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JULIUS ROSENBERG ET AL.

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SUBJECT JULIUS + ETHEL ROSENBERG

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2378	5-27-60	NY let Hq	1	1	-
2379	7-26-60	NY let Hq	1	1	-
NR	8-1-60	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	8-7-60	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	8-1-60	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	8-19-60	CG report	26	26	b2 b7D b7C
2380	9-29-60	NY let Hq	1	1	-
NR	9-19-60	SF report	24	24	b2 b7D b7C
2381	10-24-60	LA TT Hq	2	2	b2 b7D
2382	10-25-60	PH TT Hq	1	1	-
2383	10-24-60	Hq TT PH	2	2	-
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2384	10-27-60	P H let Hg	2	2	b7C b7D
NR	11-22-60	Hg let BS	1	1	b7C b7D
2385	11-7-60	BS let Hg	1	1	b7C b7D
2386	1-20-61	NY let Hg	1	1	-
NR	1-23-61	Bravigan memo Belmont	1	1	-
NR	2-1-61	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	2-1-61	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	2-1-61	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	2-16-61	CG rept	42	42	b2 b7D b7C
2387	5-5-61	NY let Hg	1	1	-
NR	5-2-61	SF rept	18	18	b2 b7C b7D
NR	8-1-61	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-

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			Actual	Released	
NR	8-7-61	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
NR	8-1-61	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
NR	8-15-61	CG rept	36	36	b2 b7D b7C
2388	8-22-61	M det Hg	1	1	—
2389	8-21-61	AAG det Hg	5	5	b7C b7D
2389	8-29-61	Hg det LV	1	1	" "
2390	8-28-61	Brannigan memo Sullivan	2	2	" "
NR	10-11-61	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
2391	10-10-61	LV det Hg	15	15	b7C b7D
2391	10-23-61	Hg det AAG	1	1	b7C b7D
NR	10-23-61	Lee memo Brannigan	1	1	—
2392	10-19-61	Brannigan memo Sullivan	2	2	b7C b7D

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² NR	2-1-62	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
³ NR	2-1-62	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
⁴ NR	2-1-62	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
⁵ NR	8-1-62	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
⁶ NR	8-1-62	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
⁷ NR	8-1-62	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
⁸ NR	6-29-62	McKeon memo NY	8	1	b1
⁹ NR	2-1-63	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
2394	4-26-63	Brennan memo Sullivan	1	1	b7C
¹ NR	11-21-62	Lee memo Branigan	1	1	—
² NR	12-19-62	NY AT Ng	1	1	b2, b7D
³ NR	2-1-63	Bulky exhibit	1	1	—
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NR	2-1-63	Bulky exhibit	1	1	
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NR	4-30-63	Brannigan memo Sullivan	2	2	b7C
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NR	6-5-62	McKern memo NY	6	2	b1
7					
NR	8-1-63	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
8					
NR	8-1-63	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
9					
NR	8-1-63	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
2393	8-15-62	NY let HQ	1	1	b1
NR	2-1-64	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	2-1-64	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	2-1-64	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	9-1-64	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
2395	6-4-63	Brannigan memo Sullivan	2	2	b1

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NR	8-17-54	Bulky exhibit	1	1	-
NR	10-1-63	McKeon memo NY	3	2	b1
2394	11-27-63	Hq let LA	1	1	b1 b7C b2
2394	12-11-63	NY let Hq	1	1	b1 b7C b2
NR	2-2-65	McKeon memo NY	4	2	b1
2391	3-2-65	Mexico let Hq	4	0	Referred to CIA
NR	9-9-65	Brannigan memo Sullivan	2	2	b7C
NR	9-9-65	Brannigan memo Sullivan	4	4	b7C
NR	9-10-65	Hq let 3rd party	1	1	-
2398	9-3-65	AD TT Hq	1	1	b7C b7D
2399	9-3-65	AD TT Hq	3	3	b7C
2400	9-3-65	NY TT Hq	1	1	-

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 5/27/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, Et Al
ESPIONAGE - RANATOLI ANTONOVICH YAKOVLEV, aka
FUGITIVE
ESPIONAGE - R

Re NY letter, dated 3/29/60, and 11/24/59.

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AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE advised on 5/16/60, that he still has the matter of the evidence in the ROSENBERG case under study.

He also advised that he is still trying to determine whether YAKOVLEV had diplomatic immunity at the time of the indictment.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-58236)

DATE 7/20/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-1583)

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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		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

627. A shell clasped pin - white and pink.
628. A norwalk key number B311545 for Apt. G-11, 10 Monroe St., NYC.
629. A Brass Independent Lock Key 1022 for apartment of Bernard Greenglass.
630. An Eagle Lock Company key marked "Rothstein", 253 Rivington, and a Presto key and the eagle lock key #8367M.
631. 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 7/7/50 Source From Which Property Acquired Apartment of Julius Rosenberg, 10 Monroe St., NYC, Apt. 11-02

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Vault Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Disposition under consideration by USA. Retain as EVID.

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

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

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Field Division

New York

Title and Character of Case

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL

ESP-R

Date Property Acquired

7/7/50

Source From Which Property Acquired

**APT 11-02
APARTMENT OF JULIUS ROSENBERG 10 MONROE ST., NYC,**

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Vault

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

DISPOSITION OF EXH. UNDER CONSIDERATION BY USA.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA W. KERTON

(1) One large paper shopping bag with handles containing the following.

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

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Report of CHICAGO	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 8/28/60	Investigative Period 7/27-8/12/60
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		Report made by SA DANIEL J. MURLEY	Typed By: plb
		INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Synopsis:

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REFERENCE: Report of SA AVERY DACUS dated 1/26/60, at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to follow and report the activities of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Chicago Sobell Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

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

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J. Edgar Hoover

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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Information regarding ROBERT BASKER

Information regarding Mrs. ROBERT (NEEDA) BASKER

Information regarding PHILLIP BRAYL

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Information regarding SYLVIA [REDACTED]

Information regarding Mrs. ROBERT (NEEDA) BASKER

Information regarding IRVING HEBENKAL

Information regarding BLANCH BRAYL

Information regarding Mr. LEO GOLDMAN

Information regarding Mrs. LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN

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Information regarding BLANCHÉ BRAIR

Information regarding Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS

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Information regarding BORIS BRAIR

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Information regarding Dr. LEO GOLDMAN

Information regarding Mrs. LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN

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Information regarding ERWIN BALK

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Information regarding ERWIN (EVELYN) BALK

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Information regarding Mrs. DAVID (GERTUDE) SOLTKE

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Information regarding ISABORE VARWAK

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Information regarding JESSIE YOUNG

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

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American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE)

Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF)

Chicago Sobell Committee, aka. Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSC)

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Identity of Organization
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Committee for Freedom of the Press,
aka. Illinois Committee for Freedom
of the Press (ICFP)

Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell (CSJMS)

Illinois Committee for Peaceful
Alternatives (ICPA)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - G-2, Chicago (RM)
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Report of: SA DANIEL J. HURLEY
Date: August 19, 1960

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: CG 100-25530

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) is an affiliate of captioned organization. The CSC, as of 8/60, continued to operate out of office 1301 of the Great Northern Office Building, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Information concerning CSC officers, volunteers and finances set forth. DAVID SOLTNER, Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER, and SYLVIA LEVINSON appear to be the guiding forces behind CSC programing and fund raising in Chicago. CSC continues to circulate literature in Chicago on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. CSC, in 2/60, held an affair to raise funds for work on behalf of SOBELL. ALVA TOMPKINS, Chicago Minister, spoke in several eastern cities on behalf of SOBELL.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organizations mentioned in this report have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

Congress of American Women (CAW)

Communist Party, USA (CP)

Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

The following organizations mentioned in this report not designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the appendix section of this report:

American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE)

Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF)

Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC), also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

Committee for Freedom of the Press, also known as Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP)

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS)

Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (ICPA)

I. CHARACTERIZATION

The Chicago Sobell Committee (see appendix) is the Chicago, Illinois affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (see appendix).

(CG T-1, 5/23/60)

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953; and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Location

The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC), as of August 4, 1960, continued to operate out of office 1301 of the Great Northern Office Building, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. This building is currently operated by the United States General Services Administration (GSA), Chicago, Illinois.

(M. J. GASPER, Chief
of Acquisition
GSA, Chicago, 8/4/60)

CSC Officials and Volunteers

The CSC had signed a lease with GSA for its currently occupied office space on April 1, 1959. This lease expired July 31, 1960, and it was co-signed by DAVID SOLTNER and SYLVIA LEVINSON for the CSC. At the present time there is a month to month renewal on the lease and to date it is current.

(M.J. GASPER, 8/4/60)

DAVID SOLTNER

The files of the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the name DAVID SOLTNER appears as a signer on the CP election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

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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-2, 3/17/59)

On August 4, 1960, source, who has been active in CSC affairs, advised that DAVID SOLTNER, Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER, and SYLVIA LEVINSON appear to be the guiding forces behind CSC programing and Sobell fund raising in Chicago. They are assisted by a group of volunteers included among whom are the following:

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The CSC has no full time employees and to source's knowledge none of the people engaged in CSC work hold national positions or titles. Inquiries concerning national Sobell work are handled by the national office of the Sobell Committee in New York, New York.

(CG T-1, 8/4/60)

ROBERT BASKER

ROBERT BASKER was in attendance at the annual meeting of the CCASF held on January 23, 1960, at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 1/26/60)

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Mrs. ROBERT (HEDDA) BASKER

Mrs. ROBERT (HEDDA) BASKER was in attendance at the annual meeting of the CCASF held on January 23, 1960, at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 1/26/60)

Mrs. ROBERT (HEDDA) BASKER was present at a CCASF Board of Directors meeting held at Chicago, Illinois, on May 24, 1960.

(CG T-3, 6/14/60)

BLANCHE BRAIL

BLANCHE BRAIL, on September 29, 1957, attended a showing of some films which had been recently taken in Russia. This showing was held at the home of MANDEL TERMAN, Chairman of the CCASF in Chicago.

(CG T-4, 10/1/57)

BLANCHE BRAIL, on February 6, 1960, attended an affair sponsored by the ICFP of Chicago. This affair was held for the purpose of enlarging circulation of "The Worker" and GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA, was present as an honored speaker.

(CG T-5, 2/11/60)

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

BORIS BRAIL

BORIS BRAIL was a CP member and a member of the Finance Committee of the CP of Illinois during 1957.

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

PHILLIP BRAIL

PHILLIP BRAIL, on November 11, 1959, attended a function of the CCASF held in Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 11/16/59)

CHARLES HERMAN FISCHER

On May 24, 1956, [REDACTED], a former member of District 5 CP, advised SA MARVIN E. STEFFEN that CHARLES HERMAN FISCHER worked closely with the CP in Pennsylvania in 1948 or 1949. [REDACTED] stated that FISCHER attended a meeting of District 5 CP leaders held on Beachwood Boulevard in Pittsburgh in 1948.

SYLVIA GORDON FISCHER

On March 17, 1951, [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, a member of the CP 1944 to 1948, advised that the ICPA publication, the "News", in March, 1951, contained an article which stated that SYLVIA FISCHER had been elected to serve on the Executive Board of the South Side Committee for Peaceful Alternatives, an affiliate of the ICPA. b7C b7D

Dr. LEO GOLDMAN and Mrs.
LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN

On January 19, 1960, Mrs. LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN and Dr. LEO GOLDMAN attended a joint section convention, 12th and 13th Congressional Sections, CP of Illinois, at the residence of Dr. LEO and Mrs. BETTY GOLDMAN, 706 Forest, Evanston, Illinois.

(CG T-4, 1/20/60)
(CG T-7, 1/20/60)

IRVING NEBENZAHL

On April 25, 1960, IRVING NEBENZAHL was in attendance at a meeting of the CCASF at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-3, 5/4/60)

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ERWIN SALK

During December, 1959, it was learned that ERWIN SALK, during the period of the CP underground and possibly prior thereto, had been a source of CP funds for the Illinois District CP.

