

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/30/61

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, Atlanta (65-1361)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL, aka
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(OO:NEW YORK)
BUFILE: 101-2483

OTTO VERBER;
KURT L. PONGER
ESP - R

(OO:NEW YORK)
BUFILE: 65-58841
New York File 65-15162

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DATE 4/27/87 BY 3040PWT/1mw

On June 22, 1961, Warden M. W. HERITAGE, USP, Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA GEORGE H. TREADWELL that he has been receiving information from an inmate, [REDACTED] to the effect that inmates MORTON SOBELL and KURT L. PONGER are sending and receiving messages from and into the USP by means of micro-dot film. Also, that these inmates have stolen radio parts and have put together a short wave radio with which they communicate with outsiders.

Warden HERITAGE states that he realizes that these allegations sound very "far fetched" and impossible, but that when one considers the type of information that these individuals could disseminate to any confederates outside, and the fact that as spies they would be virtually useless in their present situation.

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The Warden pointed out, however, that he is reluctant to pass the matter over entirely without a thorough search being made and investigation conducted to disprove the allegations since [REDACTED] is so insistent that his information is true, and further considering the probable training and technical knowledge that SOBELL and PONGER have with this type of equipment.

The Warden further pointed out that there is a large amount of radio and TV equipment available to inmates due to the fact that within the penitentiary there is conducted a trade training school for inmates on radio and TV repair. He stated that a number of tubes have recently been supposed missing and cannot be located. He does not know what other type of equipment, if any, may be missing.

The Warden stated that he is entirely unfamiliar with the type of equipment which would be required for the making of microfilm, also the type of equipment necessary to blow up or read such messages should they be coming into the institution, and he requested that inquiry be made of the FBI Laboratory as to the nature of such equipment so that he could cause a thorough search to be made within the walls of the institution and have some idea of what to look for.

Since the Warden has made this specific request, it is desired that the Laboratory furnish the Atlanta Division such information as they deem proper to answer this inquiry.

SAC, Atlanta (65-1361)

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Director, FBI

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Reurlet 6-30-61, requesting information relative
to equipment necessary for receiving and sending microdot
or microfilm messages.

The equipment needed for reading microdot and
microfilm is dependent upon the size of the microdot.
Extremely small microdots require a microscope or magnifier
that will give at least one hundred or two hundred diameter
magnification. On the other hand, a larger piece of
microfilm could be read with a hand magnifier such as a
reading glass or fingerprint glass. There are relatively
high-powered magnifiers commercially available that resemble
fountain pens and such a piece of equipment could be used
for reading microdots.

The making and transmitting of microdots and
microfilm is considerably more complicated and it would
seem remote that this could be accomplished in a prison or
penitentiary by an inmate. The primary requirements for
making microdots are a camera or lens system of some type
and a light-sensitive film or plate. Normally this would
require a darkroom although it may be possible to make them
and transmit them without development. The normal procedure
for making microdots in the espionage field by an agent is to
prepare a 35 mm negative of the document to be transmitted.

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Letter to Atlanta
Re: MORTON SOBELL,
OTTO VERBER,
KURT L. PONGER

This is done by photographing with either a 35 mm camera or other camera capable of reproducing the document on a small film area. This negative is then placed in front of a light source and is rephotographed to bring it to microdot size. This final photograph normally requires a light-sensitive film or plate having high resolution in order to retain the extremely fine detail of the printing being reproduced. It would also be possible to use a specially designed piece of equipment that could be the shape of a fountain pen that would be capable of photographing a document directly and reducing it down to a relatively small size which could then be transmitted; although, this also would require light-sensitive film.

The above is a very brief and limited explanation of the microdot process but may serve to assist the Warden at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, in determining the type of material and equipment for which to search.

