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The title of this case is marked changed to include the subject's true name, MERRILL PERLIN, as reflected on subject's birth certificate.

Individuals mentioned in this report are documented in the appendix.

#### DETAILS:

#### I. BACKGROUND

#### A. Birth

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Brooklyn, New York, as caused to be checked on February 20, 1958, by SA ANTHONY R. VILLANO reflected that MERRILL PERLIN was born August 23, 1920, Brooklyn, New York, to JEANETTE MEYERS PERLIN, 30, born United States, and HENRY PERLIN, born Russia, residing at 1511A President Street, Brooklyn, New York.

## B. Citizenship

The subject is a citizen of the United States by reason of birth.

# C. Marital Status

On February 26, 1958, PAULINE DE FIORE, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS that MARSHALL PERLIN and his wife, DOROTHY PERLIN, resided at 801 West End Avenue, New York City.

#### D. Education

Records of the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C., when reviewed in August, 1948, reflected that the subject had attended Rutgers University, majoring in history and economics, leaving this university in 1939 to enter Columbia Law School. He disenrolled from Rutgers in 1939 without graduation.

In April, 1948, EDWARD FOX, Associate Registrar, Columbia University, advised that MARSHALL PERLIN had entered the Law School in the fall of 1941. He attended until November 8, 1942, when he obtained a three years leave of absence to go into the Armed Forces. He returned for the 1945-46 course and graduated with an LLB degree on February 14, 1947.

According to these records, PERLIN indicated he graduated from Rutgers University in 1939. His father's name was listed as HENRY I. PERLIN.

## E. Military Service

In August, 1948, the records of the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C., were reviewed and reflected that MARSHALL PERLIN was inducted into the Army on November 28, 1942, under Army Serial Number 32647755 at New York City. He was appointed Private, First Class on April 1, 1943, and Air Cadet on January 1, 1944. PERLIN was honorably discharged in the rank of Air Cadet on August 20, 1944, at Hondo, Texas, to accept appointment as a Second Lieutenant, Air Corps. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant on August 21, 1944. He was advanced to First Lieutenant on April 30, 1947, and released from active duty on January 2, 1946, at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

During PERLIN's enlisted service he had served as a Machine Gunner in an Infantry Anti-Tank outfit and as commissioned personnel had been assigned as a Navigator on B-29s in the Pacific area. It was noted that he had made twenty-nine combat missions over Japan in B-29s. During his commissioned service he was assigned to the Fortieth Bomb Squadron, Sixth Bomb Group on Tinia Atoll, Mandate Islands. As a result of his Air Corps service, PERLIN was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

The following was abstracted from a personnel questionnaire dated April 10, 1944: Born August 23, 1920 at New York City. Next of kin indicated as mother, JEANETTE PERLIN, born Russia, residing 239 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. This address is also shown as PERLIN's permanent home address. His father was indicated as having been born in Russia; however, he is deceased and his name was not noted in PERLIN's record.

#### F. Identification Record

On December 17, 1952, Records of the FBI Identification Division made available the following information concerning the subject:

Fingerprints	Name and Number	Received
Army	MARSHALL PERLIN #32647755	11/28/42 NYC, NY
PD NYC NY	MARSHALL PERLIN #BAOO1	Admission to Bar 4/24/47

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## G. Criminal Check

On February 24, 1958, Lieutenant D. EDWARD SCHEIDEL, Nassau County Police Department, Mineola, New York, advised SA FRANK R. LONGO that his records reflect no information concerning MICHAEL or MARSHALL PERLIN.

Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, as caused to be checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on February 18, 1958, reflected there was no information in the files of that agency identifiable with the subject.

# H. Residence

In April, 1948, EDWARD FOX, Associate Registrar, Columbia University, advised that when MARSHALL PERLIN entered Columbia University Law School in the fall of 1941 he indicated he resided at 239 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

On September 28, 1950, an article appeared in the Schenectady Union Star which indicated that MARSHALL PERLIN was residing at that time at 223 Liberty Street, Schenectady, New York.

In February, 1952, JOSEPH MONACO, Superintendent, 215 Middleneck Road, Great Neck, New York, advised SA KENNETH R. ROUTON that MARSHALL PERLIN, his wife and child, resided in building number 1, apartment 3B, of the above apartment development.

On February 20, 1958, JOSEPH MONACO, Super-intendent, 215 Middleneck Road, Great Neck, New York, as previously mentioned, advised SA FRANK R. LONGO that MARSHALL PERLIN moved from 215 Middleneck Road in 1956. MONACO advised that he believed PERLIN had moved to New York City.

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on May 8, 1958, a Special Agent of the FBI made a telephone call to telephone number MO 3-6814, listed in the 1957-1958 Manhattan Telephone Directory to MARSHALL PERLIN, 801 West End Avenue, New York City. The individual who answered the call advised she was Mrs. PERLIN, a housewife and resided at 801 West End Avenue, New York City.

#### I. Employment

Records of the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C., when reviewed in August, 1948, reflected that MICHAEL PERLIN had indicated he was employed from April, 1942, until November, 1942, as an Assistant Buyer by L. Luvia and Sons, Inc., 160 Fifth Avenue, New York City, a wholesale jewelry and silverware concern. PERLIN also indicated that he had been with the National Youth Administration on problems of personnel and placement, no idates indicated.

According to an issue of the Electrical Union News dated January, 1948, a newspaper published by Local 301, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA), Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), Schenectady, New York, MICHAEL PERLIN, a graduate of Columbia University Law School, was appointed as full time attorney

by Local 301, UERMWA, on January 23, 1948. This article stated that PERLIN served four years in the Army Air Force and was a navigator on a B-29 in the Pacific.

On August 29, 1950, T-1 advised that GORDON BELGRAVE had stated that at the conclusion of his job as attorney at Local 301, MICHAEL PERLIN would return to New York City. BELGRAVE also stated that PERLIN will work as an attorney for some of the "progressive" law firms in New York City.

On December 18, 1952, a Special Agent of the FBI made a telephone call to the offices of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin Attorneys, 104 East 40th Street, (b)(7)(c) New York City. An unidentified individual who answered the call advised MARSHALL PERLIN was one of the attorneys of that law firm.

made a telephone call to telephone number MU 2-8288 listed in the 1957-1958 Manhattan Telephone Directory to (b)(7)(e) Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, Attorneys, 340 Madison Avenue, New York City. An unidentified individual who answered the call advised MARSHALL PERLIN was associated with that firm but was not in at the time of the call.

