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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lee

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
 Assistant Attorney General

December 29, 1965

Director, FBI

REC-18101-2483-1567

MORTON SOBELL
 ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA

EX-100

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has issued a public release revealing that the attorneys for Morton Sobell will file a motion to vacate his sentence in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 6, 1966. According to this release, Sobell will claim that he was illegally convicted of a conspiracy to transmit information relating to the national defense to the Soviet Union because the prosecution (1) knowingly used perjured testimony and forged documents, and (2) suppressed evidence that would have proved his innocence.

The Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, is being advised of the intended date for filing of this motion.

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(Rosenberg)

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NOTE:

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See cover memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated 12-28-65, captioned same, prepared by APL:lag.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan *WAB*

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA

DATE: December 28, 1965

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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The above subject is presently serving a 30-year sentence for his part in the Julius Rosenberg espionage conspiracy case. Since his conviction in 1951, efforts have been made on numerous occasions to effect his release on various grounds, with no success.

Information has been received from a confidential informant that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has issued a public release revealing that the attorneys for Sobell will file a motion to vacate his sentence in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on 1-6-66. According to this release, Sobell will claim that he was illegally convicted of a conspiracy to transmit national defense information to the Soviet Union because the prosecution (1) knowingly used perjured testimony and forged documents, and (2) suppressed evidence that would have proven his innocence. Our New York Office has advised the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, of the intended date for the filing of this motion.

The above-referred-to motion is probably based on claims made in a recent book, "Invitation to an Inquest," by Walter and Miriam Schneir which attacked the Government's case against the Rosenbergs and Sobell. This book has previously been analyzed and the charges therein have no basis in fact.

ACTION:

For your information. Assistant Attorney General Yeagley is being advised of the intended date for filing of this motion by the attached letter.

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Enclosure *12-29-65*
1 - 65-58236 (Rosenberg)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-106303)
ATTN: CRIME RECORDS DIV.
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136705)
RE: "INVITATION TO AN INQUEST"
BY WALTER AND MIRIAM SCHNEIR
TV PROGRAM CONCERNING

Walter S. Ball

On 1/5/66 JAMES S. KILSHEINER called the NYO. He stated that he was calling at the suggestion of Judge IRVING KAUFMAN. By way of background, he identified himself as the former ADA, SDNY, who prepared the ROSENBERG case for prosecution.

He stated that recently there was a television program in New York on which WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR, in a question and answer program, discussed their book "Invitation to an Inquest". As a result, the network received several letters pointing out that inasmuch as this was a two-sided topic being discussed by the SCHNEIRS, they thought someone should present the Government side of the ROSENBERG prosecution.

The network contacted USA ROBERT FARGENTHAU, SDNY, and he recommended that Mr. KILSHEINER, who is now an attorney in private practice, be requested to appear on a program refuting allegations set forth in the SCHNEIR book.

Mr. KILSHEINER stated that he has read the SCHNEIR book and it contains numerous inaccuracies which he plans to refute on the program. He has agreed to appear on the program which will be taped on 1/17/66 and shown during the week of 1/17/66. He stated that the purpose of his call was to give the Bureau an opportunity to review the allegations contained in the SCHNEIR book which may have been brought to the attention of the Bureau by other persons involved.

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I asked Mr. KILSHEIMER if he had any particular points in mind and he stated that he had in mind the question of the authenticity of a registration card indicating that HARRY GOLD had registered at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque. Mr. KILSHEIMER stated that he had this card in his hands and knows that it is authentic. He stated, however, it was never introduced in evidence inasmuch as it was stipulated that a photostatic copy of the card would be sufficient. Mr. KILSHEIMER stated that if the original of this card could be shown to the television audience, that it would remove any doubt in their minds as to its authenticity.

Mr. KILSHEIMER was advised that recently the Attorney General in a letter to the attorney for the SCHNEIRS who was making an inquiry in regard to this card, stated that the card in question had been returned to the Hilton Hotel and eventually destroyed.

Mr. KILSHEIMER felt that if even this point could be brought out to the television audience he felt that it would serve to dispel some of the allegations in the SCHNEIR book.

Mr. KILSHEIMER stated that he plans to revive the television show involving the SCHNEIRS and after this is done, he will make up a set of questions and answers which he will give to his interrogator, an individual by the name of ALLAN EDWARDS for the program.

Mr. KILSHEIMER was advised that his thoughtfulness in contacting the Bureau was appreciated and that he would be advised in the near future in regard to his inquiry.

It is recommended that the Bureau inform the attorney for the SCHNEIRS.

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Date: 1/7/66

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Via AIRTEL ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-2483)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)
SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
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ON 4/29/87

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 12/22/65, in captioned matter.

