLEV. He indicated that this decision rests on the question of whether or not YAKOVLEV had diplomatic immunity at the time of the indictment. He indicated that he has not reached a decision in this matter as yet.

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DATE: 1/29/60

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup> JULIUS ROSENBERG; ET AL  
ESP - R

ReNYlet, 11/24/59.

AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE advised on 1/22/60, that no decision has been reached as yet concerning the disposition of the evidence.

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Title and Character of Case

**JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
ESP - R**

Date Property Acquired Source From Which Property Acquired

8/11/50

ETHEL ROSENBERG, 10 MONROE ST., NYC

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

VAULT

**RETAIN - DISPOSITION IS UNDER CONSIDERATION  
BY USA**

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

**SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON**

- 242. A shell clasped pin - white and pink
- 243. A norwalk key number B311545 for Apt. G-11, 10 Monroe St., NYC.
- 244. A Brass Independent Lock Key 1022 for apartment of Bernard Greenglass.
- 245. An Eagle Lock Company key marked "Rothstein", 253 Rivington, and a Presto Key and the eagle lock key #8367M.
- 246. A Crest New York Luggage key and a Yale luggage Key #829.

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Title and Character of Case <b>JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL ESP - R</b>
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Date Property Acquired <b>7/7/50</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>APT 11-G APARTMENT OF JULIUS ROSENBERG 10 MONROE ST., NYC,</b>
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <b>VAULT</b>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <b>DISPOSITION OF EXH. UNDER CONSIDERATION BY USA</b>
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same <b>SA W. NORTON</b>
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- (1) One large paper shopping bag with handles containing the following.
  - One can of Kodak acid fixer.
  - One can of Kodak microdol developer.
  - One small funnel.
  - One large glass graduate measuring jar.
  - One adjustable roll film developing tank.
  - One stainless steel thermometer.
  - One paper bag from Willoughby Camera Shop, NYC, containing a stirrer.
  - One small cloth bag containing 38 miscellaneous keys.

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New York

Title and Character of Case

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL  
ESP-R

Date Property Acquired

7/7/50

Source From Which Property Acquired

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

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

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Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same  
Disposition under consideration by USA.  
Retain As Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA W.F. Norton

One Remington portable typewriter, Serial No. V-290917. On the face of the typewriter is scratched the following: EVELYNE MARCH.

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TO : MR. MC GUIRE

FROM : L. E. SHORR

SUBJECT: JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG:  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 9-2-59

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 Belmont   
 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 65-58236-2209

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1113, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

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*J.P.L.*  
*9-3-59*

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J. W. MARSHALL

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>CHANGED</b>  <b>COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>  <i>Julius Rosenberg</i>		Report made by <b>PHILIP M. ALGAR</b>	Typed by <b>mb</b>
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The title of this case is being changed from the "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka. The Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), aka." to the "COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL," in accordance with directions set out in Bureau letter to Albany dated November 25, 1959.

REFERENCE

Report of SA PHILIP M. ALGAR dated August 6, 1959, at San Francisco.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Los Angeles Office for correlative purposes concerning the activities of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will continue to report on the activities of the BACSC.

INFORMANTS

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.

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	File Where Located
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Characterization of  
VIRGINIA JENCKS

Characterization of  
DORIS RYDMAN

SF T-8 is

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SF T-9 is

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Characterization of  
MARY KRVAR

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SF T-10 is

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Sources used in the documentation of the BACSC are  
as follows:

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Report of: SA PHILIP M. ALGAR Office: SAN FRANCISCO  
Date: FEB 26 1960  
Field Office File #: 100-35117 Bureau File #: 100-387835  
Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

## Synopsis:

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) was formerly known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, aka. Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), aka. The San Francisco affiliate of the CSJMS is located at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco 2, California. Local SOBELL groups continue to give benefit affairs to raise funds for the CSJMS. HELEN SOBELL has spoken several times in the San Francisco area at these affairs. The San Francisco Bay Area SOBELL groups plan to continue requesting clergymen and the public to write the President of the United States to ask for clemency on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. The local SOBELL groups will attempt to get radio and TV time to bring the SOBELL case before the public. They will also try to contact newspapers, magazines, and the general public to arouse interest in, and to raise funds for, the SOBELL defense.

