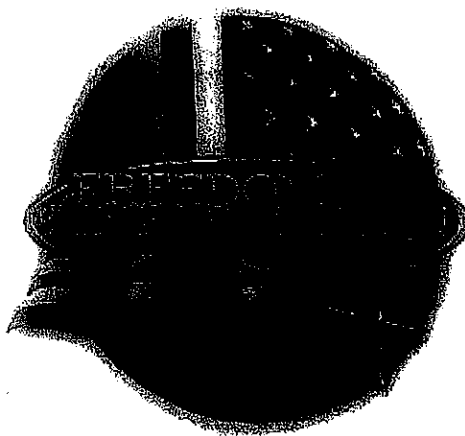


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COMPLAINT FORM

VIRGINIA MURBERRY

Subject's Name and Aliases

nee VIRGINIA GORDNER, Daily Worker, Reporter

Address of Subject

IS-C

Character of Case

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

MAURICE BLEND

Name of Complainant

4204 121st St.

Address of Complainant

Telephone Number of Complainant

9-9-43

Date and Time Complaint Received

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

Complainant telephonically advised he had been interviewed by agents of NYO approx 2 yrs ago with regard to his knowledge of Ethel & Julius Rosenberg inasmuch as he had grown up with them and they attended the Clark Settlement House on Livingston St in early 30's together. He said he was never involved in anyway with the Rosenbergs, but yesterday subj appeared and wanted him to give him a statement concerning the "brighter" side of the Rosenberg's life especially Ethel's dramatic prowess. He was very much shocked when she said she was with the
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Donald R. Roman
Special Agent

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D/W and decided not to say anything. She
she was going to write a feature story on Rosenberg's life.
He said he was only acquainted with Rosenberg
during that time and never knew them
as Communists. He said that Sully
is coming back to his office and
he wanted to go on record with FBI
that he was not going to tell her anything
and would ask her to leave. He
said if he could be of any assistance
to FBI he would appreciate a call.

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Madrid, Spain

August 29, 1953

Mr. Joseph Francell

My enemy No. 1

From a newspaper of Barcelona, "Universal News", dated August 14, 1953, I learned that you were very happy with your job of executioner, but that you presented your irrevocable resignation. What caused you to do that? Your conscience? You had no peace? How could you have, criminal enemy, with 237 executions on your conscience! How could your conscience be at peace when you have killed 237 fathers of families! And their children cry out to heaven and to God against you who are the criminal no. 1 of the world. You can be nothing else in this wicked world. Your two children, your new (?) wife, and all those close to you call you criminal. Even the whole world hates you, detests you! You should not have resigned; you should have committed suicide, as ----- (?). Your own children must hate you, when they think for a moment of the 237 crimes which their detested father has committed. Among them were many innocent people, like the Rosenbergs. Even though they were traitors to their country, they were not criminals like you. No! Who authorizes you, a criminal, to execute human beings? The high officials of a nation have no right to do that. Only God, the Supreme Being, has that right. Material men, no, never! God gives life and is the only one who can take it away. No matter how much power men have, they have no right to take anyone's life. You have your jails, your prisons, your concentration camps, in which to keep those who are guilty of high treason to the fatherland, criminals, thieves. All of these can be kept in these places until the end of their days. Death should not exist among the human race, and even less in a strong government, which considers itself civilized. Do not believe it. A conscience like that! Criminal enemy! 237 executions and their loved ones are calling for vengeance. Even the greater part of the human race calls for it with all their hearts! Do not forget these two innocent children of the Rosenbergs, and the other innocents who have been abandoned by their parents. They will always ask for revenge against the criminal who killed their beloved parents. Joseph Francell, there is only one recourse for your conscience--suicide, death by poisoning. I ask for it and so does humanity.