Referenced airtel indicated that attorneys for MORTON SOBELL intended to file a motion to vacate sentence in USDC, SDNY, on 1/6/66. (u)

The office of the USA, SDNY, advised on 1/7/66, that no action was filed in behalf of SOBELL in SDNY on 1/6/66. (u)

If additional information is received concerning the above matter, the Bureau will be appropriately advised.

- 4 - BUREAU (RM)
(1 - 62-106323) (WALTER D. SCHNEIR)
(Attention: Crime Records)
- 1 - NY 100-109849 (HELEN SOBELL)
- 1 - NY 100-135206 (WALTER D. SCHNEIR)
- 1 - NY 100-107481 (CSJMS)
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)
SUBJECT : MORTON SOBELL
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ReBuairtel 1/10/66.

Instructions set forth by Bureau carried out this date. Information furnished by Bureau was made available to JAMES B. KILSHEIMER.

KILSHEIMER was contacted by PAUL NOBLE, Public Information Dept., WNEW (Channel 5) TV, who asked him to appear on program which is scheduled to be taped 1/14/66 and will be shown on an unknown date next week. Program will consist of an interview of KILSHEIMER by ALLYN EDWARDS of WNEW. KILSHEIMER expressed belief program will only be of 10 minutes duration and, therefore, he will be limited in amount of material he will be able to present. It appears that KILSHEIMER's attack on the book and its authors will be principally directed to their criticism of the conduct of the trial.

Arrangements will be made to tape the program and results thereof will be furnished to the Bureau.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. Wick
 1 - Mr. Branigan
 DATE: 1/10/66

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *W.C.S.*

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan *W.A.B.*

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA

1 - Mr. J. P. Lee

Branigan

This memorandum recommends the New York Office accept the offer of James B. Kilsheimer, former Assistant United States Attorney, to discuss with him the false allegations in the book entitled "Invitation to an Inquest" prior to his appearance on television. A brief of the book is attached for the New York Office.

BACKGROUND:

Morton Sobell is currently serving a 30-year sentence for his part in the Rosenberg espionage conspiracy case. In August, 1965, a book entitled "Invitation to an Inquest" written by Walter and Miriam Schneir was published. The book is an attack on the entire case against the Rosenbergs and Sobell and strongly suggests that the FBI forged evidence which was knowingly used by the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, to substantiate the Government's case. The book has received an extremely favorable reception in the left wing press, and the Schneirs recently completed a national tour during which they were successful in gaining time on certain radio and television programs during which they repeated the above-mentioned accusations.

On January 6, 1966, James B. Kilsheimer contacted the New York Office and advised that he was calling at the suggestion of Judge Irving R. Kaufman, trial judge in the Rosenberg and Sobell trial. Kilsheimer was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York in 1950 and 1951 and played a very important part in the preparation and presentation of this case and he is very knowledgeable about it. He stated that there had been a television program in New York recently during which the Schneirs discussed their book and as a result the network received several letters from persons who felt that the Government's side of the case should also be presented. The network had contacted United States Attorney Robert Morgenthau and he had recommended Kilsheimer to appear on the program. Kilsheimer stated the purpose of his call was to furnish the Bureau an opportunity to refute any allegations contained in the Schneirs book without becoming directly involved.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is believed this presents an excellent opportunity to rebut many of the falsehoods set out in this book and repeated by Sobell

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Memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MORTON SOBELL
101-2483

sympathetic since its preparation. Kilsheimer is a very capable attorney and has been a friend of the Bureau for many years. He had an important part in assisting the United States Attorney in handling this case in the trial court.

We prepared a detailed brief of this book in November, 1965, and it is felt this brief should be furnished to the New York Office for discussion with Mr. Kilsheimer. This brief is a chapter by chapter review of the book with the correct answers to the lies set out in the book. No classified information was included in the brief and it is believed it would be very helpful to Mr. Kilsheimer.

Contained in that brief are the true facts concerning one of the main allegations made by the authors namely "the strong suggestion" that the FBI forged a registration card of the Hotel Hilton, Albuquerque, in order to show that Harry Gold was in that city on June 3, 1945, in order to support the testimony of David Greenglass, Government witness. One of the reasons for this conclusion of the authors is the fact that this hotel card had the handwritten date of June 3 on the face of the card and the time stamp date of June 4 on the reverse side. The original of the card has been destroyed by the hotel. Our files show that the manager of the hotel was asked about this discrepancy in June, 1950, when we first obtained the card and he said it happened as a result of a failure on the part of the stamp machine and all the cards for June 3 had the time stamp of June 4 on the back. This has not been made public although the Department of Justice has been advised. This information is contained in the above-mentioned brief and it is felt it can be furnished to Mr. Kilsheimer for his use in his television appearance if he deems it necessary. This information is not classified and the main reason it has not been made public is that no reason has existed for doing so until this time. In all likelihood it will also be made public if the Sobell attorneys take any legal action in an attempt to obtain a reversal of his conviction. His attorneys have stated they intend to file such a motion, however, it has not been done to date.