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The Attorney General

July 17, 1961

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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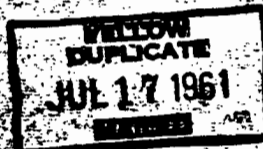
1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Lee
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1 - Mr. Hampton

I have been furnishing you information concerning the continuing efforts of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJS) to secure the release of Morton Sobell. The following additional information should be of interest to you.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the New York Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was recently held. During this meeting, one of the individuals present stated that Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, had recently advised that she had been talking to "people in Washington, D. C." concerning the release of her husband from prison. Helen Sobell telephoned one Schlesinger (probably the Honorable Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., Special Assistant to the President) who "is close to the President." Schlesinger was not available at the time of the call but later returned the call and told Helen Sobell that he would speak to the President "again" and indicated that she could expect favorable action with regard to her husband's release.

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1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General



1 - 101-2483 (Morton Sobell)

RE: (12)

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The Attorney General

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The information in this letter was furnished on [redacted] and was forwarded to the Bureau by New York airtel 7-12-61. The letter is classified "Confidential" in order to protect the identity of [redacted]

In previous correspondence concerning this matter the CSJMS and Morton Sobell have been characterized. President Kennedy has been advised that this organization is under active investigation and that copies of the investigative reports are furnished to the Department on a continuing basis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-2483)

DATE: 8/4/61

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (65-1361)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL, AKA
ESP - R

OTTO VERBER;
KURT L. PONGER
ESP - R

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 7/10/61.

The content of referenced letter was made available to Warden D. M. HERITAGE, USP, Atlanta, who expressed his sincere appreciation for the information contained therein and stated he would make a thorough search of areas to which captioned subjects have access.

On 7/24/61 Warden HERITAGE advised that he personally and some other officials of the penitentiary had made a thorough search of areas where equipment referred to might have been secreted, but the search was completely negative. Warden HERITAGE stated, however, he would maintain vigilance and if there were any further developments, he would advise this office.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Attached hereto are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth an editorial appearing in the August 1, 1961, issue of the "New York Post" concerning the securing of the release of MORTON SOBELL.

The memorandum is not being classified in view of the fact that the information contained therein was obtained from a public source.

*Not disseminated as full
info appears in Rabbi News editorial*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
August 3, 1961

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell
Internal Security -

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DATE 4/27/87 BY 3045 PWT/lmm

A characterization of the Committee to
Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is attached.

On Page 22 of the August 1, 1961, issue of
the "New York Post", a New York City daily newspaper,
is an editorial concerning the securing of freedom
for Morton Sobell. This editorial is set forth as
follows:

"...And the Justice of a Free Society

"Our most dramatic answer to Khrushchev's
'20-year-plan' is not a matter of economic gospel or
production arithmetic. It is in the basic realm
of freedom. For despite all his Orwellian double-
talk, the Soviet premier holds out little prospect
of a society in which both liberty and justice will
prevail.

"Yet we repeatedly miss the chance to
underline the issue. We still submit to the excesses
of inquisitorial Congressional committees. We
still tolerate political blacklists. We keep on our
books the infamous Smith Act, which penalizes
advocacy rather than action. We jail men for in-
humanely long terms if their crimes bear a political taint.

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conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the
FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents
are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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101-2483 -

Re: Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

"A case very much in point is that of Morton Sobell. He was an appendage to the Rosenberg case; the late Justice Jerome Frank seriously questioned the propriety of the circumstances under which he was prosecuted and asked that he be granted a new trial. Sobell has now served more than 11 years; in this interim many men have studied the record and have concluded that the severity of the sentence imposed was a direct result of his inclusion in the Rosenberg trial.

"Dr. Sidney Hook, speaking last year for those who believe Sobell was guilty, but nevertheless believe he should be freed, added: '...we think that 10 years is ample sentence for what Sobell actually did and that, having served the 10, he should now be released... In view of the fact that no atomic espionage was even alleged against him, and that the sole witness testified merely to unsuccessful attempts to procure information, we think that Sobell should now be released from prison.'

"We believe this reflects widespread sentiment among those who have conscientiously reviewed the case. Sobell's plea for executive clemency is now pending. It should be granted both because that would be an act of justice and because it is in such acts that the strength and grandeur of a free society is proclaimed."