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DETAILS:I. BACSCA. Location:

SF T-1 on January 7, 1960, furnished a copy of the December 1959 newsletter, published by the BACSC, entitled, "News of Sobell," which reflects that the BACSC is located at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco 2, California.

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The Cross Reference Telephone Directory for February 1960 lists the location of the Sobell Committee as 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, UNDERhill 1-1334.

B. Activities of BACSC:

SF T-2 advised on August 18, 1959, that a BACSC benefit was held at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, on August 14, 1959, at which HELEN SOBELL told of her efforts to free her husband, MORTON SOBELL, from jail. She requested that the people present write letters to the President and to their ministers to ask for clemency for MORTON SOBELL. A collection of about \$495.20 was taken.

SF T-3 advised on August 18, 1959, that a BACSC benefit was held at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, on August 14, 1959. The informant furnished similar information to that set out in the paragraph above.

SF T-4 advised on August 14, 1959, that a BACSC benefit was held at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, on August 14, 1959. HELEN SOBELL told of her trips around the United States and Canada to secure funds to help get her husband out of jail at Atlanta, Georgia. She requested everyone to write the President for clemency for her husband. A collection was taken.

SF T-5 advised on August 21, 1959, that the BACSC held a fund-raising party at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, on August 14, 1959, at which HELEN SOBELL spoke. She said that her husband might possibly obtain a pardon by Christmas 1959. The informant advised that a collection of about \$500.00 was taken.

SF T-6 advised on August 17, 1959, that a benefit dinner was held on August 14, 1959, at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, at which HELEN SOBELL spoke. She requested everyone to write their congressmen and senators in Washington, D. C., to obtain clemency for her husband. A collection totaling \$495.00 was taken.

SF T-6 advised on December 7, 1959, that the BACSC held a fund-raising concert and champagne supper at 30 Lopez Street, San Francisco, on December 5, 1959. MARY KRVAR announced

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that approximately 7,000 petitions from ministers in the United States had been sent to the President of the United States on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

SF T-9 advised on December 17, 1959, that MARY KRVAR attended a closed meeting of the North Oakland Communist Party (CP) Club, held on December 10, 1959, at 6547 Tremont Street in Oakland, California.

SF T-5 advised on January 5, 1960, that the BACSC met at 30 Lopez Street, San Francisco, on December 14, 1959. Several speeches were made by persons who, the informant said, had long been associated with the Sobell Committee. Later they had a buffet and champagne dinner. Informant advised that over \$100.00 was raised for the Sobell Committee.

SF T-1 furnished on January 7, 1960, the December issue of the newsletter, "News of Sobell," published by the BACSC, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, which set forth the programs used during 1959 to bring the Sobell case before the public through TV, radio, newspapers, and magazines. It also stated that nearly 7,000 clergymen had signed a special appeal to the President on MORTON SOBELL's behalf.

SF T-6 advised on January 26, 1960, that the BACSC met at 1035 Sutter Street, San Francisco, on January 24, 1960. This was a work conference to evaluate the efforts of the BACSC in 1959 and to program action for 1960. It was suggested that the major newspapers be contacted for support. The BACSC should attempt to get radio or TV round-table discussions sponsored by various religious and civic groups. An appeal should be made to trade unions, churches and clergymen. The possibility of sending a caravan of selected persons to Atlanta and Washington, D. C., and to contact public figures, while in Washington, was brought up. It was suggested that prominent musicians and vocal artists be contacted for the purpose of engaging their help in giving concerts to raise funds for the Sobell Committee.

MARY KRVAR reported that in 1959 they raised about \$8,200.00, and had a balance of about \$400.00. She said that fund-raising was over \$3,000.00, office rent \$500.00, and services \$2500.00.

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C. BACSC Finances:

SF T-3 advised on August 18, 1959, that a BACSC benefit was held at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, on August 14, 1959, and about \$495.20 was collected.

SF T-2 on August 18, 1959, furnished similar information to that set out above. SF T-5 advised on August 21, 1959, that the BACSC held a benefit at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, on August 14, 1959, and a collection of about \$500.00 was made.