ACTION:

There is attached an airtel for the New York Office instructing as follows:

1. A Special Agent of the New York Office, who is thoroughly familiar with this case, should contact Mr. Kilsheimer and furnish him any information necessary for his television appearance.

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Memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MORTON SOBELL
101-2483

2. A copy of the brief of the book is attached and the New York Office is instructed to make this available for Mr. Kilsheimer for his information.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. J. P. Lee

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI (101-2483) - 1571

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Reurairtel 1/6/66 captioned "Invitation to an Inquest by Walter and Miriam Schneir; TV Program Concerning."

You are authorized to recontact James B. Kilshoimer and accept his offer to refute the allegations contained in the Schneirs' book through his appearance on a television show. An Agent of your office completely familiar with the Rosenberg-Sobell case should meet with Kilshoimer and discuss this book with him and make certain he is aware of the many lies contained in the book. There is attached a brief analyzing this book chapter by chapter which was prepared by the Bureau. This may be made available to Mr. Kilshoimer for his review in preparation for his appearance on the television program.

The Bureau should be advised concerning the result of the conference with Mr. Kilshoimer and his appearance on the television program.

Enclosure

NOTE:

See memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan dated 1/10/66 same caption, prepared by JPL:mah.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI(101-2483)
(Att: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)
SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R

On [redacted] advised that he had learned from personnel in the Office of the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, NYC, that attorneys for MORTON SOBELL have decided to postpone the filing of a legal motion in USFC in behalf of SOBELL until the end of February, 1966. (u)

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau. If additional information is received, the Bureau will be advised.

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- 1 - Bureau (RM) (Att: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION)
- 1 - (1 - 52-106323) (WALTER D. SCHNEIR)
- 1 - New York (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL)
- 1 - New York (100-135206) (WALTER D. SCHNEIR)
- 1 - New York (100-107115) (CSJMS)
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JAN 21 1966 Special Agent in Charge [Signature]

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1-24-66

Information previously obtained that attorneys for Morton Sobell, convicted espionage agent, planned to file motion to set aside conviction on basis that forged evidence used against him. Evidence is registration card for Hotel Hilton, Albuquerque, for Harry Gold on 6-3-45. Photostat of card used at trial to show Gold in Albuquerque to confirm testimony of David Greenglass. Mrs. Sobell claims FBI in June, 1965, made inquiry of Hotel about card. We made inquiry in August, 1965, to determine disposition of card to answer request by Sobell's attorney. Mrs. Sobell also states Director told attorney that card had been "turned over to security." This is wrong. Letter to attorney stated his letter had been referred to Internal Security Division, Department of Justice. Motion now allegedly planned for 2-1-66.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (101-2483)

DATE: 1/19/66

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FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (65-4372)(P*)

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SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R

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Re Philadelphia letter to Bureau, 10/18/65.

On 1/5/66, Dr. H. W. WELLER, Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., advised SA PHILIP M. MORRIS he has not seen SOBELL recently; however, to his knowledge, there has been no change in SOBELL's mental or physical health since the previous inquiry on 10/14/65.

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PHILADELPHIA:

AT LEWISBURG, PA.

Will recontact Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., for information regarding any change in SOBELL's mental or physical health and advise Bureau and New York of results.

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- 2 - Philadelphia (65-4372)

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Date: 1/21/66

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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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FROM: SAs, NEW YORK (100-37158)
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The following is for the information of the Bureau:

On [1/21/66] [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at the regular monthly meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) held at 150 Fifth Avenue, NYC, on 1/19/66, HELEN SOBELL announced that the motion for a hearing to grant a new trial for MORTON SOBELL will be filed 2/1/66, in NYC, before Judge WEINFELD. HELEN SOBELL stated the motion would be based on "forgery, fraud and suppression of evidence" by the FBI in connection with the original trial. HELEN SOBELL stated this will be the most important motion filed in the case since the execution of the ROSENBERGS. She believed it would be a "political" motion since it would allegedly expose a cover up by the FBI, which she stated they had done in many cases and especially in this case.

HELEN SOBELL further commented that the motion would be presented by Attorneys WILLIAM KUNTZLER, MARSHALL PERLIN, MALCOLM SHARP, BENJAMIN DREYFUS and "possibly the Catholic head of a college in Boston".