#### J. Admission to Bar

Mr. JOHN F. HENNESSY, Secretary of the Office of the Committee on Character and Fitness, Second Judicial District, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, advised on July 31, 1947, that MARSHALL PERLIN, also known as Merrill Perlin, had applied for admission to the Bar of the State of

New York and indicated he was active in the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and in 1947 active as the representative of that organization in the Law Schools in New England. (See appendix).

# II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

### A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

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



According to T-2, PERLIN was active in the CP Student Group at Columbia University Law School in 1946.

# B. Evidence of CP Sympathies

## American Labor Party (ALP)

Records of the Board of Elections, Brooklyn, New York, as caused to be checked by SA AMBROSE W. CONROY

on February 20, 1958, reflected that in 1941, 1942, and 1946, MARSHALL PERLIN registered and indicated a preference for the ALP. In 1943 the registration was marked blank, in 1944 war vote, and in 1945 there was no record.

On September 28, 1950, an article appeared in the Schenectady Union Star which stated that MARSHALL PERLIN, 223 Liberty Street, Schenectady, New York, had been elected Vice Chairman of the ALP County Committee.

On February 24, 1958, JAMES MOORE, Chief Clerk, Nassau County Board of Elections, Mineola, New York, advised SA FRANK R. LONGO that his records reflected that in 1952 MICHAEL and DOROTHY PERLIN registered and indicated a preference for the ALP. In 1951, MICHAEL PERLIN registered and indicated a preference for the ALP. There was no record for 1950.

# JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG

On February 3, 1954, the Commanding Officer, Bureau of Special Services and Investigations, New York City Police Department, advised that on February 2, 1954, at 11:30 a.m. funeral services for EMANUEL BLOCH, attorney for deceased atom spies JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, were held at Riverside Chapel, 76th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, New York City.

The name MARSHALL PERLIN appeared on a floral piece delivered to the chapel for the deceased.

C. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathy with CP Front Organizations

# Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

On February 23, 1949, T-3 advised that

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T-3 stated

On April 12, 1949, Special Agents of the FBI observed MICHAEL PERLIN at a meeting of the CRC held at the Van Curer Hotel, Schenectady, New York, on that date.

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

# Council of Greek Americans (CGA)

On February 6, 1956, Mrs. J. PARISI made available a bulletin dated January 24, 1956, issued by the CGA, 257 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York. This bulletin stated "the reopening of the concentration camp on the island of Youra by the Greek Government a few months ago has been vigorously denounced by liberal-minded Americans from every part of the nation, the Council of Greek Americans announced today...."

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Among those listed as signers of the protest was MARSHALL PERLIN, Esq.

A review of the "Daily Worker" issue of August 13, 1952, page 8, column 2, reflects an article entitled "45 U.S. Lawyers Ask Civil Trial for Greek Unionists". The article went on to say, "The Council of Greek Americans announced Friday that 45 prominent American attorneys have signed a statement addressed to the Premier of Greece demanding a civil trial for Tony Ambatielos and nine other leaders of the Greek maritime unions, sentenced to death in 1948 for their trade union activities. The 10 union leaders are scheduled for retrial August 21 before a military court".

Among the signers was: MARSHALL PERLIN, New York.

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

Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC)

Records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, as caused to be checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on March 14, 1958, reflected that a car registered to MARSHALL PERLIN, 215 Middleneck Road,

Great Neck, Long Island, was observed in the parking area at Triboro Stadium, Randalls Island, May 3, 1953, during a rally held there sponsored by the NCSJRC, 1050 6th Avenue, New York City.

### National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

On June 30, 1953, T-4 made available information which reflected that the name MARSHALL PERLIN, 104 East 40th Street, New York City, appeared at that time on a mailing list of the NLG publication "Lawyers Guild Review", a quarterly publication of the NLG.

On June 20, 1956, T-5 made available a mailing list for the June 1956 mailing of the "Lawyers Guild Review", the official quarterly publication of the NLG. The name MARSHALL PERLIN, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, was included in a section of the list identified as "NLG, Members, New York City Chapter".

# New York Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NYCPFB)

On October 4, 1954, T-6 made available information which reflected that the name MICHAEL PERLIN appeared on a list of attorneys that were to be saluted at a banquet on October 28, 1954, held at the Yugoslav-American Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, under the auspices of the NYCPFB.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

### D. CP Associates

On May 26, 1948, T-3 advised that

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According to T-3, MASTRIANI

Was an executive Board Member of Local 301, UERMWA.

On February 28, 1949, T-7 advised that

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According to T-7,

MURIEL BAYER is the wife of PHILIP BAYER.

On June 14, 1950, T-8 advised that HAROLD KLEIN had held a conference on that day with MICHAEL PERLIN.

On July 8, 1956, T-9 advised he observed a car bearing 1956 New York license QS3586, parked in the vicinity of the residence of MATHILDE PHLUGER HASIAUER.

Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, as caused to be checked by SA RICHARD JOHN KMIECIK on October 31, 1956, reflected license QS3586 was issued to MARSHALL PERLIN, 215 Middleneck Road, Great Neck, New York, for a 1950 Ford, sedan, green.

III. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF CP MEMBERS
AND CP FRONT GROUPS

"RED" HUPMAN

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Oh May 25, 1956, T-10 advised that on May 22,

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#### HALSTED HOLMAN

On March 27, 1952, HALSTED HOLMAN testified before the United States Senate, Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, D.C. HOLMAN refused to answer without the advise of counsel, all questions asked of him pertaining to Communism and Communist activities. His attorney, MARSHALL PERLIN, New York, was evicted from the hearing for "contemptuous conduct".

#### WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON.

On December 5, 1955, WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON was arraigned before United States District Judge THOMAS F. MURPHY, United States District Court, Southern District of New York. MARRON was represented by Attorney MARSHALL PERLIN, who advised the court that he was representing MARRON for that day only and for the question of settling ball.

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A review of the "Daily Worker" issue of December 6, 1955, page 3, column 2, reflected an article entitled "William Marron Appears in Court; \$20,000 Bail Set". The article went on to say that "Judge Thomas F. Murphy set \$20,000 bail yesterday for William Marron following Marron's appearance in the court to answer an indictment under the Smith Act drawn up against him in 1951. Marron is a leader of the New York State CP.

"The \$20,000 bail, which was the amount asked by the government, was too high, it was argued by Marshall Perlin, Marron's lawyer...."

#### JANE REED

On June 21, 1956, the New York Office received a letter signed MARSHAL PERLIN, which was dated June 19, 1956, and stated as follows:

#### "DONNER, KINOY & PERLIN Attorneys At Law

"June 19, 1956

"Federal Bureau of Investigation 290 Broadway New York, New York

#### Dear Sirs:

"I am writing this letter in behalf of my client, Jane Reed, of 520 East 12th Street. Nov.