(CG T-8, 12/27/59)

(CG T-9, 12/27/59)

(CG T-10, 12/29/59)

Mrs. ERWIN (EVELYN) SALK

On January 18, 1959, ~~Mrs. ERWIN~~ (EVELYN) SALK attended a CCASF meeting at Skokie, Illinois.

(CG T-11, 1/22/59)

Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER

The files of the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the name of Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER appears as a signer of the CP election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

GERTRUDE SOLTNER, as of 1943, was a member of the CP.

(CG T-12, 1943)

ISADORE WARWAK

On February 19, 1960, the Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) held its regular meeting at Chicago, Illinois, and ISADORE WARWAK was among those in attendance at this meeting.

(CG T-13, 2/25/60)

Mrs. JESSIE YOUNG

Mrs. JESSIE YOUNG attended a meeting of the CP Club, Hyde Park Section, CP of Illinois, on April 4, 1960. At this meeting YOUNG was appointed to a committee to choose a slate of candidates for positions in the Club.

(CG T-14, 4/5/60)

III. FINANCES

The CSC raises funds through sustainers, the solicitations of contributions, from individuals and the holding of public affairs such as parties, picnics, public meetings and so forth.

(CG T-1, 8/4/60)

The following information regarding the CSC bank account maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, was furnished by CG T-15 on the dates indicated:

February, 1960

Opening Balance - \$ 798.57
Closing Balance - \$1,354.74

In February one check for \$51.00 issued to the United States General Services Administration was cleared through the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois. (Office rent)

In February one check for \$4.00 and one check for \$500.00 were issued to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and both were cleared through the Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

(CG T-15, 3/18/60)

March, 1960

Opening Balance - \$1,354.74
Closing Balance - \$1,037.62

In March, 1960, one check for \$51.00 issued to the United States GSA Office was cleared through the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Illinois. (Office rent)

In March, 1960, one check for \$9.85 issued to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was cleared through the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

(CG T-15, 4/13/60)

CG 100-25530

April, 1960

Opening Balance - \$1,037.62

Closing Balance - \$ 689.05

In April one check for \$172.42 issued to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell cleared through the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

Information concerning the above is no longer in possession of source.

(CG T-15, 5/11/60)

IV. ACTIVITIES

An affair of the CSC was held on February 13, 1960, at the home of ERWIN SALK, 1100 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois. The admission was \$5.00 per couple and approximately 250 people attended. This affair was a Valentine Party honoring the BRAIL family, and was held to raise funds for the work of the CSC.

(CG T-1, 2/15/60)

CG T-11, and CG T-16 furnished substantially the same information as CG T-1 above.

(CG T-11, 2/17/60)

(CG T-16, 2/24/60)

On March 29, 1960, source furnished a CSC newsletter issued on the letterhead of CSC, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 1301, Chicago 4, Illinois, addressed to "Dear Friend" and issued over the signature of DAVID L. SOLTNER for the CSC. The newsletter reads in full as follows:

"March, 1960

"Dear Friend,

"This report for March starts on February 13. The Valentine Party for the Brail family on that date was a memorable evening with everyone looking his best, expecting the best and getting the best of everything that makes for a memorable evening. If you were among the 230 odd guests who were there you will remember it well. As successful as it was socially, it was equally successful as an effort to secure freedom for Morton Sobell. As a measure of its success

we are now able to defray part of the expenses for the legal appeals now being readied for early presentation of the courts. Also, two local projects are now assured which would have otherwise been financially impossible to undertake. Our thanks again to our guests of honor, our host and hostess and to all who were there.

"We would like to feel that one success breeds another. As proud as we are of ours we are wonderfully excited when we hear the following from San Francisco: On the day following our party, on February 14, the banner headline in the San Francisco Chronical echoed the important news: 'DEMOS URGED SOBELL CASE REVIEWED'. The California Democratic Council, at its meeting attended by some 3,000 delegates unanimously passed the following resolution urging President Eisenhower to review the Sobell case.

"'MORTON SOBELL IS SERVING HIS TENTH YEAR IN PRISON. HE HAS STEADFASTLY PROCLAIMED HIS INNOCENCE THROUGHOUT HIS IMPRISONMENT.

"'IMPORTANT PROMINENT AMERICANS AND OTHER WORLD FIGURES, INCLUDING JURISTS, SCIENTISTS, CLERGYMEN, HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED SUBSTANTIAL DOUBT AS TO HIS GUILT.

"'THERE DOES EXIST THE POSSIBILITY OF HUMAN ERROR IN MATTERS OF JUDGMENT WHEN THAT JUDGMENT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO THE POLITICAL TENSIONS OF THE DAY.

"'THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL HAS TRADITIONALLY EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR POSSIBLE INFRINGEMENTS UPON JUSTICE AND CIVIL LIBERTY.

"'THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL CALLS UPON THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO REVIEW AGAIN THE FACTS OF THE SOBELL CASE AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO SECURE ULTIMATE JUSTICE.'

"This has raised great possibilities for work in the election year. Until now we have heard expressed a fear that political groups will not take up the Sobell case. This concept has now been shattered in California.

"We wish to express our appreciation and congratulations to the Committee in California for thus bringing the Sobell case to the attention of the public.

CG 100-25530

" There have been more encouraging developments in the Sobell case than we are able to report in this montly letter. A national work meeting is scheduled in New York on March 19-20 to study these developments and plan for the period ahead. Our next newsletter will report on the meeting.

" Though we talked earlier of the success of the Valentine Party and what it has helped to accomplish it did not include rent, light, etc. The enclosed familiar envelope is for that.

" Thank you.

" Sincerely yours,

" Chicago Sobell Committee
David L. Soltker
for the Committee"

(CG T-1, 3/29/60)

**V. ACTIVITIES OF REVEREND
ALVA TOMPKINS, CHICAGO
MINISTER ON BEHALF OF
MORTON SOBELL**

Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, as of October 18, 1959, was Chairman of the AFSE in Chicago.

(CG T-5, 11/2/59)

On April 20, 1960, it was learned that the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was to hold a meeting April 28, 1960, at the YMCA, 1421 Arch, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The guest speaker would be Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, Pastor of Olivet Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois. TOMPKINS was described as the initiator of an appeal to clergymen of Chicago for freedom for MORTON SOBELL. This appeal received a response from more than 200 clergymen.

Source also learned that Reverend TOMPKINS was visiting Washington, D.C. April 19-21, 1960, to implement further support of the SOBELL case through executive and judicial channels. TOMPKINS allegedly stopped in a number of eastern cities on his way back to Chicago.

(CG T-17, 4/20/60)

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TOMPKINS spoke before an audience of 18 to 20 people at the YMCA in Philadelphia on April 22, 1960.

(CG T-18, 4/27/60)
(CG T-17, 4/27/60)

The April 21, 1960, edition of the "New Haven Journal Courier", a daily morning newspaper published at New Haven, Connecticut, contains an article captioned "To Discuss Spy Case" which reflects that a meeting to discuss the case of convicted spy MORTON SOBELL would be held on April 27, 1960, at New Haven, Connecticut. According to this article, Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois, who has collected 200 signatures in the Chicago area on behalf of SOBELL was to be present at the meeting.

On April 23, 1960, the Syracuse Sobell Committee held a meeting at Syracuse, New York, and the guest speaker was Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, described in a throwaway leaflet as "the courageous Chicago Presbyterian Minister now making an eastern tour on behalf of Morton Sobell".

(CG T-19, 4/26/60)

The April 28, 1960, edition of the "Yale Daily News", a student newspaper published daily at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, contains an article on page three reflecting that Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS spoke on the evening of April 27, 1960, at Yale University Law School in behalf of the CSJMS. According to this article, Reverend TOMPKINS claimed that SOBELL was unjustly convicted as a result of his connection with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, who were convicted and executed for divulging atomic secrets to the U.S.S.R.; that he was convicted on the testimony of a "congenital liar"; that SOBELL had been in jail long enough and he also criticized the United States penal system, branding it "completely ineffective".

APPENDIX

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.

**AMERICAN FORUM FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION,
Also known as American Forum**

According to an article appearing in the May 13, 1957, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 1, column 2, A. J. MUSTE, "well known pacifist," announced the formation of the American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE). According to this article, the American Forum seeks to promote "study and serious untrammelled political discussions among all elements that think of themselves as related to historic socialist and labor traditions, values and objectives. . . however deep and bitter their differences may have been."

This article reflects that a forty-member national committee had been established and, according to MUSTE, these persons served as individuals and not as delegated representatives of any group.

MUSTE, according to this article, stated that the American Forum is not a membership organization and does not propose to promote united action by various parties or groups, mergers or new organizations.

The article reflects that among other purposes, the AFSE seeks to call attention to the various publications of the groups whose people engage in discussion; to publish bulletins or pamphlets; to organize regional and national conferences; contribute to the building of new morale and ethic, a spirit of fair play, labor militancy, determination and hope among the progressive and radical forces in this country.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended operation on January 13, 1958.

On May 24, 1960, Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, Chairman of the AFSE in Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed under appropriate pretext by an Agent of the FBI. TOMPKINS stated that while the AFSE originated in New York, no guidance or control has ever been exercised by the AFSE in New York over the AFSE in Chicago; however, the AFSE in Chicago has been guided by the precepts of the New York group.

TOMPKINS stated that the AFSE is a broad forum which includes members from various "liberal groups" on its executive committee including such persons as FRED FINE and JACK SPIEGEL.

According to a source, FRED FINE is a former member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA (CP), who resigned in October, 1958, from the CP because of policy differences.

According to a second source, JACK SPIEGEL was a member of a shoe workers group in the Johnstone Section, CP of Illinois, until the latter part of 1955, at which time he officially dropped out of the Party because he had signed a Non-Communist affidavit with the National Labor Relations Board.

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

CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

WILLIAM 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 (NCASF) 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 May 25, 1960, that the Board of Directors of the CCASF held a meeting on May 24, 1960 and during this meeting discussed a proposed draft of objectives for the Council for the year 1960. This draft, among other things, reiterated that the main aims of the Council were peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U.S.S.R.

This same source also advised on May 25, 1960, that the CCASF remains affiliated with the NCASF for the purpose of implementing its stated aims of peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U. S. S. R., but continues to consider itself autonomous in the government of its affairs and program for achieving these aims. Although the CCASF considers itself autonomous in this regard, the leaders of the CCASF are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the NCASF.

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

**CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, aka., Chicago
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell**

A source on May 23, 1960 advised that the Chicago Sobell Committee, which is also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was formerly known as Chicago Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, is a small group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programing in the Chicago area. The Chicago Committee, since its inception in 1952, has been an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is also known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and was formerly known as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, with headquarters in New York.

Source said that the office of the Chicago Sobell Committee is currently located at 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and that to his knowledge this committee has no full-time employees nor any volunteers who have national positions or titles. DAVID SOLTKEER and SYLVIA LEVINSON appear to be the guiding forces behind this committee and they are assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTKEER, wife of DAVID SOLTKEER, and former chairman of this committee who continues to be active in Sobell activities.

Another source advised during May, 1960 that the Chicago Sobell Committee maintains a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, and that DAVID SOLTKEER is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTKEER appear as signers on the Communist Party election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

Another source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTKEER, as of 1943, was a member of the Communist Party.

Another source furnished information in 1949 which indicates that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was Vice Chairman of the Congress of American Women.

The Communist Party and the Congress of American Women have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

**COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, also known
as Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press**

A source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP) was formed in the latter part of November, 1951, and then, as now, was composed of a band of Communist Party members and sympathizers, who activate when fund-raising drives and subscription campaigns are necessary for the welfare of the "The Worker."

Another source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Committee for Freedom of the Press, also known as the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press, cannot be separated from the Communist Party itself. It is not an organization as such with a program, elected officers, offices, etc. In fact, it is an arm of the Communist Party and in the main is used by the Communist Party to further the subscription drives of "The Worker" and for the Communist Party to utilize as a name only to sponsor Communist Party meetings which otherwise would have to be held under the announced sponsorship of the Communist Party.