- 2-Bureau (101-2483) (RM)
- 1-Albuquerque (Info) (RM)
- 1-NY 100-107111 (CSJMS) (RM)
- 1-NY 100-37158 (RM)

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C. C. Wick

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 Special Agent in Charge

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MAILED TO [redacted] with release [redacted] made in [redacted]

KUNTZLER had recently gone to Albuquerque, New Mexico where he met SHARP and BREYFUS. While there they contacted the Hilton Hotel concerning the questioned registration cards. KUNTZLER learned from the hotel people that the FBI had also come to the hotel in June, 1965, concerning these same registration cards. KUNTZLER had advised HELEN SOBELL that the hotel people are willing to testify concerning the cards and the subsequent interviews of them in 1965 by the FBI. (X) 6

HELEN SOBELL stated that KUNTZLER expected to state in his motion that he had contacted Director J. EDGAR HOOVER of the FBI regarding the location of the questioned registration cards and had received a reply that one card had been returned to the hotel where it was destroyed in the normal course of business. KUNTZLER intended to question the location of the second card involved and why Mr. HOOVER had indicated that only one card was returned. HELEN SOBELL indicated Director HOOVER's letter to KUNTZLER had stated the matter had been "turned over to security". KUNTZLER intended to point out that if it was true that the card had been "turned over to security", why had the FBI contacted the hotel in June, 1965, concerning the matter. (X) 7

HELEN SOBELL stated that KUNTZLER also intends to charge suppression of evidence because the FBI prevented one "ANN", reportedly a Soviet courier from testifying in the case. (X) 8

In the course of her talk to the Committee, HELEN SOBELL repeated several times that the new motion to be filed will be an "expose" of the FBI. At one point she stated the FBI's motion in the SOBELL case "stinks to High Heaven". (X) 9

... who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided essentially the same information as that above concerning the meeting of ... (X) 10

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Date: 1/24/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-2483)
ATT: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

SUBJECT : MORTON SOBELL
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ReNYairtel 1/12/66.

JAMES B. KILSHEIMER and PAUL NOBLE advised this date that taped interview of KILSHEIMER will be shown on WNEW (Channel 5) TV, on Wednesday, 1/26/66, at 2:45 PM. Program will be called Metropolitan Memo.

Arrangements have been made to have program taped.

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ATT: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

SUBJECT : MORTON SOBELL
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ReNYairtel 1/24/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is reel #2233 containing the interview of JAMES B. KILSHEIMER on WNEW (Channel 5) TV on Wednesday, 1/26/65, at 2:45 PM.

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Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: February 8 1966

FROM : *WY* Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL

WY

We are enclosing a copy of a letter dated January 19, 1966, received from William M. Kunstler, one of the attorneys for Morton Sobell, seeking certain information concerning the June 3rd and September 19th, 1945, registration cards for Harry Gold.

We would appreciate your advising us of the answers to these questions to assist us in determining our answer to Mr. Kunstler.

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Walter Yeagley

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January 19, 1966

John H. Davitt, Esq.
Chief, Criminal Section
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Re: Horton Robell

Dear Mr. Davitt:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 1965.

In view of its contents, we would appreciate the following information:

A. The original June 3rd card

- (1) Upon whose orders was it returned to the Albuquerque Hilton?
- (2) If a letter of transmittal accompanied it, is it possible to obtain a copy thereof?
- (3) If the Department received a receipt or letter of acknowledgment from the Albuquerque Hilton for it, is it possible to obtain a copy thereof?
- (4) How did the Department learn of its destruction and, if by writing, is it possible to receive a copy thereof?

B. The original Sept. 19th card

- (5) Upon whose orders was it destroyed?
- (6) Who actually destroyed it and how was such destruction effected?
- (7) If the order of destruction was in writing, is it possible to obtain a copy thereof?

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, we are sure that you will agree that a full and open hearing in connection with our contemplated motion under 28 U.S.C. 2255 might be the best way to resolve all doubts as to the authenticity of the June 3rd card.

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Very truly yours

William N. Kunstler
William N. Kunstler

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

February 16, 1966

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Director, FBI

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BERTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Pennington
- 1 - Mr. Lee

Reference is made to your letter of February 8, 1966, requesting answers to questions raised by William M. Kunstler, Attorney for Berton Sobell.

With regard to the June 3, 1951, registration card, this was originally obtained from the manager of the Hilton Hotel on June 6, 1950, was sent to the FBI Laboratory on June 7, 1950, and returned to the Hotel on June 20, 1950, in accordance with the request of the manager. The card was again obtained on March 14, 1951, and forwarded to the New York Office for possible use in connection with the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. The card itself was not introduced as evidence and in July, 1951, the card was returned to our Albuquerque Office, which office in turn returned it to the Hotel on August 4, 1951. The management of the Hotel advised on September 3, 1965, that all registration cards prior to 1957 have been destroyed.

With regard to the September registration card which was never introduced as evidence, it was destroyed by personnel of our New York Office in connection with the normal course of purging files. No specific order of destruction is available for this particular item.

It is noted that the defense counsel has not as yet filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. 1865. It is felt that any response to this request of Kunstler would be premature at this time. It is noted that the letter directed to Mr. Kunstler by this Bureau on September 10, 1965, has been mentioned publicly by representatives of the Committee to Secure Justice for Sobell and it is possible that further information furnished to the defense counsel might be used by the above-mentioned Committee for propaganda purposes.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: February 15, 1966

FROM : W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lee

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA

Branigan

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This memorandum recommends that the Department be furnished with answers to questions raised by the subject's defense counsel; further that the Department be advised the Bureau feels that response to the defense counsel would be premature until the filing of a motion to vacate the sentence.