"One of your employees, Agent Martin, has been attempting to speak to my client. She has advised him that if your agency has anything to say, an appointment can be arranged at our mutual convenience at my office.

"Under the circumstances, I would request that you direct your agents to desist from harassing my client and, if you do wish to speak to her, to communicate with my office and we will make an appointment.

"If you have any questions, do not hesitate to communicate with me.

"Very truly yours,

"mp/pl

/s/ MARSHALL PERLIN" September

#### MORTON SOBELL

A review of the "Daily Worker" issue of February 4,1957, page 1, columns 3 and 5, reflects an article with the headline "Mexican Lawyer Barred from Defending Sobell", the article went on to day: "Dr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, noted Mexican attorney and former Mexican government official, has been baned from entering the United States to act as an attorney for Morton Sobell, it was disclosed yesterday by Sobell's wife.

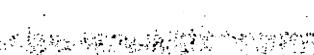
The article went on to say: "Dr. Ponton is convinced that Morton Sobell is innocent. He believes that the sovereignty of Mexico was infringed upon and that the extradition treaty between the United States and Mexico was violated. Sobell's wife charges that because of this treaty, the prosecution had no power to try him.

"The Appeals Court is being asked to free Sobell, grant him a new trial or order a hearing on the new evidence. Sobell, sentenced to 30 years in the trial with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, is in Alcatraz. Hundreds of eminent Americans have appealed to President Eisenhower in his behalf.

"His attorneys in the United States include the New York firm of Frank Donner, Arthur Kinoy and Marshall Perlin."

# Civil Rights

On March 30, 1950, JOHN PATRICK CHARLES, a self-admitted former member of the CP from 1946 to 1950, made available information which reflected that the name



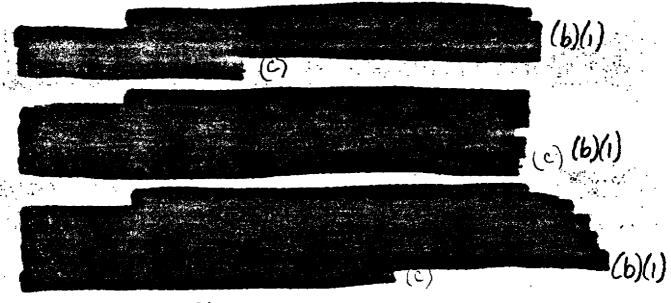
M. PERLIN, 223 Liberty Street, Schenectady, New York, appeared on the original petitions to be sent to Congress protesting the Mundt-Nixon Bill and urging the defeat of the Mundt-Ferguson-Nixon attack on civil liberties. CHARLES identified M. PERLIN as being identical with MICHAEL PERLIN, attorney for Local 301, UERMWA.

Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL

On December 11, 1957, T-11 advised that the National SOBELL Conference of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was held in the library room of the Hotel Biltmore, 43rd Street and Madison Avenue, New York City, on November 30, and December 1, 1957.

T-11 advised that among those present at the conference was MARSHALL PERLIN, New York. T-11 described MARSHALL PERLIN as MORTON SOBELL's attorney.

on November 30, 1957, MARSHALL PERLIN, after being introduced by the chairman, brought the conference up to date as to all legal steps that have been taken to free MORTON SOBELL. PERLIN then gave his evaluation of the Supreme Court's latest refusal in the SOBELL case. PERLIN stated he believes political pressure is a big factor in this case and that the Department of Justice is dedicated to carry on this fraud about the SOBELL kidnapping in Mexico. PERLIN said, "the real problem for the Justice Department is that any fraud that is connected with SOBELL is connected with the ROSENBERGS." PERLIN then said that the attorneys for SOBELL are filing a petition for the court to reconsider their decision, however, he has no hope.



Activities on Behalf of the UERMWA

On May 7, 1948, an article appeared in the Electrical Union News, the official publication of Local 301, UERMWA at Schenectady, New York, and reported that at a Shop Steward's meeting on the previous Tuesday night, they voted to send telegrams urging that the House of Representatives hold public hearings on the so-called Subversive Activities Control Bill. The article reported that MARSHALL PERLIN, Local 301 Attorney, analyzed the Bill at the Union's request and told the meeting that while the Bill is supposedly aimed at Communists, it actually goes after everybody. PERLIN warned that a strike could be called a "dangerous and criminal conspiracy" under those terms. Also according to PERLIN, the Bill's definition of a Communist political organization is so loose that

there is hardly a decent organization that would not come under the definition. In this article PERLIN charged that the real conspirators against America are those people who are plotting to put over the Bill.

During the period November 30, 1956, to March 4, 1958, T-13 made available information which reflected that during this period the firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin received monies in the amount of \$58,028.59 drawn on the account of the UERMWA, Defense Fund, maintained at the New York Trust Company Branch, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

The source above no longer has custody of the cancelled checks from which the information was obtained and is not in a position to offer testimony concerning them.

Information concerning the above cancelled checks may only be obtained through the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

## V IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Contact with Russian Embassy Employee



# Informant Check

Some informants, familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area, were contacted in February and March, 1958, and advised they were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject.

# V. DESCRIPTION

The following is a composite description of the subject as obtained from personal observation by a Special Agent of the FBI and from the subject's military service record:

Name .	MERRILL PERLIN TELEVISION
Aliases	Marshall Perlin, Michael Perlin
	./ August 23, 1920
	Brooklyn, New York
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	
Weight	205 lbs.
<u> </u>	Heavy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Medium
Education	Columbia Law School
	LLB degree - February, 1947
Occupation	Attorney
Emproyment	Donner, Kinoy and Perlin 342 Madison Avenue
•	New York City
Milihams Compies	United States Army and Air Force
Military Service	November 28, 1942 - January 2, 1944
Condol Numbers	ASN 32-647-755 (Enlisted Personnel)
Serial Numbers	ASN 52-047-755 (Millisted Personner) -ASN-0-2068734 (Officer)
Manda 1 Chaire	Married
Marital Status	DOROTHY PERLIN
Wife	801 West End Avenue
Residence	
<b>.</b>	(New York City // PERLIN (deceased)
Parents	
	born Russia
	Mother - JEANETTE MEYERS PERLIN
	born United States
FBI Number	- <b>260-620 B</b> - , <sub>, , </sub> , , <sub>3</sub> , , <sub>3</sub> , , <sub>4</sub> , <sub>1</sub> , <sub>1</sub> , <sub>4</sub> , <sub>1</sub>
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#### MURIEL and PHILIP BAYER

On November 6, 1957, T-15, an admitted former member of the CP from March, 1952 to May, 1957, advised that PHIL BAYER, 2325 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was a CP member in the "IUE Div." during the period 1953-54. T-15 stated that BAYER's official position in the party was unknown to him but that he was referred to as a "leader" in the "IUE Division". T-15 further advised that BAYER officiated at a party class in the winter of 1953.