SF T-6 advised on August 17, 1959, that the BACSC held a benefit dinner on August 14, 1959, at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, at which about \$495.00 was collected.

SF T-5 advised on January 5, 1960, that the BACSC held a meeting at 30 Lopez Street, San Francisco, on December 14, 1959. A collection of over \$100.00 was taken.

SF T-6 advised on January 26, 1960, that the BACSC met at 1035 Sutter Street, San Francisco, on January 24, 1960. MARY KRVAR announced that they raised about \$8,200.00 for the Sobell Committee in 1959 in the San Francisco area, and had a balance of about \$400.00. She said that fund raising took over \$3,000.00, office expenses were \$500.00, and services were \$2,500.00.

II. EAST BAY SOBELL COMMITTEE  
(EBSC)

A. EBSC Officers:

SF T-7 advised on October 16, 1959, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California, on October 5, 1959. It was announced that LOUIS SCOTT would be chairman for the next six months. WAYNE LORETZ would continue to act as treasurer. VIRGINIA JENCKS was to be secretary. BETTY MICHAEL was to be collector of funds. DORIS RYDMAN was to handle public relations. MARY KRVAR was the paid organizer for the Sobell Committee in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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MARY KRVAR read a financial report, and stated that approximately \$5,800.00 was raised in the first nine months of 1959 in the San Francisco area. HELEN SOBELL spoke and suggested that all SOBELL people try to contact people in radio, TV, and newspapers in order to get publicity for her husband's defense. She also suggested that the SOBELL workers try to get labor unions and professional people interested in the Sobell Committee.

In March 1942 LOUIS SCOTT advised in an interview that he had attended CP meetings from 1930 to 1939. He said that they were not closed meetings, but CP meetings open to the public.

SF T-8 advised in March 1949 that he had learned that LOUIS SCOTT had formerly been a member of the State Security Commission of the CP in the Los Angeles, California, area, but that he had been expelled from the CP sometime in the past. SCOTT had advised the informant in March 1949 that he had lived in the San Francisco area for seven years, and during that time no one had ever put a CP leaflet under his door. SCOTT agreed to contribute a monthly sustainer to the CP. SCOTT further advised that the CP would never have a successful revolution, unless they obtained the cooperation of the small businessman. SCOTT indicated that the CP was making a mistake in concentrating on the dregs of society to win the revolution.

There is no reported CP information on WAYNE LORETZ.

SF T-7 advised in 1958 that during 1957 VIRGINIA JENCKS was recommending people to the leaders of the CP for recruitment into the CP.

There is no reported CP information concerning BETTY MICHAEL.

SF T-7 advised on November 25, 1959, that DORIS RYDMAN attended the Northern California District CP Convention held on November 21-22, 1959, at the St. George Hall, 2436 Grove Street, Oakland, California.

MARY KRVAR has been previously characterized.

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B. EBSC Activities:

SF T-1 advised on July 27, 1959, that the EBSC held a benefit at 2717 Marin Avenue, Berkeley, California, on July 24, 1959, at which a recital on folk songs was given.

SF T-1 advised on August 24, 1959, that the EBSC held a meeting at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California, on August 10, 1959. HELEN SOBELL spoke on the trials and tribulations of obtaining her husband's release from the Federal penitentiary. She requested everyone to write their congressmen concerning the case. A collection of about \$80.00 was taken.

SF T-1 advised on September 16, 1959, that the EBSC met on August 31, 1959, at 1633 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California, at which it was announced that the EBSC had \$70.00 in its treasury. It was reported that sustainers were hard to get, and ways were discussed to raise funds.

SF T-9 advised on September 1, 1959, that the EBSC met at 1633 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California, on August 31, 1959. The meeting concerned plans to raise funds, to contact larger groups of people, and to get union cooperation. The treasurer announced that they had \$70.36 in their account.

SF T-7 advised on October 16, 1959, that the EBSC met on October 5, 1959, at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California. The officers for the next six months were announced, and a financial report was given. HELEN SOBELL spoke and advised everyone present to talk with people in radio, TV, newspapers, labor unions, and the professional field to try and interest them in the SOBELL defense.