Re: Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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

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

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

The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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The Attorney General

August 22, 1961

Director, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
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1 - Mr. Lee
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1 - Mr. Hampton

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that a meeting was recently held at the national headquarters of the CSJMS. During this meeting it was brought out that Aaron Katz, Organizer of the CSJMS, telephoned William White of the Justice Department in Washington, D. C., to inquire if White had seen an editorial on the Sobell case which had appeared in the "New York Post." In this connection, I have previously furnished you information that the "New York Post" intended to feature the Sobell case in an editorial.

Katz reported at the meeting that the "Presidential Appeal" was still pending and was being held up awaiting recommendation by Judge Irving Kaufman. Katz advised that the President would and could act favorably even though the Justice Department and Judge Kaufman recommended unfavorably. Katz said that it was thought that a deal could be made with Judge Kaufman "who would soon need reappointment." According to Katz a favorable recommendation by Judge Kaufman would make the "Presidential Appeal" easier. Katz also informed those present that Chester Bowles had committed himself to the CSJMS but that it was felt best to wait until his influence was actually needed before calling upon him.

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1 - Mr. Byron A. White
Deputy Attorney General

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The Attorney General

NOTE ON YELLOW:

(b)(2) Information in this letter was furnished by New York
(b)(7)(D) letter 8-14-61. The confidential source mentioned in this letter
is [redacted] who furnished the information therein [redacted]
This letter is classified "Confidential" to protect the identity
of this informant.

Review of the latest Justice Department Directory does
not reveal a listing for William White. Judge Irving Kaufman
was the trial judge in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. The informa-
tion concerning Chester Bowles, Under Secretary of State, is
not being furnished to the State Department inasmuch as all
previous correspondence in this matter has been with the
AG who has the complete background on the efforts of the CSJMS
to secure the release of Sobell.

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CSJMS and Morton Sobell have been characterized. The AG has
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and that copies of investigative reports are furnished to the
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

8/29/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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ON 4/5/87

ReNYlet dated 8/14/61, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum containing information furnished by [redacted] to the effect that personnel of the CSJMS felt that a favorable recommendation from JUDGE IRVING R. KAUFMAN would assist the "Morton Sobell Presidential Pardon Appeal". (b)(2) (b)(7)(D)

Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, concerning a letter sent to JUDGE IRVING R. KAUFMAN by RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN of Chicago, Illinois. The letter to JUDGE KAUFMAN was furnished by JUDGE KAUFMAN's law clerk at the direction of JUDGE KAUFMAN. One copy of this letter and the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the Bureau file on MORTON SOBELL. One copy of this letter and the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the Chicago Office in view of the fact that RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN resides in the area covered by that office.

The attached letterhead memorandum is being classified confidential in view of the fact that it was received on a confidential basis from JUDGE KAUFMAN.

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- 3 - BUREAU (100-387835) (2 ENCL.) (RM)
- 1 - BU 101-2483 (MORTON SOBELL)
- 1 - CHICAGO (100-25530) (1 ENCL.) (RM)
- 2 - NEW YORK (100-107111) (#41)
- 1 - 100-37158 (MORTON SOBELL) (#33)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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100-387835

New York, N. Y.
August 29, 1961

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**RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is attached hereto.

A source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, made available on August 28, 1961, the following letter addressed to Judge Irving A. Kaufman, by Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, D.C., 930 E. 50th Street, Chicago 15, Illinois:

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DATE 4/27/87 BY 3042PWT/IMW

"Dear Judge Kaufman,

"I understand that you are at the present time, or in the near future will be, reviewing the case of Morton Sobell in order to make your recommendations to the proper authorities on Mr. Sobell's petition for commutation of sentence as of time served.