Your enemy,
Jose

Return address on back of envelope:

Jose de Francisco
180 Trafalgar de los Canteros
Madrid, Spain

Translator: Mrs. Sophia Y. Saliba

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WILFRED L. DENRO
WARDEN

STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
SING SING PRISON

OSSINING

August 31, 1953

Mr. Leland V. Boardman
Special Agent in Charge
U. S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Boardman:

I am attaching herewith letter written in spanish and mailed from Barcelona addressed to Joseph Francell, the executioner in the Rosenberg case. 9-1908

I wish to advise that I opened this letter and had translation made of same, copy of which I am enclosing together with the original letter. For your information, Mr. Francell has not seen this letter.

As it is apparent the writer of this letter does not like our form of government and there is a return address on back of the envelope, and even though the writer may be a crank, I thought it worthwhile to forward this to you.

Very truly yours,

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W. L. Denro
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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

September 10, 1953

United States Marshal
Southern District of New York
United States Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

Dear Sir:

On this date we are turning the following
property over to you to be maintained in your custody:

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One Croton men's watch,
serial number 48363.
One Celebae men's watch.
One Waltham watch and
charm, serial number 6454038.
One Driva wrist watch, gold
bracelet
Fourteen carat gold signet
ring.

Very truly yours,

W LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

RECEIPT

Date 9-10-53

James E. Gilly The above items have been received from SA
this date.

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PERSONAL

In Reply Please Refer
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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

September 11, 1953

Warden Wilfred L. Denno
Sing Sing Prison
Ossining, New York

Dear Sir:

There is returned herewith letter addressed to
Mr. Joseph Francell from Jose de Francisco, 180 Trafalgar
de los Canteros, Madrid, Spain, together with a translation
which you submitted to this office by letter of August 31,
1953. A copy of this translation is being maintained in
this office.

Thanking you for your courtesy in bringing this
matter to our attention, I remain

Very truly yours,

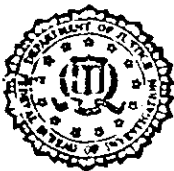
[Signature]
LELAND W. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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100-24867* + rum refs

COMPLAINT FORM

Widely

DAVID KATZ

SA JAMES H. REILLY, ONE

Subject's Name and Aliases
1211 36th Street, Brooklyn, NY (Present)
1362 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, NY (1940-41)
1363 East 7th St., Brooklyn, NY (1933-40)
Address of Subject
SECURITY MATTER - C. ()
Character of Case

Name of Complainant
90 Church Street, NYC.
Address of Complainant
Rector 2-9100 Ext. 234
Telephone Number of Complainant
August 21, 1953 11:00AM
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT: *(not available) at this time.*
partly bald - wears thick glasses - hair sticks up in rear.

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant advised in personal interview that the subject was identified by one of his co-workers when his photograph appeared in the newspaper of the Daily Mirror's photograph of the ROSENBERG funeral. Complainant stated the subject's friend seated the subject in the photograph as a security guard for the funeral and ~~shining~~ aided in keeping the viewers out of reach of the ROSENBERG caskets. Complainant stated he had a blown-up photograph as was obtained from the Daily Mirror at which time he showed it to the subject's friend. The subject's friend then stated he was more certain than ever that it was identical to the subject. The complainant stated he investigated the matter and found the subject is identical to the one pictured in the background of the photograph and is employed as a painter at a Navy Shipyard.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

(See Next sheet)

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Route one copy to Section #11 for inclusion in the "ROSENBERG FUNERAL" case, and route one copy to Section #13 for Loyalty of Government Employees.