SF T-9 on November 6, 1959, advised that the EBSC held a benefit affair at 1023 Oxford Street, Berkeley, California, on November 1, 1959. HELEN SOBELL spoke on her efforts to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL from jail. She said that there was an increasing interest on the part of clergymen in her husband's case. A collection of about \$183.51 was made.

SF T-1 advised on November 12, 1959, that the EBSC held a benefit dinner at 1023 Oxford Street, Berkeley, California, on November 1, 1959. HELEN SOBELL spoke and proclaimed her husband's innocence. She requested all present to write to the President, asking for pardon for MORTON SOBELL. Over \$180.00 was collected.



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SF T-1 advised on November 12, 1959, that the EBSC met on November 2, 1959, at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California. It was announced that about \$385.00 was collected at a party at which HELEN SOBELL spoke. It was explained that out of this amount the EBSC was going to pay the office rent, pay \$40.00 to MARY KRVAR as the paid organizer, and the rest was to go to HELEN SOBELL.

SF T-9 advised on November 20, 1959, that an executive meeting of the East Bay CP was held at 6115 Dover, Oakland, California, on November 11, 1959. MERLE BRODSKY, a member of the East Bay CP Club, was chairman for the evening. He said that the CP must reach more people, and that he thought the Sobell Committee was too narrow in its scope.

C. EBSC Finances:

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SF T-7 advised on October 16, 1959, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on October 5, 1959. MARY KRVAR read a financial report and stated that approximately \$5,800.00 was raised in the first nine months of 1959 for the Sobell Committee.

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SF T-1 advised on November 12, 1959, that the EBSC met at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, on November 2, 1959. MARY KRVAR announced that they raised about \$385.00 at their HELEN SOBELL party.

### III. MARIN SOBELL COMMITTEE

#### A. Activities:

SF T- 10 advised on December 16, 1959, that a benefit was held for the Sobell Committee at #2 Foster Avenue, Kentfield, California, on December 12, 1959. After the entertainment was presented the Sobell Defense program was explained and an appeal was made for contributions. About \$90.00 was collected.

#### B. Finances of Marin Sobell Committee:

SF T-10 advised on December 16, 1959, that a benefit was held for the Sobell Committee at #2 Foster Avenue, Kentfield, California, on December 12, 1959, at which about \$90.00 was collected.

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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

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

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

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

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BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES,  
aka. Northern California Council of  
Sobell Committees

A confidential source advised on October 31, 1955, that the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC) was formed on October 17, 1955, in San Francisco, California, as the local affiliate of the National Sobell Committee, to carry out the policies of the National Committee to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

On November 25, 1959, a second confidential source advised that the BACSC, also referred to as the Northern California Council of Sobell Committees, is one and the same, and their headquarters is located at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California, and is continuing to function and plan future Sobell affairs.

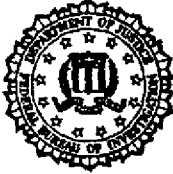
On December 18, 1959, a third confidential source advised that MARY KRVAR, a member of the Warehouse Club, Communist Party, East Bay Region, Oakland, California, and the paid organizer for the BACSC, has stated that the Communist Party is interested in controlling the BACSC so that the BACSC will continue to follow the line of the National Sobell Committee in attempting to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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San Francisco 2, California

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Confidential informants utilized in the report of Special Agent Philip M. Algar, dated and captioned as above at San Francisco, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 3/29/60

FROM: *JAS* SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG  
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AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE was contacted on 3/23/60, at which time he advised that a decision concerning the disposition of evidence has not been reached as yet.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: 5-16-60

FROM : Mr. Belmont

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*Parsons*

U. S. Attorney (USA) Gillespie, Southern District of New York, came to see me on the afternoon of May 16. He said that in going through the private safe of the USA, he noted the number of documents which he feels should no longer be retained in the office of the USA. He has brought these documents down to give to the Department. One of the documents is dated January 14, 1953, marked Top Secret, and pertains to information taken from highly confidential reports of the FBI regarding the espionage activities of Julius Rosenberg.