This source advised in May, 1960, that the purpose of the use of the name Freedom of the Press Committee, instead of the Communist Party, at meetings is to increase attendance by those individuals who otherwise would not attend if the meetings were in the announced sponsorship of the Communist Party.

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

"The Worker" is an East coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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'...."

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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ILLINOIS COMMITTEE FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES

Source advised on May 20, 1960 that the Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (ICPA) was founded at the St. James Methodist Church, 4611 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 1950. Source stated that this Committee was once an affiliate of the now defunct National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives.

Source further advised that the Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives was composed of intellectual and religious workers and its program calls for negotiated peace and for peaceful settlement of all differences between nations. The Committee advocates more friendship internationally and is opposed to the so-called "cold war", aggressive foreign policy of the United States. Source stated that the South Side Chapter is the only one now functioning in this Committee and that DOROTHY HAYES is Chairman of this Chapter.

On May 20, 1960, another source advised that DOROTHY HAYES is a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Party of Illinois.

[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, advised on June 26, 1957, that the National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (NCPA) was formed as a result of the Mid-Century Conference for Peace held in Chicago about May, 1950, with the initiating force being the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives of New York. According to the source, subsequently local chapters were formed in various states including Illinois and the NCPA became known as the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives. This national organization continued to exist in Chicago until about 1955 when it became defunct. According to the source, the stated purposes of the organization generally were to promote peace through negotiation, to prevent atomic wars, and promote peaceful co-existence. It was a broad mass organization consisting of people interested in peace, including ministers, intellectuals, scientists, etc. The organization was infiltrated by and used, but never controlled by the Communist Party.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10480.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
August 19, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer
to File No. CG 100-25530

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Daniel J. Hurley dated and captioned as above at Chicago.

All confidential informants and sources used in referenced report and in the appendix section to characterize organizations have furnished reliable information in the past.

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GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE 9/29/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL
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OO: NEW YORK

Re NY letter dated 7/26/60.

AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE advised on 9/29/60, that he has not as yet reached a decision concerning the disposition of the evidence in this case.

In view of the fact that Mr. CUNNIFFE will probably not reach a decision in this matter in the near future, this case is being placed in a P* status. Mr. CUNNIFFE will be recontacted again within 90 days.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 9/19/60	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/10/60 - 9/12/60
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL <i>Julius Rosenberg</i>		REPORT MADE BY SA PHILIP M. ALGAR	TYPED BY CJS
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C; ISA OF 1950	

SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE: Report of SA PHILIP M. ALGAR, dated 2/26/60, at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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

This report has been classified confidential because it contains data reported from SF T-1 through SF T-18 which could reasonably result in identification of a source of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will continue to report all the activities of the
Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

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✓ SF T-3 is [REDACTED]

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Characterization of MARY
KRYAR [REDACTED]

Characterization of
WARREN K. BILLINGS

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WARREN K. BILLINGS

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Sources used to characteriza the Bay Area Council
of Sobell Committees are:

1. [REDACTED] (Requested) b2
2. [REDACTED] (Requested) b7D
3. [REDACTED]

Source utilized in characterization of the
American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association is:

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New York (by request)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to: 2 - G-2, 6th Army, San Francisco (REG)
1 - DIO, 12th Naval District, San Francisco (By Hand)
1 - OSI, Travis Air Force Base, California (REG)
Report of: SA PHILIP M. ALGAR
Date: 9/19/60
Office: San Francisco

Field Office File #: San Francisco 100-35117

Bureau File #: 100-387835 -

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: EACSC still located at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco 2, California. MARY KRVAR, Communist Party (CP) member, is organizer for San Francisco and the Western Regional Director of the CSJMS. Local Sobell Committees continue to work for release of MORTON SOBELL but apparently are having financial trouble. Sobell Committees still distribute literature requesting the recipient to contact the President, Senators, and Congressmen, asking for SOBELL's release or a new trial. Sobell Committees engineered passage of favorable resolution to Sobell cause at meeting of California Democratic Councils at Fresno, California, on 2/11-14/60. Sobell Committees consider fact that SOBELL, after ten years, is eligible for pardon, favorable to their cause. They are also using the light sentence of Captain POWERS, U-2 pilot convicted of spying by Russia, as good reason to release SOBELL.

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DETAILS:

The following abbreviations will be used to refer to various organizations mentioned in this report:

Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell - CSJMS

Bay Area Council of Sobell
Committees - BACSC

East Bay Sobell Committee - EBSC

The cross reference telephone directory of September, 1960, continues to list the location of the Sobell Committee as 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, Underhill 1-1334.

I. NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE SOBELL
COMMITTEE FROM SAN FRANCISCO

SF T-1 advised on March 23, 1960, that MARY KRVAR, delegate from San Francisco, was Chairman of the March 19, 1960, session of the National Sobell Work Convention held on March 19-20, 1960, at The Mc Burney YMCA, 215 West 23rd Street, New York City, New York.

The informant also advised that on March 20, 1960, MARY KRVAR spoke before another session of the Sobell Work Convention. She stated that more effort should be made to get union backing and support for the Sobell campaign. She suggested a three point program for 1960:

1. A national leaflet directed towards trade unions.
2. All AF of L Unions still hold to an old tradition of allowing any stranger to speak at their open meetings on any subject. She said that they almost always allow ten to fifteen minutes for any unscheduled speech. In this way she felt that the Sobell cause could be spread.
3. MARY KRVAR thought that HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, personally should see at least seven trade union presidents, all top men in their fields.

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SF T-2 advised on August 2, 1960, that MARY KRVAR attended a meeting of the North Oakland CP Club held on July 27, 1960, at 6526 Wheeler Street, Berkeley, California.

SF T-3 advised on April 7, 1960, that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee met at 903 North Mariposa Avenue, Los Angeles, California, on April 1, 1960, at which it was announced that MARY KRVAR of San Francisco will be Regional Director of the West Coast for the CSJMS with headquarters in San Francisco.

II. BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL
COMMITTEES (BACSC)

A. Officers

SF T-4 advised on August 15, 1960, that WARREN K. BILLINGS was still Chairman of the BACSC at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco 2, California.

SF T-5 advised on September 23, 1942, that a meeting of the San Mateo Branch of the Communist Party (CP) was held in the home of WARREN K. BILLINGS at 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.

SF T-3 advised on June 29, 1960, that correspondence from the San Francisco Sobell Committees indicated that the San Francisco committees are in financial trouble.

MARY KRVAR, organizer, has not been paid for many weeks.

B. Activities

SF T-7 on March 30, 1960, furnished a copy of a report of the Sobell Work Conference held on January 24, 1960, at 1035 Sutter Street, San Francisco. The conference

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agreed that they still continue to work for SOBELL's release, whatever form it might take, i.e. pardon, parole, or unconditional release. The conference would try to get newspaper, TV and radio coverage on a public "round table" discussion or debate on the case. They would try to get such sponsors as the Quakers, the YMCA, or the YWCA, and churches, etc. The conference recommended a caravan to Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, Georgia, this year.

They would try to get friendly organizations such as the YMCA, YWCA, ILWU, the Unitarian Church, and others to send delegates to the Sobell Committee meetings. They suggested that the Sobell Committees ask the Democratic Clubs and Young Democrats for the chance to speak before them on the release of MORTON SOBELL.

It was agreed that there must be an increase in fund raising to take care of the monthly expenses of the Sobell Committees in the San Francisco area. The monthly budget amounts to about \$413.00 for the San Francisco headquarters.

They are going to try to raise \$2,000.00 at each of two fund raising affairs this year.

The problem of organization was discussed and it was agreed that the council has not worked effectively and should not be continued. Committees are sufficient organization for the present. A new Executive Committee can be organized to function when the need arises.

SF T-4 on February 15, 1960, furnished a copy of a leaflet advertising speeches to be given by Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN in the San Francisco Bay Area under the sponsorship of the Sobell Committees.

On December 25, 1955, [REDACTED] Street, Bronx, New York, a self-admitted former CP member, advised that he knew [REDACTED] to have been a CP member in the James Connolly Club, New York County CP, between the period of 1942 and 1947. b7C b7D

Mr. [REDACTED] Buffalo, New York, b7C b7D

advised on December 18, 1952, that in late 1946 or early 1947 he attended seven or eight CP meetings of the Columbus Hill Club in New York City. [REDACTED] stated that he recalled that a [REDACTED] which he attended while he was in that CP club.

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SF T-4 on February 15, 1960, also furnished a copy of an appeal to the President of the United States for the release of MORTON SOBELL by fifteen allegedly prominent businessmen, educators, and professional men of Israel which was being distributed by the Sobell Committee, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco.

SF T-8 advised on February 29, 1960, that MARY KRVAR was working at the BACSC, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and is doing a fine job.

SF T-9 advised on March 8, 1960, that MARY KRVAR of the BACSC, San Francisco, California, sent a check for \$100.00 to the CSJMS, 940 Broadway, New York City, New York, for additional literature to be distributed in California.

SF T-4 on March 24, 1960, furnished a newsletter published by the Bay Area Sobell Committee, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco 2, for January - February, 1960, which listed some of the past achievements of the Sobell Committee in 1959. It stated that many TV, radio, church speakers, clergymen, newspapers, and magazines had given considerable publicity to the campaign to obtain MORTON SOBELL's release from prison.

SF T-10 on June 28, 1960, furnished a copy of a letter which was being sent out to union offices in the San Francisco Bay Area by the BACSC of 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco 2, California, dated March 28, 1960. The letter began "Dear Brothers" and went on to say that MORTON SOBELL, an innocent man, had wrongly been imprisoned for ten years. The letter stated that many prominent Americans had spoken out in SOBELL's behalf. The letter asked if the Sobell Committee could send a speaker out to the next meeting of the union's membership or the union's executive board to discuss the case with them. The letter also enclosed a copy

of an interview in which Mrs. MORTON SOBELL discussed her husband's case and which they said was published in at least twelve trade union ~~papers~~ in northern and central California. The letter was signed WARREN K. BILLINGS, Chairman.

SF T-4 advised on May 11, 1960, that the Sobell Committee of 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, held a benefit barbecue at 1203 Waller Street, San Francisco, on May 8, 1960. Contributions were taken on the basis of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under fourteen years. Approximately fifty people attended.

SF T-7 on May 6, 1960, furnished a copy of the March - April issue of a SOBELL newsletter entitled "Morton Sobell, A Man On Our Conscience" which showed that several newspapers in the East had published articles which indicated that the writers took the position that SOBELL's conviction was debatable.

The newsletter also printed a copy of a petition which had been circulated in the East which took the position that even though they believed SOBELL might be guilty, there was little that he was accused of doing and that his imprisonment should be ended after ten years.

The newsletter also stated that at a California Democratic Council meeting in Fresno, California, attended by 2300 delegates, the council passed a resolution calling upon the President of the United States to review the facts from SOBELL's case and take necessary action to secure ultimate justice. The public was urged to send hundreds of letters to the President, Senators, and Congressmen urging SOBELL's release.

SF T-11 on June 27, 1960, furnished a copy of a newsletter published by the Sobell Committee, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, entitled "Morton Sobell, A Man On Our Conscience," dated March - April, 1960. This newsletter listed names of persons, newspapers, and/or groups supposedly supporting the release of SOBELL or the granting of a new trial.

The newsletter states that a review is asked by the Democrats and printed the following resolution passed by them

at a convention held in Fresno, California, on
February 11 - 14, 1960:

"The California Democratic Council meeting in Fresno and attended by some 2300 delegates, passed the following resolution: 'Morton Sobell is serving his tenth year in prison. He has steadfastly proclaimed his innocence throughout his imprisonment. Many eminent Americans and other world figures, including jurists, scientists and clergymen, have also expressed substantial doubt as to his guilt. There does exist the possibility of human error in the matters of judgment when that judgment has been subjected to the political tensions of the day. The California Democratic Council has traditionally expressed concern for possible infringements upon justice and civil liberty. The California Democratic Council calls upon the President of the United States to review again the facts in the SOBELL case and take necessary action to secure ultimate justice.'"