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Being
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by Sec 3
JH
no action

James H. Reilly
Special Agent
John H. Harrington
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Complainant stated he was instructed to do an investigation on the subject and his background and whether or not he is considered a subversive, therefore, he advised he would rather ~~know~~ have the agent contact him before doing any unnecessary work inasmuch as he has employment data on the subject. Complainant further stated the subject received medical treatment from Dr. SIGMUND S. KAHN, 100 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, New York but felt the doctor may be a communist also and it would not be too wise to contact him at this time. Complainant stated he did not want to cause investigations to criss-cross inasmuch as ONI and the FBI might make the same investigations and contact the same people. Complainant wants to be contacted before any investigation is done.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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DATE: SEP 9 1953

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On 8/18/53, [REDACTED] of known reliability, orally advised SA ALBERT E. FALLER that he had attended the "Eastern Seaboard Conference" of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, which was held on Sunday, 8/16/53, at the Hotel Ansonia, 75th Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y. The informant had been unable to attend the Saturday, 8/15/53, session of this conference because of personal reasons.

[REDACTED] stated that approximately 125 people had been in attendance, three of whom were Negroes. The lack of Negro attendance was later discussed at the conference. He stated that he had arrived at approximately 10:00 a.m., and that the meeting was very slow in coming to order. EMILY ALMAN, New York Executive Secretary, chaired the meeting. DAVID ALMAN, Executive Secretary of the National Committee, and JOHN T. McMANUS, National Guardian, New York, were also speakers at this affair.

[REDACTED] stated that the discussions centered around the "Resolution on Policy and Program" as had been previously adopted. According to the informant, it became a "hair splitting" matter. It was stated that there was not enough "anger and passion" in the resolution.

AEF:jag
REGISTERED MAIL
Enclosures (7)

cc: 8 New York
Ph 100-13620 (JEAN FRANTZ)
100-32136 (FELIX SPECTOR)
100-25444 (FREDA SPECTOR)
100-35303 (HARRY TRUITT)
100-38863 (RENEE LITCHURTZ)
100-28170 (SOPHIE DAVIS)
100-2427 (DAVID DAVIS)

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SAC, New York

Numerous amendments were submitted on how to carry on the case of MORTON SOBELL and the fund raising for that purpose. They were undecided as to whether they should continue to use the name of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case or to adopt the name of MORTON SOBELL for the Committee. Another approach, which they were undecided on, was whether to continue to use the Rosenberg children to gain sympathy or to drop them and use the Sobell children. After so many amendments were submitted, it was decided that an entirely new resolution would have to be drawn up.

The informant stated that towards the latter part of the conference, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL made a plea for her husband.

[REDACTED] in addition to the above speakers, identified the following individuals as having been present at the Sunday session of the conference:

[REDACTED] CRC, Philadelphia
[REDACTED] Philadelphia
[REDACTED] Philadelphia
[REDACTED] Philadelphia
[REDACTED] New York
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, N. Y.

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[REDACTED]

The informant stated that the committee had planned a rally at Randall's Island Stadium, New York, N. Y., for Wednesday, 8/26/53. He stated that numerous objections had been raised to the holding of this affair during the week, inasmuch as the out-of-town people would not be able to attend it.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished SA ALBERT E. FULLER with the following items, which are enclosed for the New York Office:

1. "A Call to the Eastern Seaboard Conference of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case," Saturday, 8/15, and Sunday, 8/16/53, New York City.
2. "Resolution on Policy and Program" distributed at the above conference.
3. Invitation to Welcome Home Party for HELEN SOBELL and EVELYN and DAVID ALLEN on 8/15/53, 8:30 p.m., at the home of ANNETTE RUBENSTEIN, 59 West 71st, New York City.

PH 100-37667
SAC, New York

4. Pamphlet "Did the Rosenbergs Have Full Measure of Justice?" issued by National CSJRC.
5. Leaflet publicizing "Bronx Rosenberg Rally," on 8/19/53 at Hunts Point Palace, Bronx N. Y., sponsored by Bronx Rosenberg Committee.
6. Open letter of WILLIAM L. REUBEN re the publishing of his book "The Atom Spy Myth - From Hiroshima to the Rosenbergs."
7. Book cover of the above-captioned book, the Proof of its Contents and Introduction.

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

September 23, 1953

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you may make available all background information which your files might contain concerning

RE 7-8301

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

L. V. Boardman

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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