This appears to deal with information furnished to a fellow inmate by Rosenberg at the Federal House of Detention in New York City.

Mr. Gillespie felt that this was a memorandum that should be turned over to the FBI and should not be left in the USA's safe. I told him we will be glad to accept it for filing. This consists of an original and three copies, although the last copy appears to be from a different run. It is suggested this be filed in the Rosenberg file.

*This is Jerome E. ...*

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*W. P. Jones  
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January 14, 1953.

This statement contains information taken from highly classified reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with relation to the espionage activities of Julius Rosenberg - none of which information is contained in the trial record of this case. Reference will be made to the various investigative reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, copies of which are located at the Bureau office in Washington, D. C., in the event that further information is desired upon the matters contained in this statement.

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During the investigation of the espionage activities of Rosenberg, the Bureau developed a confidential informant who had many direct conversations with the defendant Julius Rosenberg. Much of the information contained in this statement was derived as a result of this confidential informant.

1. A confidential informant of the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation asked the defendant Julius Rosenberg why he did not cooperate with the authorities and admit his participation in espionage activities. To this query Rosenberg stated that he would not consider cooperation with the Government until all avenues of appeal had been closed and all of his (Rosenberg's) espionage contacts had been given an opportunity to flee the United States.

2. Rosenberg in conversation with a confidential informant admitted that William Perl had furnished to him much valuable information, including the plans for nuclear fission propulsion to propel airplanes. It is to be noted that the FBI currently has in progress an investigation of the activities of William Perl and that he has been indicted in the Southern District of New York for perjury in denying that he knew Julius Rosenberg, Morton Sobell and other espionage or suspected espionage agents.

3. Julius Rosenberg further admitted to a confidential informant of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that an individual who has been tentatively identified by the Bureau as Maxwell Finestone drove him (Rosenberg) to Ithaca, New York in order that Rosenberg could pick up espionage material from one Alfred Sarant. It is to be noted that Sarant fled the country in the summer of 1950, subsequent to the arrest of Julius Rosenberg, and immediately after he was interviewed by agents of the FBI. Furthermore, when Sarant fled the country,

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he left not with his own wife but with the wife of a neighbor who is also suspected of having engaged in espionage activities. Julius Rosenberg further told the informant that Sarant was "one of my boys".

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4. Rosenberg stated to an informant of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that when the Canadian spy ring broke up he (Rosenberg) lost contact with his Russian superiors for almost two years. Rosenberg also stated that he had advanced funds to a contact to enable the contact to open a business as a "front" at a time when the contact was acting as a gobetween for people who had microfilm to send to Rosenberg. Rosenberg also told the informant that he was worried that this contact would be lost to the Russians as a result of information furnished by David Greenglass.

5. Rosenberg further admitted to the confidential informant that he was concerned about information given to the Government by a woman who was on intimate terms with his wife Ethel Rosenberg.

6. Rosenberg advised the informant that he would have difficulty in explaining six trips which he took, two of which were to Washington, D. C. and four to Ithaca, New York and Cleveland, Ohio. Rosenberg stated that one trip to Washington and all trips to Ithaca and Cleveland were concerned with Russian espionage activities. Rosenberg further stated to the informant that the Russians had given him a Leica camera and that he was worried that this camera might be found by Bureau agents.

7. Rosenberg admitted to the confidential informant that Anne and Michael Sidorovich were key people in the Russian espionage apparatus, and were about as important as he (Rosenberg) was. Rosenberg was not worried that the Sidorovichs would testify against him since to do so would have "cut their own throats". It is to be noted that the Bureau has a current active espionage investigation in progress on the activities of the Sidorovichs. Rosenberg admitted to the same informant that everyone involved had been contacted and would keep their mouths shut.