The newsletter advertised a coming SOBELL fund raising event and asked for sustainers.

SF T-11 advised on June 27, 1960, that the Sobell Committee sponsored a fund raising event held at 1 Blithedale Terrace, Mill Valley, California, on June 17, 1960. Contributions were taken at the dinner and drinks were sold. No announcement was made as to the total money taken in during the evening.

SF T-12 advised on June 20, 1960, that the BACSC, sponsored a benefit theatrical performance at 2695 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, on June 19, 1960. A collection was taken and refreshments were sold but no announcement was made as to the total taken in.

SF T-13 on June 20, 1960, furnished a copy of a letter sent out by the BACSC which lists the names of the two United States Senators and twelve United States Congressmen

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from California. The letter requests that the recipients write to their Senators or Congressman on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. The letter also requests that the President of the United States be asked to grant a commutation of sentence of MORTON SOBELL or at least to secure a new trial for SOBELL.

SF T-11 on June 27, 1960, furnished a copy of a SOBELL newsletter dated June - July, 1960, entitled "Morton Sobell, A Man On Our Conscience." The newsletter stated that SOBELL had been in prison for ten years and that numerous persons, groups, and organizations are apparently offering support for SOBELL's release. Among those listed were groups from politics, government, the legal profession, clergy, authors, critics, newspapers, and an appeal by fifteen persons from Israel.

With this newsletter was a copy of a suggested letter to be sent to the Senators and Congressmen in California asking the President to grant a commutation of sentence for SOBELL or to seek a new trial for him.

SF T-13 on June 20, 1960, also furnished a copy of the newsletter issued by the Sobell Committee at San Francisco dated June - July, 1960, and entitled "Morton Sobell, A Man On Our Conscience."

SF T-4 advised on August 31, 1960, that the BACSC decided on that date to stress the harsh thirty year sentence against MORTON SOBELL, convicted espionage Subject, as contrasted with only the ten year sentence for FRANCES GARY POWERS, the American pilot of the U-2 shot down over Russia and recently tried and sentenced in Russia.

C. Finances

SF T-7 advised on January 21, 1960, that the East Bay Sobell Committee met on January 11, 1960, at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California. MARY KRVAR reported that over \$10,000.00 was collected in the Bay Area for SOBELL but that most of it went for salaries and living and traveling expenses for HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL.

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SF T-9 advised on March 8, 1960, that MARY KRVAR of the BACSC, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, had sent a check to the CSJMS at 940 Broadway, New York City, for additional literature to be distributed in California.

SF T-9 on March 8, 1960, also furnished a copy of a document entitled "Financing Work of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" which sets forth the amount of money received and dispersed during 1959, as well as a proposed budget for 1960.

This report reflects that San Francisco contributed \$784.59 during 1959.

The proposed budget recommended that quotas for contributions be set for Sobell clubs in various parts of the country for 1960 and recommended that San Francisco be given a quota of \$2,000.00 for 1960.

D. San Francisco Sobell Committee

SF T-4 advised on March 3, 1960, that the San Francisco Sobell Committee held a lecture at 699 Rhode Island Avenue, San Francisco, on February 27, 1960. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN was the speaker and her topic was "Beards and Sandals Versus the Grey Flannel Suit." She said that the beatniks were rebelling against racism and defeatism and the grey flannel suit had respect for the beatniks.

SF T-4 advised on June 24, 1960, that the San Francisco Sobell Committee sponsored a dramatic performance on June 19, 1960, at 2695 Sacramento Street, San Francisco. Attendance was by invitation only and about forty people were there.

E. San Francisco Sobell Committee Finances

SF T-4 advised on March 3, 1960, that the San Francisco Sobell Committee held a lecture on February 27, 1960, at 699 Rhode Island Avenue, San Francisco, at which \$67.00 was collected.

F. East Bay Sobell Committee (EBSC)

SF T-7 advised on January 21, 1960, that the EBSC met on January 11, 1960, at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California. MARY KRVAR reported on their accomplishments in the past year and what they hoped to accomplish in 1960. They agreed to meet with the San Francisco Sobell Committee and coordinate their activities. A committee was proposed to sound out politicians currently running for election as to their stand on the SOBELL case and other progressive activities.

WAYNE HULTGREN, Treasurer, reported that they had \$200.00 in their treasury. MARY KRVAR stated that over \$10,000.00 was collected in the Bay Area but that most of this went for expenses such as living and traveling expenses for HELEN SOBELL.

SF T-14 advised in March, 1955, that WAYNE HULTGREN joined the Young Communist League in 1943 and the CP in 1943. After his release from the U. S. Navy, HULTGREN again joined the CP. He was an officer in various CP clubs in Alameda County, California, from 1946 to 1951, a member of the Alameda County Committee CP in 1946 - 1948, and was chairman of the JACK JOHNSTONE CP Club in 1951.

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

SF T-15 advised on August 13, 1954, that WAYNE HULTGREN attended a CP meeting held at 402 Haight, Alameda, California, on August 12, 1954.

SF T-7 advised on March 10, 1960, that the EBSC met at 2709 Claremont Boulevard, Berkeley, California, on February 28, 1960, to hear a lecture by ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN. Miss RUBINSTEIN stated that governments in England, France, Germany, and Italy are bluffing the common people. She said that Vice President NIXON tried the same thing on his South American tour and the people replied with eggs and tomatoes. She said that EISENHOWER was no better as he

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favors the upper classes. She said that the oppressed people will act against such oppression. Fifty dollars was collected for SOBELL.

SF T-7 advised on May 5, 1960, that the EBSC met on May 3, 1960, at 1672 Oxford Street, Berkeley, California. MARY KRVAR reported that \$150.00 in sustainers was collected in the San Francisco area. She stated that they needed \$400.00 from the East Bay to keep their organization going. She said that although a year ago the rabbis in this area refused to support the Sobell Committee, now they are all supporting the SOBELL case.

G. EBSC Finances

SF T-7 advised on January 21, 1960, that the EBSC met on January 11, 1960, at 2724 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California. WAYNE HULTGREN, Treasurer of the EBSC, announced that they had \$200.00 in their treasury.

SF T-7 advised on March 10, 1960, that the EBSC met at 2709 Claremont Boulevard, Berkeley, California, on February 28, 1960, and that \$50.00 was taken up in collections.

SF T-7 advised on May 5, 1960, that the EBSC met at 1672 Oxford Street, Berkeley, on May 3, 1960.

MARY KRVAR announced that \$150.00 in sustainers had been collected in the San Francisco area. She said that \$400.00 was needed in the East Bay to keep the organization going. She stated that they planned to have a party in someone's house to raise \$400.00.

H. Sobell Committee of Sonoma County, California

SF T-16 advised on August 12, 1960, that CHARLES CHERNEY continues as the Chairman of the Sobell Committee in Sonoma County, California.

SF T-16 advised on July 12, 1960, that the Sobell Committee of Sonoma County, California, met at 841 Chapman Lane, Petaluma, Sonoma County, California, on July 8, 1960.

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MARY KRVAR spoke and said that MORTON SOBELL had been moved to a prison in Georgia. She stated that there is a national organization headed by ministers and labor leaders to get up a petition to get SOBELL a parole.

I. Sonoma County Sobell Committee Finances

SF T-16 advised on July 12, 1960, that the Sobell Committee of Sonoma County, California, met at 841 Chapman Lane, Sonoma County, California, on July 8, 1960. A collection of \$200.00 was collected for the Sobell Committee.

III. CONNECTIONS OF THE SOBELL COMMITTEES
WITH THE CP

SF T-17 advised on February 26, 1960, that the Sunset Club of the San Francisco County CP (SFCCP) met at 1235 - 42nd Avenue, San Francisco, on February 24, 1960. It was reported that AUBREY GROSSMAN went to the California Democratic Clubs (CDC) Convention held on February 11 - 14, 1960, at Fresno, California, as a lobbyist for MORTON SOBELL. GROSSMAN presented the resolution for the government to open up and investigate the SOBELL case to one of the CDC panels. The panel discussed it and presented it to the CDC Convention and it was passed by the convention. There was quite a bit of discussion about this Democratic Club movement.

SF T-18 advised on March 12, 1956, that AUBREY GROSSMAN was a member of a lawyers group known as the Maymarket Group, Professional Section, SFCCP, from approximately 1936 to February, 1950. It was the informant's opinion that GROSSMAN served as liaison representative between the CP Lawyers Club and the CP functionaries.

SF T-19 advised on August 6, 1957, that a meeting of the County Committee of the SFCCP was held on August 2, 1957, at 2431 - 15th Avenue, San Francisco. The informant stated that AUBREY GROSSMAN was suggested as a member of the Membership Committee of the County Committee, SFCCP. The informant said that the nomination of GROSSMAN was criticized on the grounds that he was not a registered CP member at that time and no further action regarding GROSSMAN was taken at that meeting.

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SF T-2 advised on March 21, 1960, that the North Oakland CP Club met at 6547 Tremont Street, Oakland, California, on March 10, 1960. MARY KRVAR was present and stated that she was attending the Sobell Committee Convention. She said that the next thirteen to fifteen months were considered to be excellent for getting MORTON SOBELL released from prison.

She said that later on the work would be directed towards exonerating SOBELL. She said that she wished the CP would openly do more for the SOBELL case. She stated that when she is back East she thought she would see GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA, as she had known him slightly in the past and had recently renewed the acquaintance.

SF T-2 advised on April 4, 1960, that the North Oakland CP Club met at a residence on Shattuck Avenue, corner of Prince Street, Berkeley, California. MARY KRVAR commented that they had had a good National Convention of the Sobell Committee. She was requested to give a report on the Sobell Convention at a future CP meeting.

IV. INVOLVEMENT OF OR ATTEMPTED INVOLVEMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE SOBELL CASE

SF T-11 on June 27, 1960, furnished a copy of a newsletter published by the Sobell Committee, 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California, dated March - April, 1960, entitled "MORTON SOBELL, A Man On Our Conscience." The newsletter prints a statement concerning a meeting of the California Democrats as follows:

"The California Democratic Council meeting in Fresno and attended by some 2300 delegates passed the following resolution: 'MORTON SOBELL is serving his tenth year in prison. He has steadfastly proclaimed his innocence throughout his imprisonment. Many eminent Americans and other world figures including jurists, scientists, and clergymen have also expressed substantial doubt as to his guilt. There does exist the possibility

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of human error in matters of judgement when that judgement has been subjected to the political tensions of the day. The California Democratic Council has traditionally expressed concern for possible infringements upon justice and civil liberty. The California Democratic Council calls upon the President of the United States to review again the facts in the SOBELL case and take necessary action to secure ultimate justice."

SF T-9 on May 17, 1960, furnished a copy of a letter to [REDACTED] dated May 13, 1960, which is set out verbatim below: b7C b7D

"May 13, 1960

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"Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

"I was disturbed to read in the San Francisco Chronicle that you were regarding the case of my husband, Morton Sobell, as a partisan political issue.

"I am of course grateful to the California Democratic Council for its resolution urging a further examination of my husband's case and I hope that other organizations of both parties will do likewise. I must point out to you that this is a matter on which people of many views have appealed.

"Questions of justice are not bounded by politics. It has been a source of great encouragement to my husband and me that Republican and Democratic members of the House of Representatives and the Senate have indicated their concern about my husband's continued imprisonment. This is as it should be, for it reflects the interest of many eminent individuals and publications throughout the country.

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"I enclose for your study the Report to the President which summarizes the many appeals on my husband's behalf. I urge that you read additional material on the case, and would be pleased to make available to you a copy of the complete trial transcript. The record of the trial, more than anything else, shows the lack of evidence or even specific accusations of wrongdoings on the part of my husband. He is an innocent man. He has already suffered 10 years of imprisonment. It is our hope that executive clemency or a new trial will be granted.

"Please make a study of this case. Then, I hope, the Republican Party of California will wish to take its independent position on this question and fight for my husband's rightful freedom.