"I am a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which, at its Annual Meeting in Detroit, in 1960, passed a resolution asking for clemency for Morton Sobell. It is the feeling of many of my colleagues, and I know that it is also the feeling of many Christian clergymen, that Morton Sobell has paid heavily for whatever crime he has been sentenced, and that it would now be within the province of the Courts, which you represent, and the Parole Commission, to temper justice with mercy.

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RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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"I have met Mrs. Sobell, the wife and the mother, on several occasions during these past years and I have been impressed that these people have kept sound family values; and I believe that it would be an act not only of compassion but of the conservation of our richest human resources to restore the father and breadwinner to this devoted, warm and courageous family group.

"I know that each legal code and each legal tradition is different, but I am sure that underlying the western legal tradition is the Jewish teaching that if the world were to be judged by justice alone, it could not endure. Only as mercy tempers justice can the world stand. I am confident that any help that you might exert in behalf of commutation of sentence as of time served for Morton Sobell will be warmly acclaimed by many hundreds of sensitive people who have become acquainted with this case during these past 12 years.

"Very sincerely,

/s/ Jacob J. Weinstein"

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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1 - Mr. Lee (643 RB)
1 - Mr. Rampton

SAC, New York (100-107111)

September 5, 1961

Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL -
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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ReNYlet dated August 29, 1961, enclosing a letterhead memorandum relating to a letter written to Judge Irving R. Kaufman by Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein.

The letterhead memorandum enclosed with relet is set forth under the caption of the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" and includes a characterization of the Sobell Committee. No mention is made in the letterhead memorandum of the Sobell Committee and the activities mentioned therein do not relate to the Sobell Committee.

Partial review of Bureau files concerning Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein indicates Rabbi Weinstein has been mentioned in the past in connection with the efforts of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJS) to obtain Sobell's freedom. Apparently NY should have characterized Rabbi Weinstein in the letterhead memorandum which would have made the submission of this material under the CSJS caption and inclusion of the CSJS sketch meaningful.

New York resubmit the letterhead memorandum by return mail including appropriate information to tie in Rabbi Weinstein with the CSJS.

1 - New York (100-37152) (Morton Sobell)

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

August 22, 1961

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE

FOR MORTON SOBELL

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A review of the latest Justice Department Directory does not reveal a listing for William White; however, it is possible that the call was made to Deputy Attorney General Byron R. White who is sometimes referred to as "Whizzer" White. Judge Irving Kaufman was the trial judge in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial.

We have furnished the information concerning this meeting of the CSJMS to the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.

ACTION:

For the Director's information.

1- 101-2483 (Morton Sobell)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
NORTON SOBELL
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A second source mentioned in the attached letterhead memorandum is [redacted] who made available the list of sponsors of the National Appeal for Freedom of NORTON SOBELL on 11/21/60 to SA ROBERT C. BURNS. The third source utilized is the

- 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (Encls. 7) (RM)
- (1 - 101-2483) (NORTON SOBELL)
- 1 - Chicago (100-25530) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-107111) (#41)
- (1 - 100-37158) (NORTON SOBELL) (#33)

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in the attached letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED], who furnished a letter on the stationery of the CSJMS to Agents of the New Orleans office on 1/9/61.

The attached letterhead memorandum is being classified "Confidential" in view of the fact that information contained therein was received on a confidential basis from Judge KAUFMAN.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

September 7, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RE: Committee to Secure Justice
For Morton Sobell
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A source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, made available on August 28, 1961, the following letter addressed to Judge Irving R. Kaufman, by Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, D.C., 930 East 50th Street, Chicago 15, Illinois:

"August 3, 1961

"Dear Judge Kaufman,

"I understand that you are at the present time, or in the near future will be, reviewing the case of Morton Sobell in order to make your recommendations to the proper authorities on Mr. Sobell's petition for commutation of sentence as of time served.

"I am a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which, at its Annual Meeting in Detroit, in 1960, passed a resolution asking for clemency for Morton Sobell. It is the feeling of many of my colleagues, and I know that it is also the feeling of many Christian clergymen, that Morton Sobell has paid heavily for whatever crime he has been sentenced, and that it would now be within the province of the Courts, which you represent, and the Parole Commission, to temper justice with mercy.