On October 18, 1951, Mrs. FRANCES HUZAR SAWCHUK, 1629 Hamilton Street, Schenectady, New York, an admitted former CP member at Schenectady, New York, in 1946-1948, in a signed statement, advised SA WOODSON E. DRAUT she was recruited in to the CP by MURIEL and PHILIP BAYER, being actually proposed for membership by PHILIP BAYER. Mrs. SAWCHUK, in the statement, advised she paid her CP dues to MURIEL BAYER, who also collected dues from other members of the CP branch to which she belonged.

#### GORDON BELGRAVE

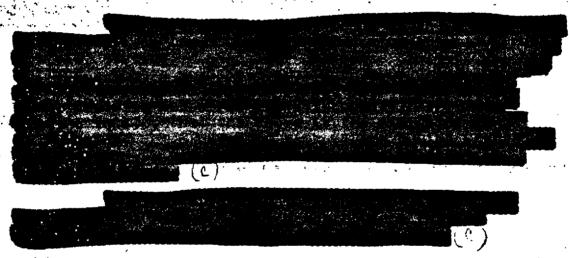
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of the GE Branch of the CP of Schenectady, New York, was held on July 19, 1950. T-l advised that GORDON BELGRAVE acted as the chairman of this meeting and that the main point of discussion was the Peace Petition Drive.

#### FRANK DONNER

On February 12, 1954, T-16 advised that FRANK DONNER was a member of a secret CP apparatus for government employees in Washington, D.C., during the period 1939 to 1942.

CARMEN MOLINA CARRASCO JUAN MANUEL GOMEZ GUTIERREZ



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### MATHILDE PHLUGER HASLAUER

On July 8, 1944, T-17 advised that MATHILDE PHLUGER HASLAVER was a member of the Communist Political Association (CPA) in 1944.

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

### RED HUPMAN

Hupman, was indicted on November 21, 1952, on charges of filing a false non-Communist affidavit with the National Labor Relations Board in violation of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code. He was subsequently convicted in January of 1954 after a trial in the United States District Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, and was sentenced to two five year sentences to run concurrently and a fine of \$5,000. He is presently serving a sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

### ARTHUR KINOY

On November 12, 1943, T-18 advised that ANDREW ONDA had stated on that date that ARTHUR KINOY had formerly been a full time worker for the CP. T-19 had previously advised that ANDREW ONDA was an active CP member in the State of Connecticut during 1943 and President of the CPA in Connecticut in 1944.

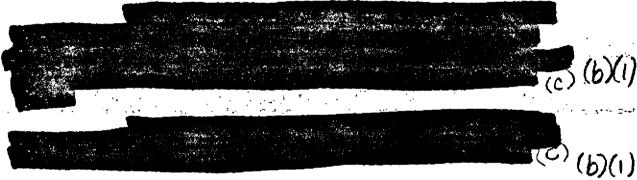


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### HAROLD KLEIN

On June 8, 1948, T-8 advised that HAROLD KLEIN was the chairman of the Northeastern New York Sub-District of the CP at that time.

### BILL LAWRENCE



FRED FINE was convicted in the United States District Court, Sourthern District of New York, on July 31, 1956, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

page 1, column 1, reflects that delegates to the 16th National CP Convention approved a proposal submitted by the newly elected 20 member National Committee that the 11 members living in New York should serve as a temporary National Administrative Committee. FRED FINE was elected to the National Committee, CP, USA, and is a member of the temporary National Administrative Committee.

### WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON

WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON, who usually used the name of WILLIAM NORMAN, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, on June 20, 1951, charging him with violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

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MARRON went on trial in United States
District Court, Southern District of New York, on April
9, 1956, and was found guilty on July 31, 1956. On
September 17, 1956, he was sentenced by United States
District Judge ALEXANDER BICKS to serve five years in the
custody of the Attorney General. He is presently at liberty
on bail pending appeal.

On January 27, 1957, T-22 identified WILLIAM NORMAN as State Executive Secretary, New York State CP, at that time.

### WILLIAM MASTRIANI

On January 3, 1958, GEORGE DAVID JUDWAY, 6914 Lynn Avenue, Tampa, Florida, an admitted former member of the CP at Schenectady, New York, during the years 1944-45, in a signed statement to SA G. RANDALL MC GAUGH, advised that he knew WILLIAM JOHN MASTRIANI to be a member of the CP about the years 1944 and 1945. JUDWAY advised that he saw MASTRIANI at at least six meetings which were held at homes of the various CP members in Schenectady.

### DOROTHY PERLIN

On April 7, 1954, JOHN PATRICK CHARLES, a self-admitted former member of the CP from 1946 to 1950, during his testimony on that date in open session before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Albany, New York, identified DOROTHY PERLIN as having been a member of the CP in Schenectady, New York, during the period of his membership and as having attended a closed meeting of the CP in Schenectady, restricted solely to CP members.

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#### JANE REED

On October 21, 1948, GRANT LORN MC CLOTHIN, 230 Hunter Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, advised SA HARLAND D. SHAW that he was a member of the CP at Dayton, Ohio, from late 1941 or early 1942 until August, 1943. MC CLOTHIN stated that during the time he was a member of the CP he knew JANE REED as a CP member. She was the wife of HERB REED, former CP Organizer for Montgomery Toursty, and at that time they resided at 61 Neal Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. He stated that JANE REED was not as active in the CP as most of the members and that he attended CP meetings held at the REEDS' home and he also attended CP meetings where JANE REED was present.

### JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

### MORTON SOBELL

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to 30 years impisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlant, Georgia.



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### AMERIÇAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Erooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'

  (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the \* \* \* American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'

  (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1955, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1955, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENSERG CASE (and local affiliates)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front 'organized at least as early as November 1951! to conduct the United States phase of 'a mammoth propaganda campaign designed to obliterate the crime (of) and exploit the Rosenborgs and their codefendant, Morton Sobell, for the purposes of international communism.' Headed by Joseph Brainin as clairman, the committee had national headquarters at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, and more than 40 local affiliates throughout the country. (Committee on Un-American Activities. Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Scoure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Norton Sobell, August 25, 1950, pp. 1, 13, 21, 63 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1955, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 3 and 29-33.)
- "2. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers. fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out fary beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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## NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

"1.. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell," the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in theUnited 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." National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin. (Committee on Un-American Activities Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)

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### NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

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APPENDIX

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

The Lirectory of National and International Labor Unions in the United States, 1955, United States Department of Labor Bulletin No. 1185, on pages three and four, states that the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, an independent labor union, was expelled on November 2, 1949, from the Congress of Industrial Organizations on charges of Communist domination. Its national office is located at 11 East 51st Street, New York, New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-354897)

DATE: 5/26/58

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-89559)

SUBJECT:

MERAILL PERLIN, was., Marshall Perlin, Michael Perlin SN-C

Enclosed is the report of SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY, dated and captioned as above, 4 copies of which are attached; also attached are 4 copies of a letterhead memoranda setting forth the reliability of informants whose identities are concealed by use of T symbols.