BACKGROUND:

Morton Sobell is serving a 30-year sentence for his part in the Rosenberg espionage conspiracy case. In August, 1965, a book entitled "Invitation to an Inquest" was published which attacked the entire case against the Rosenbergs and Sobell and strongly suggested that the FBI forged evidence used in the trial.

The forgery allegation pertained to a hotel registration card for Harry Gold for June 3, 1945, at the Hotel Hilton, Albuquerque. A photostat of this card was introduced into evidence to establish Gold's presence in Albuquerque on June 3, 1945, and support the testimony of David Greenglass, another Government witness, that he met Gold in Albuquerque on that date. The card had a date of June 3 handwritten on the face and a time stamp date of June 4 on the reverse side. Gold was also at the same hotel on September 19, 1945, but the registration card for that date was not used at the trial. The above-mentioned book claims that the discrepancy in dates and a comparison of the photographs of the cards show that the June card is probably a forgery. The June card was returned to the hotel and destroyed. The September card was destroyed by the New York Office in the course of purging files.

CURRENT REQUEST:

By letter dated February 8, 1966, Assistant Attorney General Yeagley furnished a letter received from William M. Kunstler, Attorney for Morton Sobell, asking seven questions pertaining to the destruction of these cards. Mr. Yeagley advised he would appreciate the Bureau furnishing the answers to assist in determining a reply to Kunstler.

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Memorandum Branigan to Sullivan
RE: MORTON SOBELL
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In regard to the June card, Kunstler asked who ordered the card returned to the hotel; was it transmitted by letter; did the Department receive a receipt from the hotel and how did the Department learn of its destruction. The facts are that this card was obtained from the hotel on June 6, 1950, sent to the FBI Laboratory on June 7, 1950, and returned to the hotel on June 20, 1950, in accordance with the request of the manager. It was again obtained March 14, 1951, and forwarded to New York Office for the purpose of the trial. In July, 1951, it was returned to the Albuquerque Office and given to the hotel on August 4, 1951. The hotel advised that all cards prior to 1957 have been destroyed.

Regarding the September card, Kunstler asks who ordered the card destroyed, who actually destroyed it, how was it done and he requests a copy of the order of destruction if available. This card never was used in evidence and was destroyed by the New York Office in the regular course of business on February 11, 1960.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is believed the above facts concerning these hotel registration cards should be furnished to Mr. Yeagley. In addition, it is believed that we should suggest to Mr. Yeagley that the answers to these questions would best be furnished to Kunstler after he files his motion to vacate sentence, rather than giving additional information which probably will be used by the Committee to Secure Justice for Sobell for propoganda purposes.

ACTION:

There is attached a letter to Assistant Attorney General Yeagley in accordance with the above observations.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12-23-65

Attached is a copy of a letter which Assistant Attorney General Yeagley sent to the attorneys of Morton Sobell.

A book written by Walter and Miriam Schneir on the Rosenberg case charged that the Government had fabricated evidence. Sobell's attorneys wrote the Bureau 8-31-65 inquiring about two hotel registration cards (the alleged fabricated evidence). The Bureau replied the cards were no longer available. On 11-23-65 Sobell's attorneys wrote the Bureau asking the location of the hotel cards and indicated they intended to file a motion for a new trial. ~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED~~
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-2483)
(ATT: CRIME RECORDS)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of a LHM pertaining to the filing of a legal motion in the USDC, SDNY, in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

The confidential source mentioned is [redacted]

The LHM is classified Confidential as [redacted] as set out in the LHM, were made only in the presence of the informant.

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- 1 - NY 100-109849 (HELEN SOBELL)
- 1 - NY 100-135206 (WALTER SCHNEIR)
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APPENDIX

1.
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 the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

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

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 6, 1965, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

February 25, 1966

Director, FBI
MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lee

Reference is made to our letters dated December 2, 1965, and February 18, 1966.

There is attached one copy of a letter from William M. Kunstler, attorney for Morton Sobell. There is also enclosed a copy of our reply referring Kunstler to your office. Kunstler has asked for information concerning the initials on the reverse side of the Hotel Hilton registration card of Harry Gold for September 19, 1945. Our letter to you dated December 2, 1965, furnished information concerning the identities of the persons whose initials appeared on that card.

Kunstler has also asked if the initials "F.L.B." on the reverse side of the registration card for the Hotel Hilton for Harry Gold for June 3, 1945, belonged to an Agent of this Bureau. These initials are those of Fletcher L. Brunit, Manager of the Hotel Hilton, Albuquerque, in 1950.