8. William Perl, whom Rosenberg has named to the informant as one of his espionage contacts, was met in Cleveland, Ohio by one Vivian Glassman. At that time Glassman offered Perl \$2,000 and gave him written instructions to flee the United States. In the instructions given to Perl was contained the name Julius Rosenberg. Rosenberg further admitted to the informant that he (Rosenberg) had furnished his Russian contact with the name of Perl among others as a person to be helped to flee the United States,

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and that Rosenberg's contact had selected Glassman as a courier for this job. Rosenberg further identified his Russian contact as a person by the name of "Dennis". -- This information Rosenberg inadvertently revealed to the informant. It is to be noted that Vivian Glassman has been interviewed by the Bureau and has testified as a witness before a Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York. Both in her interviews with the Bureau and in her Grand Jury testimony, Glassman has been most uncooperative and has refused to reveal any information concerning her espionage activities, on grounds of self-incrimination, except that she does admit having taken \$2,000 to William Perl at the behest of a "stranger", using an alias to obtain airplane reservations.

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9. Rosenberg admitted to a confidential informant of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that over the July 4th weekend, 1949, William Perl removed some secret files from a laboratory at Columbia University where Perl was employed, and that Perl took those files to Rosenberg's home, where Rosenberg, Perl and another presently unidentified man spent 17 hours with two Leica cameras photographing the material so that it could be immediately returned to Columbia University. The unidentified individual, Rosenberg stated, was the man who later contacted Vivian Glassman with instructions to go to Perl and give him \$2,000 with which to flee the country. Rosenberg stated that this individual was the last person he had recruited into his espionage apparatus.

With respect to the information furnished by the confidential informant of the New York Office of the FBI, it is noted that such of the information furnished by the informant as was capable of independent verification, the FBI has found to be accurate, and to date none of the information furnished by the informant has been found by the Bureau to have been in any way inaccurate.

10. David Greenglass who has confessed and admitted his participation in Soviet espionage activities with both Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, has advised that Julius Rosenberg told him that one of his contacts was an engineer who flew to Egypt as a \$200 a day consultant on an Egyptian dam project, subsequently identified by the Bureau as the "Aswan Dam Project".

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11. David Greenglass, referred to above, has advised that Julius Rosenberg told him that Joel Barr went to Europe in 1948 ostensibly to study music, but that the real purpose of his trip was to act as a Soviet espionage agent. Rosenberg further admitted that Barr was one of his Soviet espionage contacts in the United States. An admission to the same purport as that made to Greenglass was made by Julius Rosenberg to the confidential informant of the New York Office of the Bureau. Further investigation by Bureau agents has disclosed that Joel Barr was the sweetheart of Vivian Glassman, previously referred to in this memorandum, who has refused to furnish any information concerning her association with Barr except the fact that she knew him.

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The Bureau reports from which the above information can be ascertained and amplified are the following, copies of which are located in the files of the Bureau in Washington:

<u>Place of Report</u>	<u>Date of Report</u>	<u>Reporting Agent</u>	<u>Title of Case</u>
New York, NY	2-29-52	S/A John A. Harrington	Julius Rosenberg, et al Espionage - R
New York, NY	1- 8-52	S/A Robert F. Royal	Alfred Epaminondas Sarrant, et al Espionage - R
New York, NY	8-13-52	S/A Maurice W. Corcoran	William Perl Espionage - R
New York, NY	1- 9-52	"	William Perl Espionage - R
New York,	5-29-51	"	William Perl Espionage - R

Further information is contained in the Bureau case files on the above-named individuals.

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Road  
Great Neck, N.Y.

May 24, 1960

Records Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

*Sumner Redstone*

While discussing the trial and execution of the Rosenbergs on charges of spying, a friend of mine and I had a disagreement as to the amount and general validity of the evidence presented against the accused. I said that there was sufficient evidence for their conviction, whereas my friend stated that there was little really substantial evidence against them.

Basically, then, I write this letter to obtain from you the actual, word-for-word transcript of the trial. Also, I would like any other information on this case if it is available. I think that if the things I have requested can be sent to me, there will be a clearing up of wrong impressions about the federal court system of this country. Thank you.

Yours truly, *dic*

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CORRESPONDENCE

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June 1, 1960

Mr. [redacted]  
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Great Neck, New York

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 24, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau does not have available a transcript of the Rosenberg trial which we can send you. May I suggest that such a transcript would be available as a matter of public record through the Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, New York City. In his book, "The FBI Story," Mr. Don Whitehead makes reference to the Rosenberg case.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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