### REFERENCES

Report of SA KENNETH R. ROUTCH, dated 3/20/51, at New York.

Report of SA J. HOWARD CARLSON, dated 12/4/50, at Albany.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

The enclosed report is classified "Confidential" because it contains information received from confidential sources indicating the FBI has coverage of Communist meetings and activities held at various locations in HYC and elsewhere. If this fact were disclosed, it could possibly reveal the identities of informants and seriously hamper investigation of subversive activities; this would be injurious to the Mational Defense.

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SAS J. WESLEY DOMINEAU and JOHN D. MAHONEY observed PERLIN on 4/12/49.

There is a photograph of the subject available in the files of the NYO.

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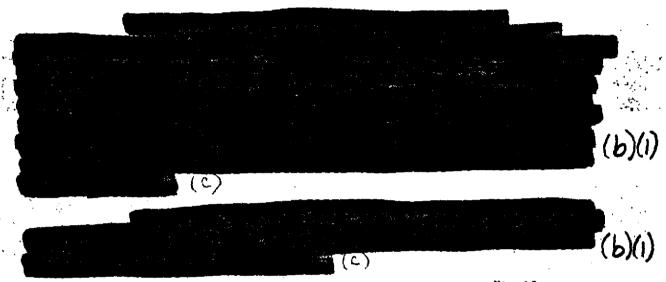
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The subject had been included on the SI of the NYO and was deleted from the SI on 8/29/55.

The subject was personally observed by SA WILLIAM J. ROEMER on 10/19/54.

A request to interview the subject is not being made at this time inasmuch as the subject is presently engaged as attorney by MORTON SOBELL, and has consistently maintained an attitude of uncooperativeness with representatives of the US Government.

The subject's wife, DOROTHY PERLIN, is the subject of a closed security investigation in the NYO (NY file 100-102215, Bufile 100-375554).



In reference to the article from the "Daily Worker" issue of 2/4/57, mentioned in the details of the enclosed report, which issue stated in a headline "Mexican lawyer Barrer from Defending Sobell", the following information is to be noted which was obtained from the report of SA JAMES T. HAVERTY, Mexico D.F., dated 11/19/57:

LUIS SANCHEZ PONTON, a Mexican attorney, was retained by the SOBELL defense attorneys to participate with SOBELL's attorneys in an appeal of his case. SANCHEZ PONTON appeared at the Visa Section of the US Embassy at Mexico city on 2/1/57, and, on applying for a visa, stated that he desired to visit the US in order to see an eye specialist and consult with a "colleague".

When he was informed by a Visa Officer that an investigation would have to be conducted before a visa was issued, he remarked that the matter was not too important as he expected that the eye specialist would be coming to Mexico

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in the near future. The money for SANCHEZ PONTON'S trip to the US had been collected from associates of the ACGM. Articles appeared in Mexico City daily newspapers on 2/2/57, under a NY dateline, which stated that Mrs. MORTON SOBELL had declared that the US had denied permission for the Mexican attorney, LUIS SANCHEZ PONTON, to come to NY in order to consult with SOBELL's attorneys regarding his defense.

SANCHEZ PONTON was granted a visa to visit the US from 2/25/57 through 3/6/57.

In reference to the Mexican attorney whom PERLIN has been in contact with, there is no information in the files of the NYO identifiable with LUIS SANCHEZ PONTON.

There is a reference to a SANCHEZ PONTON in "Totalitarian Activities - Mexico Today", a monograph issued by the Bureau in September, 1943.

This reference states, "The Department of Education (Mexico) has always been the hotbed of Communist activity within the Mexican Government. It is one of the most radical and strongest sydicates in the government, namely the Syndicate of Teachers of Education of the Republic of Mexico, known as STERM." One of the principal cell leaders in STERM was SANCHEZ PONTON, Minister of Public Education.

The name MICHEL PERLIN was not included in the title of this report as it is a common variation of the name MICHAEL and because there is no information in the files of the NYO which reflects that the subject ever used the name MICHEL.

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Informants mentioned in the details of the report who were contacted in February and March, 1958, are as follows:

Informant	Contacted On	Contacted By
	2/14/58	SA JAMES P. HALLERON
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	2/21/58	SA DAVID RYAN
	3/12/58	SA DAVID RYAN
	2/24/58	SA FRANK R. LONGO



### LEADS

### REQUESTS OF THE BUREAU

Will consider NY request that subject be placed on the SI of the NYO.

### NEW YORK

### At New York, New York

Will await Bureau's decision concerning request that subject be placed on the SI of the NYO.



United States Bepartment of Instice. Rederal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York May 26, 1958

Re: Merrill Perlin, with aliases Marshall Perlin, Michael Perlin Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Daniel J. Quigley, dated and captioned as above.

Informants T-1, T-2, T-3, T-6, T-7, T-8, T-11, T-14, T-17, T-18, T-19, T-20, T-21 and T-22 have furnished reliable information in the past,

Informants T-4, T-5, T-9, T-10, T-12, T-13, T-15 and T-16 were in a position to furnish reliable information

Other informants contacted in February and March, 1958, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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**¥r.** Belmont Mr. Bland Mr. Rushing Mr. Haack Mr. Rachner

SAC, New York (100-89559)

June 19, 1958

Director, FBI (100-354897)

MERRILL PERLIN SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet, report, and FD-122, all dated 5-26-58.

Subject's name is not being approved for inclusion in the Security Index (SI) at this time. Although Perlin's history of Communist Party (CP) activity in the 1940's followed by his continued participation in the activities of various front groups tends to establish his sympathy for the communist cause, it is not felt that these activities are sufficient to establish subject's potential dangerourness to the national security. It is noted that investigation has failed to develop evidence of CP membership or activities within the last five years or evidence of substantial participation in the activities of a front group within the last three In this connection, it is not felt that Perlin's activities in the defense of Morton Sobell in conjunction with the Committee to Secure Justice for Worton Sobell would be sufficient to evidence substantial participation in the activities of a front group. Although Perlin'has taken a leading role in the defense of Sobell and appears sympathetic to the Sobell cause, it is apparent that the evidentiary value of information developed in this regard is somewhat diminished in view of the existing attorney-client relationship. 90 100-3

You should, however, remain alert for information which would justify additional Threstigation in this matter. Aft that time consideration may again be given to the Mautsability of including subject's name in the SI.