"We thank you sincerely.

"Very truly yours

"/s/ (Mrs. Morton Sobell)"

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The "Laisve" on September 25, 1959, published an article which stated that the American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association had not forgotten MORTON SOBELL who had been kept in prison unjustly for four years even though they had contributed to SOBELL more than once. The article stated that they should be interested in the fate of political prisoners. The article stated "Let us realize that they are in prison not for any crime but because they work for the common good."

See Appendix Pages for "Laisve" and the American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association.

BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES

A 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 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 source advised that MARY KRVAR, a member of the Warehouse Club, Communist Party (CP), East Bay Region, Oakland, California, and the paid organizer for the BACSC, has stated that the CP 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.

On April 25, 1960, the second source advised that the BACSC was still active and planning future Sobell activities.

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

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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

The masthead of the March 31, 1959 issue of the "Laisve" ("Liberty") reflects that this newspaper is a Lithuanian semi-weekly, published by the Laisve, Incorporated, on Tuesdays and Fridays, except in case of holidays, in New York City, and that it was established April 5, 1911. It is noted that the masthead on prior issues of "Laisve" reflected that the newspaper was a Lithuanian daily.

The January 27, 1928 issue of the "Daily Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, contains a statement in which the "Laisve" is referred to as a "Lithuanian Communist Daily."

On May 6, 1959, [REDACTED] New York, an attorney of Lithuanian background, advised that the "Laisve" continues to consistently follow an attitude favorable towards Communism and the Soviet Union, and that this newspaper has always been regarded among Lithuanians as a Lithuanian language counterpart of the former "Daily Worker." b7C b7D

[REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] editors of the "Laisve" for many years, are regarded as two of the leading proponents of Communism among Lithuanians in the United States. b7C b7D

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AMERICAN LITHUANIAN WORKERS LITERARY ASSOCIATION

The American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association was incorporated on December 16, 1918, in the State of New York as the Lithuanian Workers Literary Society. On June 13, 1932, it was incorporated in the State of New York as the American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association. Its purposes and activities as described by the organization are as follows: to publish writings, papers, books, pamphlets, newspapers, periodicals and other publications in various branches of learning; to establish libraries, to work for the intellectual, moral and social advancement of the members; to publish books and a literary quarterly; to sponsor meetings and lectures on topics of art, literature, current events, etcetera; and to sponsor handicraft exhibits, plays and various other cultural and social affairs.

Two of the original incorporators in this organization were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. A source advised that after the Soviet occupation of Lithuania in 1940, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] admitted they were Communist Party members. [REDACTED] in 1933 and again in 1938, was a Communist Party candidate for election to public office in the State of New York. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are on the [REDACTED] of "Sviesa," the official publication of the captioned organization which has its headquarters at 110 - 12 Atlantic Avenue, Richmond Hill, New York.

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September 19, 1960

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Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
Reference	report of Special Agent PHILIP M. ALGAR, dated and captioned as above, at San Francisco.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, AKA, ET AL, ESPIONAGE DASH R. COMMITTEE TO
(CSJMS) INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST INTERNAL SECURITY ACT
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[REDACTED] ADVISED SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON THAT
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[REDACTED] IRMA QUOTE WIDGE UNQUOTE NEWMAN, PRESENTLY AN ORGANIZER
FOR THE CSJMS, THAT HARRY GOLD, CONVICTED WITH MORTON SOBELL
AND SENTENCED TO SERVE THIRTY YEARS IN PRISON, WAS DYING OF
CANCER AND HAD SENT WORD THROUGH THE PRISON GRAPEVINE THAT HE
WANTED TO EXPOSE THE QUOTE FRAMEUP UNQUOTE WHICH SENT SOBELL
AND HIMSELF TO PRISON. NEWMAN DID NOT STATE WHAT THE QUOTE
FRAMEUP UNQUOTE MIGHT HAVE BEEN, BUT CONJECTURED THAT GOLD
COULD GET WORD TO HIS ATTORNEY, NAMED ROGGE, WHO WOULD CONTACT
THE GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BECOME FRIGHTENED, AND
BEFORE GOLD COULD EXPOSE THE GOVERNMENT, THEY WOULD FREE SOBELL.

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NEWMAN INDICATED THOSE IN THE CSJMS WERE VERY HOPEFUL
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TWENTYFOUR LAST. INQUIRY AT U.S. NORTHEASTERN PENITENTIARY LEWISBURG,
PA. THIS DATE REFLECTED THAT HARRY GOLD AND DAVID GREENGLASS CURRENTLY
INCARCERATED. CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF PENITENTIARY ADVISED BOTH
ARE IN GOOD HEALTH. HOWEVER, FIVE YEARS AGO, GOLD VOLUNTARILY PAR-
TICIPATED IN HEPATITIS PROJECT AND NOW SUFFERS FROM LIVER AILMENT NOT
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JULIUS ROSENBERG, ESPIONAGE - R. RELATEL OCTOBER TWO FOUR LAST.
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 LEWISBURG PENITENTIARY AND IF EITHER HAS CANCER.

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NOTE:

Latel advised that one Widge Newman of Los Angeles Sobell Committee advised that Harry Gold had cancer and sent us through the grapevine that he wanted to furnish information which would free Sobell. This is believed to be false. Bureau has no information that Gold has cancer.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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JULIUS ROSENBERG

Re: SA DANIEL J. HURLEY dated 8/19/60 at Chicago,
captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are three copies of a thumbnail
sketch of the Chicago Sobell Committee, aka Chicago Committee
to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

The address of the above captioned organization is
Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The Bureau is requested to approve the enclosed
thumbnail sketch to be used by the Chicago Office.

On September 27, 1960, [REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable information in the past, provided SA RAYMOND E. MOOMEY
by mail with a copy of a letter from the Chicago Sobell
Committee (CSC) dated September, 1960, addressed to "Dear
Friend". The letter was signed by DAVID L. SOLTNER for the
Committee. The letter noted that the CSC had moved their office
from 20 West Jackson Street to Room 309-1, 208 North Wells
Street, Chicago 6, Illinois. b2 b7D

The Bureau will please note that the only change
in the thumbnail sketch as presently contained in the Chicago
Office is the change of address of the CSC.

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**CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, Also Known As
Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell**

On September 27, 1960, a source stated that the address of the above captioned organization is Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Chicago Sobell Committee, which is also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was formerly known as Chicago Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, is a small group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programing in the Chicago area. The Chicago Committee, since its inception in 1952, has been an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is also known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and was formerly known as the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, with headquarters in New York.

Source said that to his knowledge this committee has no full-time employees nor any volunteers who have national positions or titles. DAVID SOLTNER and SYLVIA LEVINSON appear to be the guiding forces behind this committee and they are assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTNER, wife of DAVID SOLTNER, and former chairman of this committee who continues to be active in Sobell activities.

Another source advised during May, 1960, that the Chicago Sobell Committee maintains a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, and that DAVID SOLTNER is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTNER appear as signers on the Communist Party election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

Another source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTNER, as of 1943, was a member of the Communist Party.

Another source furnished information in 1949 which indicates that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was Vice Chairman of the Congress of American Women.

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The Communist Party and the Congress of American Women have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SOURCES:

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Anonymous Source

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (65-58236)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (65-4350)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, aka ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 10/27/60

Re Los Angeles teletype and Bureau teletype
10/24/60 and Philadelphia teletype 10/25/60.

On 10/25/60, Mr. [REDACTED] Record Clerk,
U. S. Penitentiary (USP), Lewisburg, Pa., made available
to SA THOMAS E. BAUNDERS files of inmates DAVID GREENGLASS,
Registry #193 52-NE and HARRY GOLD, Registry #193 12-NE,
examination of which reflected: b7c b7D

DAVID GREENGLASS, who was sentenced on 4/6/51,
was last denied parole on 4/26/60. His conditional release
date is now set at 5/1/61 and his conditional release date
with extra good time, which he is earning, is set at 11/16/60.
His release plan calls for his residence with his wife at 90
Columbia Street, New York City, N. Y. Employment will be
obtained upon his release. A review of the file failed to
indicate that GREENGLASS was suffering from any type disease,
in particular cancer.

HARRY GOLD appeared before a representative of the
U. S. Board of Parole for the first time on 8/9/60. To date
no finding of the Board has been made a matter of record.
GOLD's conditional release date is 10/26/70; with extra good
time, which he is earning, it is 1/18/69. His sentence will
expire full term on 7/18/80. GOLD's jacket failed to indi-
cate that he was suffering from cancer. It is noted that
GOLD is employed in the Prison Hospital and performs all the
blood examinations.

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1 - 65-4331 (DAVID GREENGLASS) XI
1 - 65-4307 (HARRY GOLD)
1 - 100-37667 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL)

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Dr. [REDACTED] USPHS, Chief Medical Officer, Prison Hospital, advised that to his knowledge neither DAVID GREENGLASS nor HARRY GOLD have ever had, or are presently suffering from cancer. He, [REDACTED], would know if such were the case. Regarding GOLD, however, approximately five years ago he volunteered to participate in a hepatitis experiment, caught the disease and since that time has had some liver trouble; however, it is not serious. GOLD works every day, works extra hours and the doctor felt his general physical condition was good. Dr. [REDACTED] considered both GREENGLASS and GOLD to be in good condition. b7C b7D

The local Philadelphia press on 10/26 and 27/60, carried stories to the effect that the Justice Department on 10/26/60 had turned down a bid for parole by HARRY GOLD.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Aull

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SAC, Boston

Director, FBI

**MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ESPIONAGE)**

Re Boston letter November 7, 1960, entitled
"Julius Rosenberg, aka, Et Al, Espionage - R."

Referenced letter sets forth information obtained
from former SA [redacted] regarding a contact by one
[redacted] who represented himself as a writer. b7C b7D

For the information of the Boston Office, it appears
that [redacted] is identical with Walter [redacted]

[redacted] and
the subject of a current investigation in which the New York
Office is the office of origin. [redacted] was in contact with
[redacted] New York attorney in August of 1960
at which time he indicated an interest in writing a book
involving Harry Gold and the Rosenbergs. [redacted] attempted
to discredit Gold in his comments to [redacted] b7C

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NOTE: Former SA [redacted] was contacted by [redacted]
and advised of the approach of one [redacted] who appears to be
identical with the subject of this communication. [redacted]
informed the subject that he had no comments to make on the
Rosenberg case and former SA [redacted] was instructed him to decline
comment in the event of any further contact by the subject. The
Philadelphia Office has advised by letter dated November 9, 1960,
that under existing regulations at the Federal penitentiary at
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, inmates are not permitted to carry on
business and as a matter of policy authorization to visit inmates
is not given to visitors who may want to write books or articles.
Philadelphia inquired concerning these regulations after infor-
mation came to our attention indicating that [redacted] might attempt
to interview Harry Gold in order to get material for his proposed
book. b7C b7D

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 11/7/60

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (65-3405)

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

Former Special Agent and now Attorney [redacted] telephonically advised this office on 11/7/60 of the following:

[redacted] client, [redacted] of Cambridge, Mass., was recently contacted by one (FNU) [redacted] who represented himself as a writer for the "Reporter" magazine published in New York City. [redacted] is a former husband of [redacted] sister of convicted Soviet atomic spy, EMIL KLAUS FUCHS, and [redacted] desired to interview [redacted] regarding his knowledge of the principals in the ROSENBERG case. [redacted] also expressed to [redacted] at this time his belief that the ROSENBERGs were unjustly convicted and his suspicion that HARRY GOLD was a pathological liar.

[redacted] informed [redacted] that he had no comment to make on the ROSENBERG case and [redacted] has instructed him to decline comment in the event of any future contact by [redacted]. Both [redacted] and [redacted] were of the opinion that [redacted] intended to write an article regarding the ROSENBERG case, renewing the charges that they were unjustly convicted.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and the New York Office.

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: JAN 26 1961

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL
ESP-R

ReNYlet, dated 9/29/60.

AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE advised on 1/18/61 that a decision concerning the disposition of the evidence in this case has not been reached as yet.