Kunstler has also requested the names of all FBI Agents who participated in the investigation of the files of the Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, in 1950 as well as those who conducted investigation in Albuquerque during the same period. It is not believed that defense counsel is entitled to be furnished these names based only on his statement that he is planning to file a motion under 28 United States Code 2254; however, if you want to have the names of these Agents, an attempt will be made to obtain them from a review of our files.

Kunstler also referred to a letter addressed to Mr. John E. Davitt of the Criminal Section and furnished a copy of that letter to this Bureau. He also asked that if this Bureau had the statements of David and Ruth Greenglass and Harry Gold relating to the June 3, 1945, meeting in Albuquerque that he be furnished copies thereof. He also requested to examine that portion of the confession of Klaus Fuchs which referred to the June 3, 1945, meeting.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley

For your information in the case entitled "David Greenglass; Esp - R," the following reports were furnished to the Department which contained the signed statements made by David and Ruth Greenglass to our Agents, as well as statements that both made to Nyles Lane, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York in 1950.

1. Report of Special Agent John W. Lewis made at New York, June 26, 1950.
2. Report of Special Agent Leo H. Frutkin made at New York, August 8, 1950.
3. Summary report of Special Agent Leo H. Frutkin made at New York, August 9, 1950.
4. Report of Special Agent John W. Lewis made at New York, September 26, 1950.

With respect to the statements of Harry Gold, you are referred to the report of Special Agent Robert G. Jensen made at Philadelphia, May 31, 1950, in the case entitled "Harry Gold; Esp - R." This report included the original confession of Harry Gold and a copy was furnished to the Assistant Attorney General.

With regard to statements made by Klaus Fuchs, you are referred to our letter to the Assistant Attorney General dated June 9, 1950, in the case entitled, "Harry Gold; Esp - R" which furnished a copy of a seven-page statement obtained from Fuchs in London, England, on May 26, 1950.

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NOTE: See memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan dated 2/24/66, same caption, prepared by JPL:sal.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/24/66

FROM : W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lee

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA

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This memorandum recommends that a letter received from the subject's attorney requesting information be answered by referral to the Internal Security Division and that the Internal Security Division be furnished with answers to questions raised by the defense counsel.

BACKGROUND:

Morton Sobell is serving a sentence of 30 years for his part in the Rosenberg espionage conspiracy case. In August, 1965, a book entitled "Invitation to an Inquest" was published and it attacked the entire case against the Rosenbergs and Sobell and strongly suggested that the FBI had forged evidence used in the trial.

The alleged forgery referred to a hotel registration card for Harry Gold, Government witness, for June 3, 1945, at the Hotel Hilton, Albuquerque. A photostat of this card was introduced at the trial to establish Gold's presence in Albuquerque on June 3, 1945, which supported the testimony of David Greenglass, another Government witness, that he met Gold in Albuquerque on that date. The card had a date of June 3 handwritten on the face and a time-stamped date of June 4 on the reverse side. Gold was also at the same hotel on September 19, 1945, but the registration card for that date was not used at the trial. The book claims the discrepancy in dates and a comparison of the photostats of the cards show that the June card is probably a forgery. This card was returned to the hotel and destroyed. The September card was destroyed by the New York Office in regular course of business.

CURRENT REQUEST:

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By letter dated February 16, 1966, William M. Kunstler, defense counsel for Sobell, wrote the Director and asked for information pertaining to initials appearing on the above-mentioned cards. He also asked for the names of all FBI Agents who participated in investigation of the files of the Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, during 1950 as well as those who conducted

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Memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MORTON SOBELL
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investigations in Albuquerque during the same period of time. He also enclosed a letter he had written to John Davitt of the Criminal Section of the Department of Justice in which he requested permission to examine the statements of David and Ruth Greenglass and Harry Gold made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or to the Department of Justice relating to the June 3, 1945, meeting. He also requested that portion of the confession of Klaus Fuchs which related to the meeting of June 3, 1945.

OBSERVATIONS:

By letter of November 23, 1965, Kunstler had requested information from the Bureau and by letter of December 2, 1965, he was told that since he was contemplating filing a petition under 28 United States Code 2255, his letter was being referred to the Department of Justice. It is believed we should again refer Kunstler to the Department of Justice. In addition, it is believed that we should inform the Department of the answers to the questions raised by Kunstler.

ACTION:

1. There is attached for your approval a brief letter to Kunstler referring him to the Department of Justice.

2. There is attached for your approval a letter to the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, furnishing him with a copy of the letter sent by Kunstler and a copy of our reply to Kunstler and furnishing the answers to the questions raised by him.

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February 16

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigations
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C. 20530

Re: Morton Sobell

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In our preparation of the motion under 28 U.S.C. 2255, on behalf of the above named client of this office, we noticed that certain initials appear on the reverse side of the Hotel Hilton registration card in the name of Harry Gold for September 19, 1945.