See attached memorandum Bland to Belmont daptioned as above, dated 6-18-58, BCR/aim.

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DATE: June 18, 1958

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MR. J. F. BLAND

SUBJECT:

MERRILL PERLIN, with alignes MARSHALL'PERLIN, MICHAEL PERLIN

Tamm SECURITY MATTER - C Nease Tele. Room Holloman Goody The following background is set forth relative to consideration of Perlin's name for inclusion in the Security Index (SI).

Perlin, 37, resides at 801 West End Avenue, New York City, and is an attorney in the firm of Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin] New York City. Perlin's known subversive activities follow:

Identified by self-confessed former Communist Party (CP) member as member of CP 1945-1947 and active in CP student group at Columbia University in 1946; registered preference for American Labor Party (ALP) 1941, 1942, 1946, 1951, and 1952; elected vice chairman of ALP county committee, Schenectady, New York, 1950; in 1949 requested William Lawrence, CP functionary, to provide material on membership and organization of a Civil Rights Congress (CRC) (cited by Attorney General) chapter, having pointed out to Lawrence that he, Perlin, had formed a CRC chapter, was a member of its steering committee and desired to develop it; attended CRC meeting in 1949; admitted National Lawyers Guild (NLG) (cited by House Committee on Un-American Activities) activities in 1947. appeared on mailing list of NLG in 1953, and identified as member of New York City Chapter of NLG in 1956 NLG mailing list; appeared in 1956 Council of Greek Americans (CGA) (cited by Attorney General) bulletin and 1952 issue of "Daily Worker" as signer in support of certain CGA activities; auto observed in parking area during 1953 rally sponsored by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (cited by House Committee on Un-American Activitie and was on list of attorneys to be honored at a 1954 banquet held under the auspices of New York Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NYCPFB) (affiliate of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born which was cited by Attorney General).

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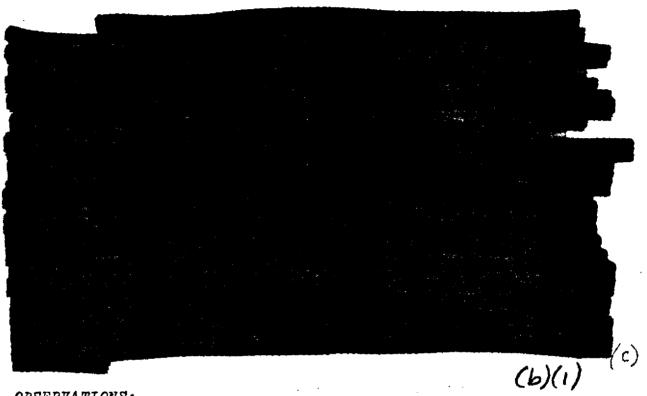
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: MERRILL PERLIN



OBSERVATIONS:

Although Perlin's history of CP activity in the 1940's followed by continued participation in the activities of various front groups tends to establish his sympathy for the communist cause, it is not felt that these activities justify the inclusion of his name in the SI at this time as a person potentially dangerous to the national security. It is noted that investigation has failed to develop evidence of CP membership or activity within the last 5 years or specific evidence of substantial participation in the activities of a front group within the last 3 years. this connection, it is not believed that Perlin's current activities in the defense of Morton Sobell in conjunction with the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell would be sufficient to evidence substantial participation in the activities of a front group. Although Perlin has taken a leading role in the defense of Sobell and appears sympathetic to the Sobell cause, it is apparent that the evidentiary value of information developed in this regard is somewhat diminished in view of the attorney-client relationship existing between Sobell, the Sobell Committee, and subject.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: MERRILL PERLIN

### RECOMMENDATION:

That subject's name not be approved for inclusion in the SI and that attached letter to New York Office advising of disapproval be approved for transmittal.

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SAC, New York (100-89559)

April 24, 1959

Director, FBI (100-354897)

MERRILL PERLIN SECURITY MATTER - C

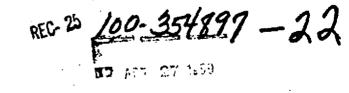
Reurlet dated 4-7-59 captioned "Arthur Kinoy, Security Matter - C" (Bureau File 100-413210 your File 100-118562), which contains information concerning a recent trip by subject to Moscow.

You are requested to submit a letterhead memorandum to include pertinent information concerning the subject's foreign travel. The memorandum should also include pertinent background data.

### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject in Security Index. He is a member of the law firm of Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, New York City. Law firm has defended numerous individuals with subversive backgrounds, as well as the United Electrical Union which was expelled from CIO for communist activities. Information in relet indicates that subject and Kinoy had traveled to Moscow in 2-59 on a business matter.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-354897)

DATE: 6/2/59

15/4 SAC, NEW YORK (100-89559)

SUBJECT:

MERRILL PERLIN, aka.

Re Bulet to NY, 4/24/59.

Enclosed herewith are the original and six copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth background data and a summary of subversive activity on the part of the subject.

The letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because it reflects the FBI has received from confidential sources coverage of Communist meetings and activities in the NYC area and it is felt the disclosure of this information would be injurious to the national defense.

The informants who furnished the information set forth in enclosed memorandum are : (6)(2) [

telephone call mentioned in the enclosed memorandum was made by SA JOSEPH C. FRECHETTE to an unidentified female who advised she was the subject's wife. This call was made to MO 3-6814, the telephone listed to MARSHAL PERLIN, 801 West End Avenue, NYC.

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The WFO is requested to contact the Passport Office, Department of State, and review their files for any information concerning the subject.

Pertinent information should be forwarded to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination and complete background and travel information should also be furnished the NYO.

For the information of the WFO, the subject is described as follows:

Name MERRILL PERLIN

Aliases Marshall Perlin, Michael Perlin

DOB 8/23/20, at Brooklyn, NY

Race White

Sex Male

Height 6 feet

Weight 205 lbs.

Employment Lawyer -

Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin

342 Madison Avenue

NYC

Residence 801 West End Avenue



United States Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York June 2, 1959

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Re: Merrill Perlin, also known as

A confidential source advised that as of March 11, 1959, the subject was in Moscow, Russia.