This case will be continued in a P* status and the USA's office will be recontacted again within 90 days.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 1/23/61

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ALGER HISS
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
Bureau file 101-2668

JULIUS ROSENBERG et al
ESPIONAGE - R
Bureau file 65-58236

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For your information, the Government prosecutor in both of the Alger Hiss perjury trials in 1949-50 was Thomas F. Murphy, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, who was then in charge of the Criminal Division of the U. S. Attorney's Office. He is now a Federal judge in New York City. No attorneys from the Department of Justice in Washington were dispatched to New York to assist in the prosecution of these trials. First trial was in Spring of 1949. Second trial began Fall of 1949 and ended with conviction on 1/21/50 and sentence on 1/25/50.

Communications from the Bureau to the Department concerning the Alger Hiss case were sent to J. Howard McGrath, Attorney General, and Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division.

With respect to the Rosenberg case, the prosecution was handled by Irving Saypol, U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. He was assisted by Assistant U. S. Attorneys, Myles Lane, Roy Cohn, and James Kilsheimer. The Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division at the time of the Rosenberg trial, March, 1951, was James M. McInerney, who was so assigned from January 30, 1950, to August 12, 1952.

ACTION:

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None. This is for your information. ✓

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. F. L. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Lee

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Title and Character of Case
JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL
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Date Property Acquired
8/11/50

Source From Which Property Acquired
ETHEL ROSENBERG, 10 MONROE STREET, NYC

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit
VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
RETAIN-DISPOSITION IS BEING CONSIDERED BY AUSA

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON

- 627. A shell clasped pin - white and pink.
- 628. A Norwalk key number B311545 for Apt. G-11, 10 Monroe St., NYC.
- 629. A Brass Independent Lock Key 1022 for apt. of BERNARD GREENGLASS.
- 630. An Eagle Lock Co. key marked "Rothstein", 253 Rivington, and a Presto key and the Eagle Lock key #8367M.
- 631. A Crest New York Luggage key and a Yale luggage Key #829.

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Field Division
NEW YORK

Title and Character of Case

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL
ESP-R

Date Property Acquired

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Source From Which Property Acquired

APT. OF JULIUS ROSENBERG, 10 MONROE ST., APT. 11-GE,
NYC

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

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

RETAIN - DISPOSITION IS BEING CONSIDERED BY
AUSA

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA W. NORTON

(1) 1 large paper shopping bag with handles containing the following:

- 1 can of Kodak acid fixer.
- 1 can of Kodak microdel developer.
- 1 small funnel.
- 1 large glass graduate measuring jar.
- 1 adjustable roll film developing tank.
- 1 stainless steel thermometer.
- 1 paper bag from Willoughby Camera Shop, NYC, containing a stirrer.
- 1 small cloth bag containing 38 miscellaneous keys.

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Date Property Acquired

7/7/50

Source From Which Property Acquired

APT. OF JULIUS ROSENBERG, 10 MONROE ST., APT. 11-GE, NY

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

VAULT

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

RETAIN-DISPOSITION IS BEING CONSIDERED BY AUSA

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

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

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Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 2/16/61	Investigation Period 2/1 - 10/61
TITLE OF CASE REASON: PETS H, 1-2-5 DATE OF REVIEW: MAR COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		Report made by DANIEL J. MURLEY	Typed By: JVK
CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C		ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE	

REFERENCE: Report of SA DANIEL J. MURLEY dated 2/19/60 at Chicago.

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (3): Three copies of revised thumbnail sketch.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Will continue to follow and report activities of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Chicago Sobell Committee.

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

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

INFORMANTSSource

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Information regarding ROBERT BASKER

Information regarding PHILLIP BRAIL b2 b7D (X) u

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Information regarding Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN (U)

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Information regarding Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUD)
SOLTKER

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SOLTKER

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Information regarding SYLVIA LEVINSON

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Information regarding Mrs. ROBERT (HEDDA)
BASKER

IRVING NEBENZAHL

CG T-7
Anonymous Source

Information regarding BLANCHE BRAIL

PHILLIP BRAIL

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Information regarding Dr. JOSEPH T. SHERIDA

IRIS BRAIL

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Information regarding Dr. LEO GOLDMAN and
Mrs. LEO (BETTY GOLDMAN)

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Information regarding Mr. LEO GOLDMAN and Mrs. LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN

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Information regarding ERWIN SALK

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Information regarding ERWIN SALK

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Information regarding Mrs. ERWIN (EVELYN) SALK

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Information regarding ISADORE WARWAK

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONSSourceOrganization

American Forum for Socialist Education

Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights, formerly known as the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act

Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship

Chicago Sobell Committee, also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL

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OrganizationFair Play for Cuba Committee
(Chicago Chapter)Fair Play for Cuba Committee
(National)Committee for Freedom of the
Press, aka Illinois Committee fo.
Freedom of the PressNational Lawyers Guild, Chicago
Chapter

National Lawyers Guild (National)

Midwest Committee for Protection
of Foreign BornSocialist Workers Party (Chicago
Chapter)Illinois Committee for Peaceful
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Copy to: 1 - G-2, Chicago (RM)
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Report of: SA DANIEL J. HURLEY
Date: Feb 16, 1961

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 100-25530

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) is an affiliate of captioned organization. As of February, 1961, the CSC operated out of Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois. Information concerning CSC officers, volunteers and finances set forth. DAVID SOLTNER, Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER, and SYLVIA LEVINSON, appeared to be the guiding forces behind the CSC fund raising and programing in Chicago. The CSC continues to circulate literature on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. The CSC in August, 1960, held an affair in Chicago to raise funds on behalf of SOBELL. Program for Freedom Week End, Washington, D.C. set forth. ALVA TOMPKINS, Chicago Minister, presented petition to secure release of SOBELL to the White House.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organizations, mentioned in this report, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB)
Communist Party (CP), USA
Congress of American Women (CAW)
National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF)
Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

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

American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE)
Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR)
Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR)
formerly known as Chicago Joint Defense Committee to
Defeat the Smith Act
Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship (CCASF)
Chicago Sobell Committee, also known as Chicago Committee
to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSC) (CCSJMS)
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS)
Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPC), Chicago Chapter

Attorney General's Committee (AGC), Chicago Chapter

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Fair Play for Cuba Committee (National)

**Committee for Freedom of the Press, also known as
Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP)**

Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (ICPA)

National Lawyers Guild, Chicago Chapter (NLG)

National Lawyers Guild, National

Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB)

Socialist Workers Party (Chicago Chapter) (SWP)

I. CHARACTERIZATION

The Chicago Sobell Committee (See Appendix) is the Chicago, Illinois affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (See Appendix).

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951 and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence in the U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) as of September, 1960 had moved their office from 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago,

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Illinois to Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.


CG T-1 - 9/27/60

The CSC which operated out of Office 1301 of the Great Northern Office Building, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, vacated their space officially on August 31, 1960, but remained at the location for a few weeks to clean up their area. The above building is operated by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Chicago, Illinois.

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GSA, Chicago, 10/17/60

CSC Officials and Volunteers

On February 2, 1961, source, who has been active in CSC affairs, advised that DAVID SOLTNER, Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER and SYLVIA LEVINSON, appeared to be the guiding forces behind the CSC program and Sobell fund raising in Chicago. They were assisted by a group of volunteers, included among whom are the following:

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The CSC has no full-time employees and to source's knowledge none of these persons engaged in CSC work hold national positions or titles. Inquiries concerning national Sobell work are handled by the National Office of the Sobell Committee at New York, New York.

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DAVID SOLTKE

The files of the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the name DAVID SOLTKE appears as a signer on the Communist Party (CP) election petition submitted to the State of Illinois, 1940.

Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKE

The files of the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the name of Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKE appears as a signer of the CP election petition submitted to the State of Illinois, 1940.

GERTRUDE SOLTKE as of 1943, was a member of the CP.

(CG T-2 - 1943)

On August 2, 1960, GERTRUDE SOLTKE attended the 70th Birthday celebration of PEARL M. HART, President of the Chicago Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) in Chicago. This affair was sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) and the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR).

(CG T-3 - August 4, 1960)

SYLVIA LEVINSON

Information furnished in 1949 indicated that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was Vice-Chairman of the Congress of American Women.

(CG T-5 - 3/17/49)

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ROBERT BASKER

ROBERT BASKER was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship (CCASF) held on January 23, 1960 at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1 - 1/26/60)

Mrs. ROBERT (HEDDA) BASKER

Mrs. ROBERT (HEDDA) BASKER attended the Executive Board meeting of the CCASF held August 8, 1960 at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-6 - [8/12/60]) & u

BLANCHE BRAIL

BLANCHE BRAIL on February 6, 1960, attended an affair sponsored by the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP) of Chicago. This affair was held for the purpose of enlarging the circulation of "The Worker" and GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA, was present as an honored speaker.

(CG T-3 - 2/11/60)

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

In February, 1960, the name BLANCHE BRAIL was in possession of Dr. JOSEPH T. SHERIDAN.

(CG T-7 - 2/25/60)

As of February, 1960, Dr. JOSEPH T. SHERIDAN was Chairman of the Loop Division of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-8 - February, 1960)

BORIS BRAIL

BORIS BRAIL was a CP member and a member of the Finance Committee of the CP of Illinois during 1957.

(CG T-8 - 2/5/58)

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PHILLIP BRAIL

PHILLIP BRAIL on November 11, 1959, attended a function of the CCASF held in Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1 - 11/16/59)

In February, 1960, the name PHILLIP BRAIL was in possession of Dr. JOSEPH T. SHERIDAN.

(CG T-7 - 2/25/60)

CHARLES HERMAN FISCHER

On May 24, 1956, [REDACTED] a former member of District 5, CP, advised SA MARVIN E. STEFFAN that CHARLES HERMAN FISCHER worked closely with the CP in Pennsylvania in 1948 or 1949. [REDACTED] stated that FISCHER attended a meeting of District 5, CP [REDACTED] held on Beachwood Boulevard in Pittsburgh in 1948.

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SYLVIA GORDON FISCHER

On March 17, 1951, [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, a member of the CP 1944 to 1948, advised that the Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (ICPA) publication the "News" in March, 1951, contained an article which stated that SYLVIA FISCHER had been elected to serve on the Executive Board of the South Side Committee for Peaceful Alternatives, an affiliate of the ICPA.

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Dr. LEO GOLDMAN and
Mrs. LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN

On January 19, 1960, Mrs. LEO (BETTY) GOLDMAN and Dr. LEO GOLDMAN attended a joint section convention of the 12th and 13th congressional sections, CP of Illinois at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. LEO GOLDMAN, 706 Forest, Evanston, Illinois. *Ku*

(CG T-9 - 1/20/60)
(CG T-10 - 1/20/60) *Ku*

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IRVING NEBENZAHL

On April 25, 1960, IRVING NEBENZAHL was in attendance at a meeting of the CCASF in Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-6 - 5/4/60)

ERWIN SALK

During December, 1959, it was learned that ERWIN SALK during the period of the CP underground and possibly prior thereto, had been a source of CP funds for the Illinois District, CA \$ u

(CG T-11 - [12/27/59])
(CG T-12 - [12/27/59])
(CG T-13 - [12/29/59])

Mrs. ERWIN (EVELYN) SALK

On January 18, 1959, Mrs. ERWIN (EVELYN) SALK attended a CCASF meeting in Skokie, Illinois.

(CG T-14 - 1/22/59)

ISADORE WARWAK

As of January, 1961, ISADORE WARWAK was a paid member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), South Side Branch, Chicago Chapter.

(CG T-3 - 1/20/61)

WARWAK attended a closed branch meeting of the Socialist Workers Party, Chicago Branch, on December 5, 1960, at Chicago, Illinois. \$ u

(CG T-15 - [12/6/60]) \$ u

JESSIE YOUNG

On June 8, 1960, an Executive Board meeting of the Peace Club, Hyde Park Section, CP of Illinois, was held at Chicago. u

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Illinois and JESSIE YOUNG, Educational Director, was present at this meeting.