We would be grateful for the names of those F.B.I. agents whose initials appear on that card. According to the photostatic copy in our possession under the date, 5/23/50, appears an identification number, "65-6". Directly under both appear the initials "F.I.B." and "A.L." and what appears to be "C.B.", although the latter initials are difficult to decipher.

As far as the photostatic copy of the registration card of June 3, 1945, in the name of Harry Gold is concerned, we find the initials "F.L.B." on the upper right hand corner of the reverse side and we would be grateful if you could let us know whether they belong to any agent of your Bureau.

We would also like to have the names of all B.B.I. agents who participated in the investigation of the files of the Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico during the year 1950, as well as those who conducted investigations in that city during the same period of time.

Lastly, if you have the statements referred to in the enclosed copy of a letter to Hon. John Davitt, Chief, Criminal Section, Department of Justice, we would appreciate receiving copies thereof.

*memo Branigan W.C. Sullivan 2/24/66
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

February 16, 1966

Naturally we would be most appreciative of your prompt response to this communication.

Very truly yours,

William M. Kunstler
William M. Kunstler

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CABLE ADDRESS
"KUNSTLER"

February 16, 1966

John H. Davitt, Esq.
Chief, Criminal Section
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Re: Morton Sobell

Dear Mr. Davitt:

First of all, it would be appreciated if this office could receive an answer to its letter of January 19, 1966, with reference to the above named person.

Secondly, in order to facilitate the preparation of a motion under 28 U.S.C. 2255, on behalf of Mr. Sobell, we would like to look at the statements of David and Ruth Greenglass and Harry Gold made to the Federal Bureau of Investigations or any other agency of the Department of Justice relating to the meeting of June 3, 1945 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In the event that these statements are presently in the possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, we are sending a copy of this letter to its Director.

Thirdly, we are most anxious to secure that portion of the confession of Klaus Fuchs insofar as it relates to the meeting of June 3, 1945. In the event that this confession is not in your possession we would appreciate information as to where it can be located.

I am sure that you will agree with us that an appropriate motion by Mr. Sobell followed by full and open evidentiary hearing would be the best method in which to resolve all doubts as to whether the meeting on June 3, 1945, between Gold and the Greenglasses ever took place.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this communication.

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Very truly yours,

William M. Kunstler

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lee

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~~511 Fifth Avenue~~
 New York, New York 10017

Attention: Mr. William H. Knustler *W.H.*

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of February 16, 1966.

You are referred to my letter of December 2, 1965. Since your letter of February 16, 1966, pertains to a motion to be filed on behalf of Morton Sobell, it has been referred to the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
 Assistant Attorney General

1 - 65-58236 (Rosenberg)

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NOTE: See memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan captioned "Morton Sobell, Espionage - Russia," dated 2/24/66, prepared by JPL:sa

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From: Director, FBI (101-2483)

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Resubmit information in reairtel in form suitable for dissemination under caption of instant airtel. Also obtain from Mrs. ~~Highes~~ in form of signed statement, the information in reairtel.

1 - New York (100-37158)

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NOTE:

Mrs. Linda Highes, former clerk at Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, contacted our office to advise that she had been approached by attorney on behalf of Morton Sobell to sign an affidavit that statements attributed to her in book "Invitation to an Inquest," are correct. She refused to sign affidavit and states that she did not make the statement attributed to her in the book. The statement is that when a discrepancy exists between the hand-written and time-stamp date on a registration card the time stamp governs.