On May 18, 1959, by means of a suitable telephone by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) it was ascertained that the subject was currently residing at 801 West End Avenue, New York City, having recently returned from a trip abroad. (b) 7)(e)

With regard to the subject, confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past, or were in a position to furnish reliable information, advised:

Subject member of Communist Party (CP) while attending Columbia University 1945-1947; member of CP in 1949 while in Schenectady, New York; registered and indicated a preference for the American Labor Party (ALP) in 1941, 1942, 1946, 1951, and 1952; elected Vice Chairman of the ALP, County Committee, Schenectady, New York, 1950; organized Civil Rights Congress chapter in 1949, in Schenectady, New York; name appeared on the mailing list of the National Lawyers Guild in 1953; subjects firm engaged by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, from November, 1956 - March, 1959; attorney for Morton Sobell, 1957 - 1958.

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

The American Labor Party; National Lawyers Guild; and United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, will be characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

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Re: Merrill Perlin, also known as

Morton Sobell was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

### Description

The following is a composite description of the subject as obtained from personal observation by a Special Agent of the FBI and from the subject's military service record:

Name Merrill Perlin Aliases Marshall Perlin, Michael Perlin Date of Birth August 23, 1920 Brooklyn, New York Race White Sex Male Height 6 feet Weight 205 lbs. Build Heavy Eves Blue Hair Dark Complexion Medium Education Columbia Law School LLB degree - February, 1947 Occupation Attorney Donner, Kinoy and Perlin Employment 342 Madison Avenue New York City Military United States Army and Air Force Service November 28, 1942 - January 2, 1946 ASN 32-647-755 (Enlisted Personnel) Serial ASN 0-2068734 (Officer) Numbers

Merrill Perlin also known as

Marital Status Wife

Residence

**Parents** 

Married

MF:

Dorothy Ferlin 801 West End Avenue

New York City

Father - Henry I - Perlin (deceased)

born Russia -Mother - Jeanette Meyers

=Perlin born United States

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### AMERICAN LAPOR FARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'

  (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIC Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 73.)
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the \* \* \* American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'

  (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Farty, publicly announced the American Labor Farty State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.



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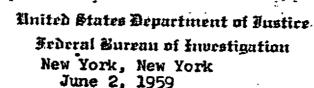
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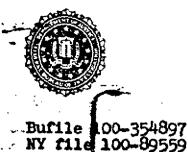
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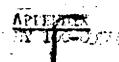
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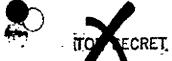
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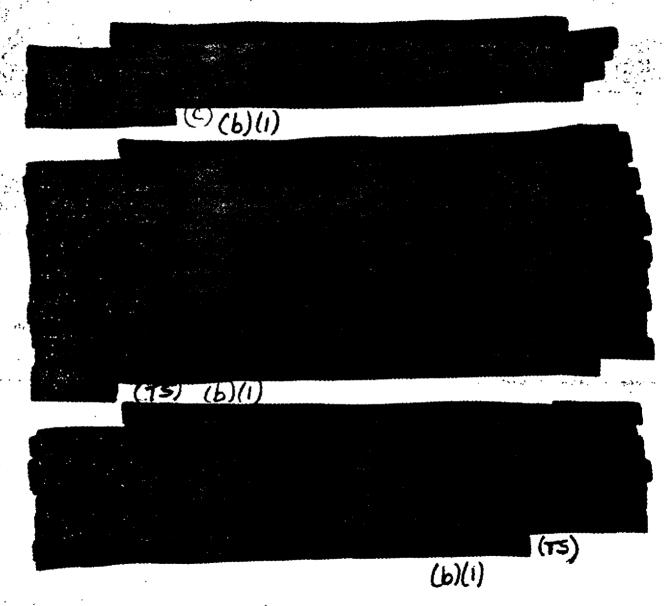
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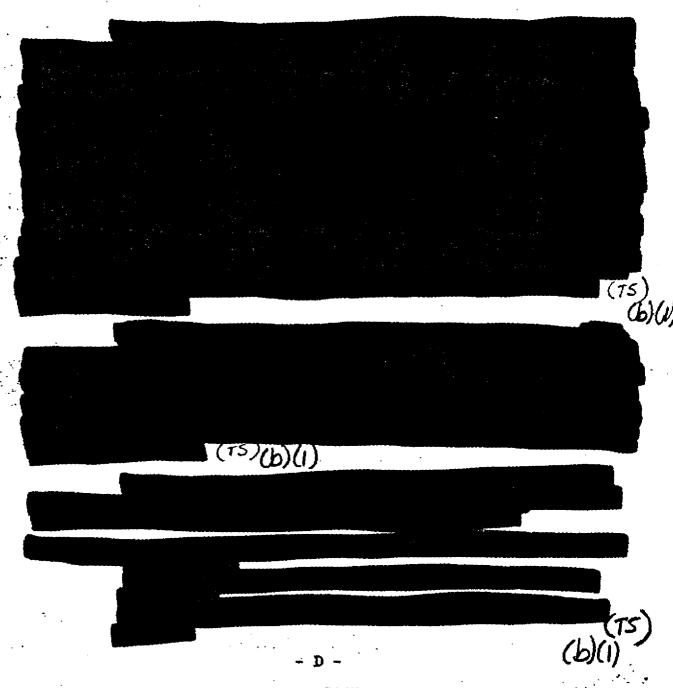


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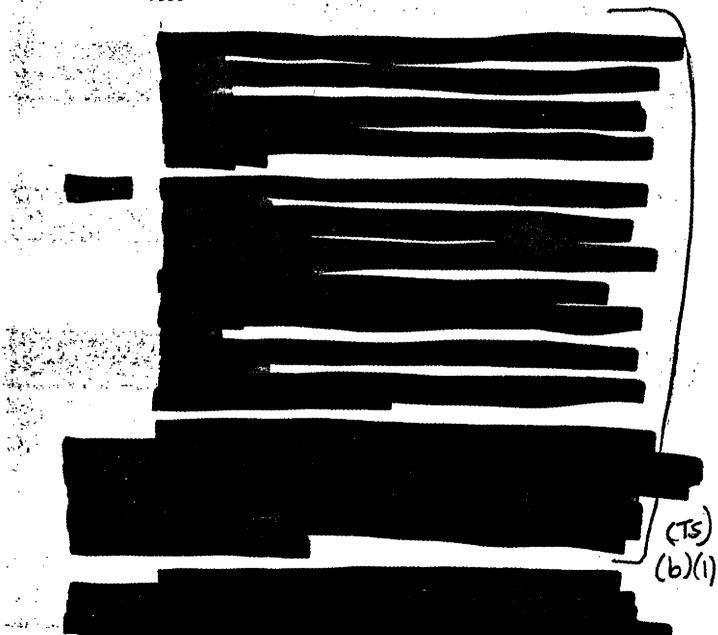