(CG T-16 - 6/13/60)

It should be noted that JESSIE YOUNG became divorced and married Dr. JOSEPH SHERIDAN during the latter part of 1960. She is presently known as JESSIE SHERIDAN.

(CG T-16 - [8/1/60]) X u

III. FINANCES

The CSC raises funds through sustainers, the solicitations of contributions from individuals and the holding of public affairs such as parties, picnics, public meetings and so forth.

(CG T-1 - 2/2/61)

The following information regarding the CSC bank account maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, was furnished by CG T-17 on the dates indicated:

July, 1960

Opening balance	\$613.36
Closing balance	425.94

In July, one check for \$100 and another for \$2.50 issued to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were cleared through the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York. In July, one check for \$51 and another for \$51 issued to the U.S. General Services Administration were cleared through the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-17 - 8/12/60)

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August, 1960

Opening Balance	\$425.94
Closing balance	296.46

In August, one check for \$100 issued to ALVA TOMPKINS was cleared through the National Bank and Trust Company, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

(CG T-17 - 9/14/60)

September, 1960

Opening balance	\$729.50
Closing balance	702.44

In September, one check for \$30 issued to Lang, Weise and Cella (office rent # 310-2, 208 North Wells) was cleared through the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-17 - 10/13/60)

October, 1960

Opening balance	\$702.44
Closing balance	813.75

In October, a check for \$30 issued to Lang, Weise and Cella was cleared through the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago. In October one check for \$112.69 issued to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was cleared through the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

(CG T-17 - 11/15/60)

CG 100-25530

November, 1960

Opening balance	\$813.75
Closing balance	542.98

In November one check for \$30 issued to Lang, Weise and Cella was cleared through the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois. In November, two checks, one for \$200 and the second for \$20 issued to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were cleared through the Chemical Bank, New York, New York.

(CG T-17 - 12/8/60)

December, 1960

Opening balance	\$542.98
Closing balance	215.73

In December one check for \$30 issued to Lang, Weise and Cella was cleared through the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois. In December, one check for \$300 issued to Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was cleared through the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, New York.

(CG T-17 - 1/10/61)

Information concerning the above is no longer in possession of the source.

IV. ACTIVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. PHILLIP BRAIL were to hold the 7th Annual Garden Party on August 27, 1960 at their home in Chicago, Illinois. This party was to be held under the auspices of the CSC.

(CG T-3 - [8/15/60]) X u

A "Chicken Dinner" sponsored by the CSC was to be held on August 27, 1960, at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-18 - [8/26/60]) X u

The above mentioned CSC Garden Party - "Chicken Dinner" had cleared approximately \$550. *ju*

(CG T-1 - (8/14/60)) *ju*

The above mentioned Garden Party was held on August 27, 1960 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. PHILLIP BRAIL, 4725 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and approximately 90 people were in attendance at the party. Admission to the party was a \$5 donation.

(CG T-1 - 8/29/60)

On September 27, 1960, source furnished a CSC letter dated September, 1960 and addressed to "Dear Friend". This letter was signed 'DAVID L. SOLTNER for the Committee.'

The letter noted that the CSC had moved their office from 20 West Jackson Street to Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago 6, Illinois. It then went on to state that plans were under way for the National Appeal in Washington, November 19-21, 1960, for which the theme will be a vigorous call for MORTON SOBELL's freedom. It then went on to set forth the program planned for the November affair, which was as follows:

- "I. Presentation of signed appeals by the clergy, by community leaders, and messages of support by leading individuals and groups throughout the country; also, an impressive group of sponsors for the Washington event.
- "II. A public banquet at the famous Shoreham Hotel with noted speakers and a public exhibit dramatizing Sobell support.
- "III. Delegations to the White House and Justice Department: reflecting the clergy and VIP appeals, and appointments with Senators and Congressmen.

~~"IV.~~ Sermons in the Washington churches.

"V. Presentations to the White House of tape recorded messages from VIP's and laymen, who would like to speak directly to the President in their own voices reflecting their deep feelings.2

(CG T-1 - 9/27/60)

Source furnished a letter dated August 13, 1960, with letterhead CSC and addressed to "Dear Friend". This letter made reference to the fact that the summer season is a season in which financial support for organizations such as the CSC completely lapses. It was requested that the recipient of the letter consider the financial dilemma of the organization and be as helpful as possible. The letter also made much of the fact that an opera would be presented by the Northwestern players at Northwestern University and the CSC had purchased the whole house for the evening performance of Sunday, October 30, 1960. Tickets were priced at \$2 each. The above letter was signed by DAVID L. SOLTNER for the Committee.

(CG T-1 - 10/26/60)

Source furnished a letter dated October, 1960 with letterhead CSC. This letter outlined the national appeal for MORTON SOBELL's Program for Freedom Week End, Washington, D.C., November 19, 20, 21, 1960. The letter reads as follows:

"PROGRAM FOR FREEDOM WEEKEND WASHINGTON, D.C. - NOVEMBER 19th, 20th, 21st, 1960

EXHIBIT	Specially assembled National Exhibition 'Americans Appeal for Morton Sobell'. The visual impact of Democracy in Action. Open to public Friday, November 18, thru Sunday, November 20.
RECEPTION	Gathering of visitors and honored guests. The Hotel Shoreham, Bird Cage Walk, Saturday, Nov. 19th - 5:30 P.M.

"SOBELL

FREEDOM
BANQUET

The Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom, Saturday,
November 19 - 7:00 P.M.

Invocation by Rev. Nelson C. Pierce, Washington, D.C.
Honored Speakers:

Burns Chalmers - of the American Friends Service
Comm., Wash., D.C.

Harold A. Craneheld - Attorney, Detroit, Michigan

Rev. John Paul Jones - Ashfield, Massachusetts

Mrs. Helen Sobell

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein - National Chairman of
the Committee for Labor Israel, Chicago,
Illinois

Chairman: Gerhardt Van Arkel - Attorney,
Washington, D.C.

PANEL

'Facts and Issues in the Sobell Case'

Prof. Thomas Emerson, Yale Law School

'Further Support for Morton Sobell's Release'

Group Discussion

The Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom, Sunday, November
20, 2:00 P.M.

WHITE
HOUSE
PRAYER

A sundown prayer for Morton Sobell's freedom at the
White House Sunday, November 20, 5:00 P.M.

Led by Rev. Alva Tompkins, Olivet Presbyterian Church,
Chicago, Ill.

DELEGATIONS

A day of visiting government representatives on behalf
of Morton Sobell's release - Monday, November 21,
1960

Reservations for the banquet may be made at ten
dollars per plate. There is no admission charge
for the other events. If you are interested in
attending, add a note in the return envelope."

(CG T-1 - 11/3/60)

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Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN

Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN's name appeared on the letterhead stationery of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) as of November, 1960 in the position of honorary chairman.

(CG T-1 - 11/28/60)

ALVA TOMPKINS, Chicago Minister,
Acting in Behalf of MORTON SOBELL

Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS as of February 11, 1960, was Chairman of the American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE) in Chicago.

(CG T-19 - 2/11/60)

On November 21, 1960, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the White House Police, assigned to the West Gate, advised SAs O. MICHAEL SMASAL and PHILIP G. JACKSON that Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS of Chicago, Illinois, was one of the individuals who led a group of people to the White House on November 21, 1960, to request permission to present a petition to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL. Reverend TOMPKINS was one of two chosen from the delegation to see Reverend FREDERICK FOX of the White House staff to present the petition to him. The petition asked that the president use his office to urge a new trial for MORTON SOBELL or grant him clemency by commutation of his sentence. b7C b7D

Source furnished a letter dated November 10, 1960, from CSC, 208 North Wells Street, Room 309-1, Chicago, Illinois. The letter was addressed to "Dear Friend".

The letter discussed the planned "freedom week end" scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., during the period of November 19-21, 1960. It was noted that Chicago activity in connection with the "freedom week end" involved the printing of 18,700 pieces of literature and a mailing to 3,500 ministers and

rabbis in the Chicago and Illinois area. It was further noted that over 350 clergymen had joined the 'appeal to the President on behalf of MORTON SOBELL' which was the best response from any area in the U.S. It was noted that the foregoing activity had cost the committee \$592 and it further noted that the expense of the delegation of clergymen and representatives to the 'freedom week end' would be \$500.

It then noted that the above activities had left the committee 'strapped and in debt' and an appeal was made for funds.

(CG T-1 - 11/14/60)

On November 16, 1960, a source furnished a letter received by the source on the letterhead of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. The letter read in part as follows:

"Dear Fellow Lawyer:

"I would like to call your attention to a Washington event of possible interest to lawyers.

"There has been an increasing belief that an injustice was done in the case of Morton Sobell, now in his 11th year of confinement and under a 30-year sentence imposed on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage in the Rosenberg case. An independent inquiry by a group that included Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of the Union Theological Seminary and Professor Edmond Cahn of the New York University Law School resulted in the conclusion that the case against Mr. Sobell was 'vague in content and slender in proof' and that the sentence should be commuted."

The third paragraph stated that Professor THOMAS I. EMERSON of the Yale Law School had made a study of the case and will present his views in a panel discussion at Washington, D.C. on November 20, 1960. It mentioned that this was part of a national appeal for freedom of MORTON SOBELL. The author of the letter, MALCOLM SHARP, Professor of Law, University of Chicago, maintains in the letter that it was a matter close to his heart and he hoped that the addressees would avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the case discussed. The source was of the opinion that the letter was sent to the attorneys on the Lawyer's Directory.

(CG T-20 - 11/16/60)

CG 100-25530

MALCOLM SHARP

A booklet entitled "The legacy of Abner Green" was issued by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) for the 27th National Convention of the ACPFB held December 19-20, 1959 at the Hotel Belmont Plaza, New York City. The inside cover of this booklet lists MALCOLM SHARP from Chicago as a sponsor of this convention.

(CG T-21 - 12/24/59)

ABNER GREEN

[REDACTED] of the Review Commission /
of the CP, New York State, who was expelled from the CP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised on January 5, 1954, that he had seen ABNER GREEN at
National Group Commission meetings and CP Conventions prior to 1950.

In August, 1959, ABNER GREEN, Former Chairman of the
ACPFB, died following an operation for a tumor on the brain.

(CG T-13 - August, 1959)

**AMERICAN FORUM FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION,
Also Known as American Forum**

According to an article appearing in the May 13, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 1, column 2, A. J. MUSTE, "well known pacifist," announced the formation of the American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE). According to this article, the American Forum seeks to promote "study and serious untrammelled political discussions among all elements that think of themselves as related to historic socialist and labor traditions, values and objectives. . . however deep and bitter their differences may have been."

This article reflects that a forty member National Committee had been established and, according to MUSTE, these persons served as individuals and not as delegated representatives of any group.

MUSTE, according to this article, stated that the American Forum is not a membership organization and does not propose to promote united action by various parties or groups, mergers or new organizations.

The article reflects that among other purposes, the AFSE seeks to call attention to the various publications of the groups whose people engage in discussion; to publish bulletins or pamphlets; to organize regional and national conferences; contribute to the building of new morale and ethic, a spirit of fair play, labor militancy, determination and hope among the progressive and radical forces in this country.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended operation on January 13, 1958.

On May 24, 1960, Reverend ALVA TOMPKINS, Chairman of the AFSE in Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed under appropriate pretext by an Agent of the FBI. TOMPKINS stated that while the AFSE originated in New York, no guidance or control has ever been exercised by the AFSE in New York over the AFSE in Chicago; however, the AFSE in Chicago has been guided by the precepts of the New York group.

TOMPKINS stated that the AFSE is a broad forum which includes members from various "liberal groups" on its executive committee including such persons as FRED FINE and JACK SPIEGEL.

According to a source, FRED FINE is a former member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA (CP), who resigned in October, 1958, from the CP because of policy differences.

According to a second source, JACK SPIEGEL was a member of a shoe workers group in the Johnstone Section, CP of Illinois, until the latter part of 1955, at which time he officially dropped out of the Party because he had signed a Non-Communist affidavit with the National Labor Relations Board.