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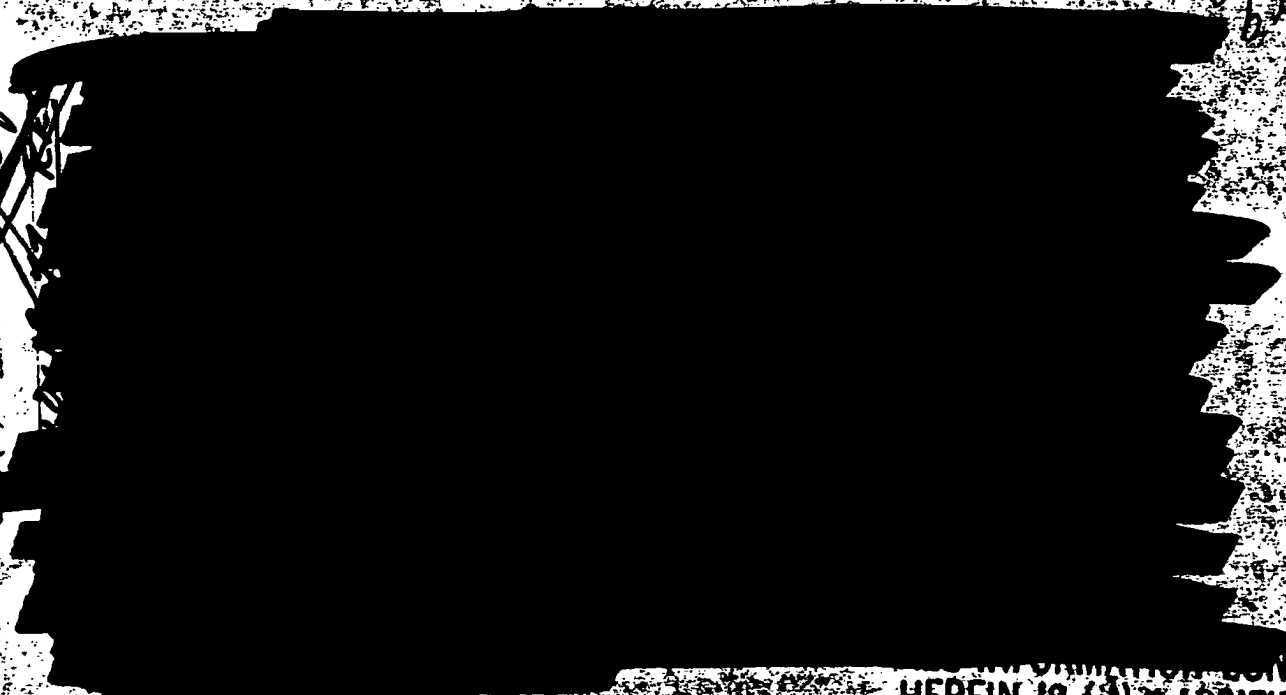
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Reference is made to our letter dated February 25, 1968.

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The above is furnished for your information.

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There is attached for your information a copy of our letter, dated February 28, 1966, to William M. Danstler, Esquire, attorney for Morton Sobell, in response to his communications to this Division of January 19 and February 16, 1966, relating to the captioned case.

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February 28, 1966

William M. Kunstler, Esquire
Kunstler, Kunstler & Risoy
Attorneys At Law
511 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Re: United States v. Morton Sobell

Dear Mr. Kunstler:

I have your letters of January 19 and February 16, 1966 in which you advised us of your intention to file a motion under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 2255 on behalf of Morton Sobell. These letters request information in addition to that which we previously furnished you in response to your letter of December 7, 1965. Moreover, although your communication of January 19, 1966 relates to the same subject as your December letter, your letter of February 16, 1966 requests that we furnish you with information in still other areas.

You state that you are seeking all of this information to enable you to prepare your motion under 28 U.S.C. 2255. However, I think you will agree that the normal and proper procedure for obtaining responses to any allegations which you may desire to make in your motion relating to Mr. Sobell's guilt or innocence, is to file your motion with the Court, which may then, in its discretion, order a hearing. The Government would, of course, be prepared to reply at that time to any relevant allegations or to furnish such information as may be ordered by the Court.

As you know, few cases in judicial history have received as extensive appellate review as this one. In January of 1963, the United States Supreme Court refused to review the District Court's denial of Mr. Sobell's last motion under 28 U.S.C. 2255. Prior to that time, several other motions had been filed on Sobell's behalf. The record shows that in the form or other his case has been before the United States Court of Appeals six times, always concluding with his conviction. It has been before

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the United States Supreme Court the same number of times on applications of one sort or other, each time the conviction remaining undisturbed. And this does not include numerous proceedings at the District Court level, all of which have been decided adversely to Sobell. Indeed, Judge Irving Kaufman in denying two motions filed by Sobell in 1956, alleging that his constitutional rights had been violated, was impelled to remark that the "petition (was) so entirely devoid of merit that perhaps it has been unduly dignified by the minute consideration and analysis that it has received in this opinion. However, an effort has been made to lay to rest with finality baseless contentions and accusations which have been repeated not primarily to aid the petitioner but rather to embarrass and injure our courts and country."

The Department of Justice, for its part, has also on several occasions reviewed the record in this case to determine whether there is anything in the case which might reasonably lead to the conclusion that Sobell was unjustly or unfairly convicted. We have found nothing to support such an inference. On the contrary Mr. Reed Cozart, the Pardon Attorney, stated as recently as April 2, 1964:

"It would be difficult to ascertain why a pardon should be granted . . ., since he (Sobell) was convicted after a jury trial and since his case has been reviewed, as you know, many times in the Courts. To date, nothing has been presented to this office that would establish his innocence. Of course, he denied his guilt at the time of his trial and still denies it, but the matter was determined against him."

Nonetheless, Mr. Sobell has now again announced his intention to seek judicial review of his conviction, not apparently on the basis of any new, relevant evidence, but rather on the basis of speculations in the recently published book: "Invitation to an Inquest". This is, of course, his privilege. And while I do not dispute in any way your right to file the motion you contemplate, I do not believe there is any sound reason why this motion should not be prepared, filed and considered by the Court in accordance with the normal judicial processes.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General