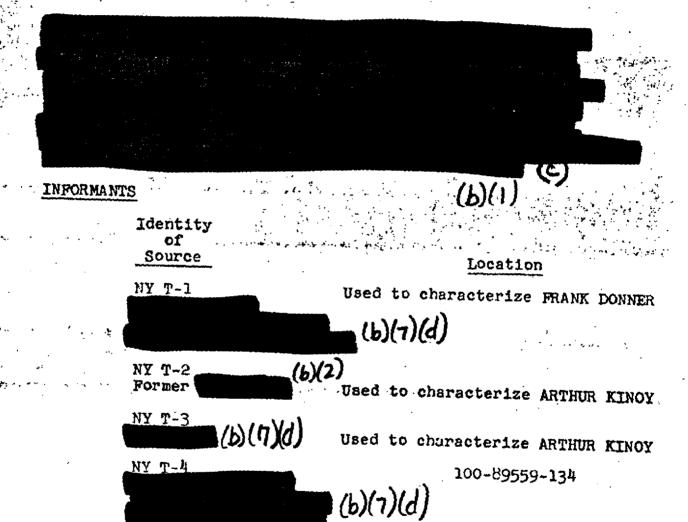
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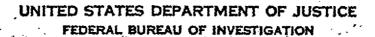
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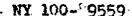
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"The following unions have been expelled from the CIO because of their Communist domination:

"United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America."

The "Internal Security Annual Report for 1957, Report of the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and other Internal Security Laws, of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate" on page 61 refers to UE as "one of the strongest Communist controlled unions in America."

The International Headquarters of UE is located at 11 East 51st Street, New York, N.Y., according to the March 30, 1959, edition of "UE News," Official Organ of UE.







## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Pense Refer to File No. New York, New York October 21, 1959

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Re: Merrill Perlin Security Motter - C

Regarding the report of Special Agent Joseph C. Prechette, dated and captioned as above, the following informants were in a position to furnish reliable information: NY T-1 and NY T-5. NY T-2 through NY T-4 and the informants mentioned in the latter part of the report, who were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject, all have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Although the above does not show CP membership it is felt it indicates sufficient CP sympathy to place the subject on the SI, inasmuch as the subject's actions do not appear to be working in the interests of the US but rather for the CP.

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SAC, New York, (100-89559)

SUBJECT:

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Reference: Bulet to Legat London, dated 11/19/59.

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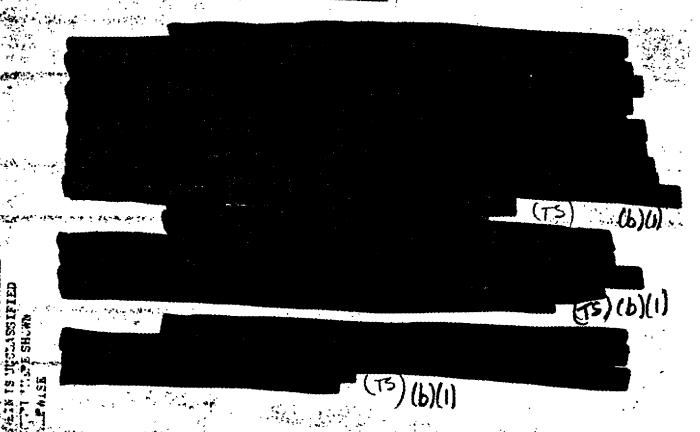
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SUBJECT:

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM F. RYAN

(D-NY)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE

NEW YORK ATTORNEY MERRILL PERLIN

For record purposes only, Congressman Ryan called on afternoon of January 23 and asked if we could be of any assistance to him or furnish him any guidance regarding Merrill Perlin, New York Attorney. The Congressman said any background information concerning this attorney would be most helpful to him.

After checking, the Congressman's call was returned. He was advised we were sorry but we could not give him any guidance regarding the man in question. It was suggested to him he might want to check with House Committee on Un-American Activities and Senate Internal Security Subcommittee as sources.

You will recall that Ryan is a Reform-Democratic Congressman from New York City and has urged that Congress should limit HCUA's funds. Previously, Ryan had had his assistant, Jack Billings, call to see if the Congressman could check out names in Bufiles from time to time. Billings was told that information in Bufiles was, of course, confidential, as he well knew, and it would be impossible to accede to the Congressman's request.

Bufiles reflect that Merrill Perlin is Morton Sobell's attorney and is presently on the Security Index.

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EPARTMENT OF JUSTICE United States Comment MEMORANLUM Date: August 11 1964 Director Federal Bureau of Investigation From (1) Assistant Attorney General Internal Security Division Subject: INDEX REVIEW Re: MERRILL FBI No. 100-354897 Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested by you on\_ It has been determined that indexing of this case for future review should be Continued discontinued Commentary: REC-6 AUG 12 1964 3 EX 109 cc: FBI ISD-SO Dept. 146-012-18-2 ECRET GROD Excluded from a downgrading and 88 AUG-211964 declassification



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New York, New York February 8,1965

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SUBJECT:

MERRILL PERLIN

REFERENCE:

Memorandum dated 4/30/64.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified);

15 West 72nd Street, New York, New York Residence:

Employment:

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New York, New York

August 11,1966

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SUBJECT:

MERRILL PERLIN

REFERENCE:

Memorandum dated 2/8/65.

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36 West 44th Street, New York, N.Y.

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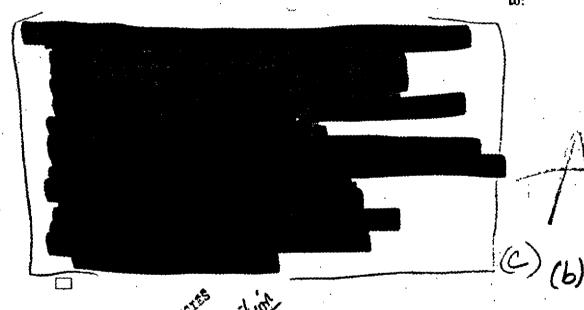
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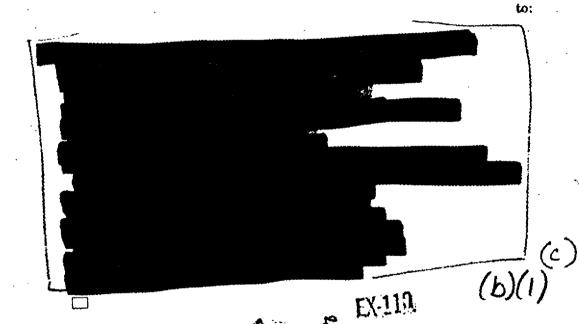
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