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

CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) maintains headquarters in Room 811, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A source, on October 31, 1960, advised that the CCDBR was formally launched as an organization at a meeting held in Chicago, Illinois on October 26, 1960. Officers named at this meeting were Rev. WILLIAM T. BAIRD, Executive Director, and RICHARD CRILEY, Executive Secretary. The stated purpose of this new organization was the abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

Concerning the Rev. WILLIAM T. BAIRD, it is noted that a letterhead of the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) dated May 19, 1960, identifies BAIRD as Honorary Chairman of the MCPFB.

Concerning RICHARD CRILEY, it is to be noted that CARL NELSON, 3093 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on May 5, 1959, appeared before a Subcommittee of the HCUA at a hearing held on that date in Chicago, Illinois. During the course of his testimony, CARL NELSON admitted to Communist Party (CP) membership for the period from 1934 - 1949, and during the course of his testimony advised the Committee that RICHARD CRILEY was known to him as a member of the Section Committee of the CP of the Packinghouse Industry, while he, NELSON, was a member of the CP.

The first source, on October 27, 1960, advised that RICHARD CRILEY had commented that the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR) "is no more" and that soon a meeting of the CCDDR "associates" will be held and the CCDDR formally dissolved. All assets of the CCDDR will be turned over to the CCDBR and the new organization will continue to utilize the same office space, mailing address, and other facilities of the CCDDR.

A second source advised on October 28, 1960 as follows:

Subsequent to the meeting of October 26, 1960, RICHARD CRILEY met with many officers of the CP of Illinois at which time an extensive discussion was carried on regarding the decisions of the meeting at which the CCDBR was formed.

CRILEY noted that for the first time since the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) there has been created a nationally co-ordinated drive against the "eroding of the First Amendment in the American way of life." The concentration point in this drive is the HCUA since it is the "arch that ties all other things together."

It is to be noted that the CP, USA and the CRC are organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

**CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS,
formerly known as the Chicago Joint Defense
Committee to Defeat the Smith Act**

The Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR) maintains offices in Room 811, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago 2, Illinois.

A source advised on April 15, 1958, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956.

A second source advised on July 17, 1958, that at a working conference of the CJDC held on June 8, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois, the name of the CJDC was changed to the CCDDR. The purpose of the CCDDR, according to its "Statement of Principles and Organization" was to "....defend and extend the human rights embodied in the Bill of Rights....and to put an end to the political and racial persecutions which threaten American democracy today."

The second source further advised on May 18, 1960, that as of May, 1960, the CCDDR continued to function within the framework of its stated principles and that in accordance with its "Statement of Principles and Organization" had a number of "Working Committees" which included the Chicago Smith Act Families Committee, South Side Freedom Committee and Taft-Hartley Working Committee. The source further stated that as of May, 1960, RICHARD CRILEY was serving as the Executive Secretary of the CCDDR.

RICHARD CRILEY, according to a third source, was a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, as of May, 1960.

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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 (NCASF) 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 May 25, 1960, that the Board of Directors of the CCASF held a meeting on May 24, 1960 and during this meeting discussed a proposed draft of objectives for the Council for the year 1960. This draft, among other things, reiterated that the main aims of the Council were peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U. S. S. R.

This same source also advised on May 25, 1960, that the CCASF remains affiliated with the NCASF for the purpose of implementing its stated aims of peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U. S. S. R., but continues to consider itself autonomous in the government of its affairs and program for achieving these aims. Although the CCASF considers itself autonomous in this regard, the leaders of the CCASF are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the NCASF.

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

**CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, Also Known As Chicago
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell**

On September 27, 1960, a source stated that the address of the above captioned organization is Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Chicago Sobell Committee, which is also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was formerly known as Chicago Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, is a small group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programing in the Chicago area. The Chicago Committee, since its inception in 1952, has been an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is also known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and was formerly known as the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, with headquarters in New York.

Source said that to his knowledge this committee has no full-time employees nor any volunteers who have national positions or titles. DAVID SOLTKE and SYLVIA LEVINSON appear to be the guiding forces behind this committee and they are assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTKE, wife of DAVID SOLTKE, and former chairman of this committee who continues to be active in Sobell activities.

Another source advised during May 1960, that the Chicago Sobell Committee maintains a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, and that DAVID SOLTKE is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTKE appear as signers on the Communist Party (CP) election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

Another source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTKE, as of 1943 was a member of the CP.

Another source furnished information in 1949 which indicates that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was Vice Chairman of the Congress of American Women.

The CP and the Congress of American Women have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

**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.

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised in October, 1960, that the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was formed during the summer of 1960 at Chicago, Illinois, under the direct guidance and leadership of RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the State Committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois. The Chicago Chapter, FPCC, maintains no headquarters at Chicago, but receives mail through Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. Its meetings are held in public halls or homes of individual members.

A second source, in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled, "What is Really Happening in Cuba?", distributed by the FPCC, Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflet reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of informational bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums; providing speakers, movies and slides for meetings of interested organizations; placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

The first source added that at a meeting of the Chicago Chapter, FPCC, held in Chicago on July 20, 1960, it was mentioned that the membership dues in the FPCC were \$5 per year and it was decided by those present at the meeting that payment of the \$5 dues would entitle one to dual membership in the national organization as well as the Chicago Chapter.

This same source advised that as of October, 1960, this Committee continued to exist, with the same aims and purposes and under the same direction.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960 edition of the "New York Times", a daily New York City newspaper, carried a full page advertisement captioned "What is Really Happening in Cuba?" The article maintained that the United States press has made certain charges against Cuba which are not true and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was organized to tell the truth about Cuba in the interest of fair play. The advertisement closes with a note which states "This public appeal for fair play for Cuba has the support of a group of thinking individuals holding a variety of political persuasions, representing no one but themselves, linked here by a single common concern for the overriding principle of justice, which is always an issue whenever partisan interests clash with simple truth."

**COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, also known
as Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press**

A source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP) was formed in the latter part of November, 1951, and then, as now, was composed of a band of Communist Party (CP) members and sympathizers, who activate when fund raising drives and subscription campaigns are necessary for the welfare of "The Worker".

Another source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Committee for Freedom of the Press, also known as the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press, cannot be separated from the CP itself. It is not an organization as such with a program, elected officers, offices, etc. In fact, it is an arm of the CP and in the main is used by the CP to further the subscription drives of "The Worker" and for the CP to utilize as a name only to sponsor CP meetings which otherwise would have to be held under the announced sponsorship of the CP.

This source advised in May, 1960, that the purpose of the use of the name Freedom of the Press Committee, instead of the CP, at meetings is to increase attendance by those individuals who otherwise would not attend if the meetings were in the announced sponsorship of the CP.

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"The Worker" is an East coast Communist weekly newspaper.

ILLINOIS COMMITTEE FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES

Source, on May 20, 1960, advised that the Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (ICPA) was founded at the St. James Methodist Church, 4611 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 1950. Source stated that this committee was once an affiliate of the now defunct National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (NCPA).

Source further advised that the ICPA was composed of intellectual and religious workers and its program called for negotiated peace and for peaceful settlement of all differences between nations. The committee advocated more friendship internationally and was opposed to the so-called "cold war" aggressive foreign policy of the United States.

The same source, on January 6, 1961, advised that the South Shore Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (SSCPA), the last remaining division of the ICPA, dissolved on December 18, 1960. Source said that DOROTHY HAYES was Chairman of the SSCPA at the time of its dissolution.

During July, 1960, another source advised that DOROTHY HAYES, as of that date, was a member of the State Committee of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois.

[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, a member of the CP from about 1944 to 1948, advised on June 26, 1957, that the NCPA was formed as a result of the Mid-Century Conference for Peace held in Chicago about May, 1950, with the initiating force being the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (CPA) of New York. According to the source, subsequently local chapters were formed in various states, including Illinois, and the NCPA became known as the CPA. This national organization continued to exist in Chicago until about 1955, when it became defunct. According to the source, the stated purposes of the organization generally were to promote peace through negotiation, to prevent atomic wars, and promote peaceful co-existence. It was a broad mass organization consisting of people interested in peace, including ministers, intellectuals, scientists, etc. The organization was infiltrated by and used, but never controlled by the CP.

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

**NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD
CHICAGO CHAPTER**

A source advised on June 22, 1960, that it was his understanding that the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) was formed around 1936 in New York City and that the Chicago Chapter of the NLG (CCNLG) was formed shortly thereafter, possibly in 1937, by a group of liberal progressive lawyers in protest against the non-liberal, non-progressive American Bar Association. The CCNLG has no established headquarters but occasionally uses the return addresses of its officials on literature. The current CCNLG President is PEARL M. HART, who is also a member of the NLG National Executive Board.

On June 23 and 26, 1951, LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former national Communist Party (CP) functionary, advised that PEARL HART, a Chicago attorney, was introduced to him as a member of the CP. He also reported that he was repeatedly advised through ~~repeatedly~~ by an Illinois CP leader in the National Committee meetings, and through instructions to him from national CP leaders, that HART continued to be a member of the CP up to at least October, 1945.

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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.

MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) maintains offices at Room 406, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago 2, Illinois.

On July 16, 1947, [REDACTED] a member of the Communist Party (CP) from 1944 to about 1948, advised that the MCPFB was founded at a conference held in Chicago, Illinois, on May 25, 1947, and that the MCPFB was to operate as the Midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB). b7D b7C

On May 5, 1955, a source advised that in a "Statement of Principles" issued in April, 1955, by the MCPFB, it was noted that "The purpose of the Midwest Committee shall be to seek to perpetuate for the foreign born the fundamental concepts of equality regardless of race, color, creed, nationality, political belief or place of birth, and to preserve the basic ideals of liberty and hospitality which serve as the guarantees of democracy for all Americans."

A second source, as of May 19, 1960, advised that the MCPFB continued to function as the Midwest organization of the ACPFB and still adhered to its "Statement of Principles" last published in 1955.

The ACPFB and the CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
CHICAGO BRANCH

A source advised on July 12, 1960, that it was his understanding that the currently active Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was one of the founding branches of the SWP at a 1938 Chicago Trotskyist Convention, and it follows the aims and principles of the SWP which maintains national headquarters in New York City.

Members of the Chicago Branch serve on the SWP National Committee and per capita membership dues and a sustaining fund quota are sent by this branch on a monthly basis to SWP National Headquarters.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chicago, Illinois
Feb 16, 1961

100-25530

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Daniel J. Hurley dated and captioned as above at Chicago.

All confidential informants and sources used in referenced report and also those used in the Appendix Section to characterize organizations have furnished reliable information in the past.

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**CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, Also Known As
Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell**

On February 2, 1961, a source stated that the address of the above captioned organization is Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Source advised on February 2, 1961, that the Chicago Sobell Committee, which is also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was formerly known as Chicago Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, is a small group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programing in the Chicago area. The Chicago Committee, since its inception in 1952, has been an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is also known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and was formerly known as the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, with headquarters in New York.

Source said that to his knowledge this committee has no full-time employees nor any volunteers who have national positions or titles. DAVID SOLTNER and SYLVIA LEVINSON appear to be the guiding forces behind this committee and they are assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTNER, wife of DAVID SOLTNER, and former chairman of this committee who continues to be active in Sobell activities.

Another source advised during January, 1960, that the Chicago Sobell Committee maintains a bank account at the Amity Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, and that DAVID SOLTNER is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTNER appear as signers on the Communist Party election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

Another source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTNER, as of 1943, was a member of the Communist Party.

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Another source furnished information in 1949 which indicates that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was Vice Chairman of the Congress of American Women.

The Communist Party and the Congress of American Women have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and the identities must be protected.

All sources used have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58236)

DATE: 5/5/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15348)

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL
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AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNINGHAM advised on 5/4/61 that a decision concerning the disposition of the evidence in this case has not been reached as yet.

This case will be continued in a P* status and the USA's Office will be recontacted again within 90 days.

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