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice
For Morton Sobell

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"I have met Mrs. Sobell, the wife and the mother, on several occasions during these past years and I have been impressed that these people have kept sound family values; and I believe that it would be an act not only of compassion but of the conservation of our richest human resources to restore the father and breadwinner to this devoted, warm and courageous family group.

"I know that each legal code and each legal tradition is different, but I am sure that underlying the western tradition is the Jewish teaching that if the world were to be judged by justice alone, it could not endure. Only as mercy tempers justice can the world stand. I am confident that any help that you might exert in behalf of commutation of sentence as of time served for Morton Sobell will be warmly acclaimed by many hundreds of sensitive people who have become acquainted with this case during these past 12 years.

"Very sincerely,

/s/ Jacob J. Weinstein"

A second source made available on November 21, 1960 a printed list of the "Sponsors of the National Appeal for Freedom for Morton Sobell - Washington, D.C. - November 19-21, 1960", which was distributed at a national gathering of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) and on this list is the name Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, Chicago, Illinois.

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For Morton Sobell

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New York, and listed thereon as an Honorary
Sponsor of the CSJMS is Rabbi Jacob J.
Weinstein.

A characterization of the CSJMS is attached
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**Re: Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell**

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

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

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

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

The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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September 19, 1961

BY LIAISON

ST
Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, have been actively seeking the release of Morton Sobell from the Atlanta Penitentiary where he is serving a thirty-year sentence for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. In this connection I thought the following information would be of interest to you.

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The Attorney General

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The Attorney General

September 20, 1961

Director, FBI

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL -
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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September 20, 1961

BY LIAISON

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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October 2, 1961

BY LIAISON

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
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The Attorney General

October 2, 1961

Director, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The Attorney General

October 6, 1961

Director, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Aaron Katz, East Coast Organizer of the Committee, telephoned Fred Holborn of the White House staff and requested Holborn's advice concerning the wording of a letter which he (Katz) was sending to the White House. Holborn reportedly informed Katz that he (Holborn) objected to the use of the words "routine handling" to describe the recently completed review of the Sobell case, but added that he would personally take Katz's letter in to the President.

Katz intimated to the personnel present at the Committee headquarters that he is setting forth a resume of all his conversations with Justice Department and

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Katz stated the Reverend Edwin A. Gable, First Unitarian Church, 1917 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, had written a strong, eloquent letter to the President on September 27, 1961, in which he called the trial and sentencing of Sobell a miscarriage of justice with cruel and inhuman punishment and asked the President to receive a delegation of prominent educators and clergymen. Katz stated this letter will be given the widest possible circulation in an attempt to expand the influence of a clergy and educators appeal.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
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Aaron Katz, East Coast Organizer of the Committee, telephoned Fred Holborn of the White House staff and requested Holborn's advice concerning the wording of a letter which he (Katz) was sending to the White House. Holborn reportedly informed Katz that he (Holborn) objected to the use of the words "routine handling" to describe the recently completed review of the Sobell case, but added that he would personally take Katz's letter to the President.

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1 - 101-2483 (Morton Sobell)

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Katz intimated to the personnel present at the Committee headquarters that he is setting forth a resume of all his conversations with Justice Department and White House officials and how he had been led to believe favorable consideration would be given to the clemency appeal. Katz drafted a letter for the approval and signature of a leading rabbi (identity unknown to the source) which is to be sent to the White House and which will be used to initiate a national campaign in an effort to force the Justice Department to consider that Sobell was eligible for parole in April, 1961, instead of not being eligible until August, 1962.

Katz stated the Reverend Edwin A. Gaede, First Unitarian Church, 1917 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, had written a strong, eloquent letter to the President on September 27, 1961, in which he called the trial and sentencing of Sobell a miscarriage of justice with cruel and inhuman punishment and asked the President to receive a delegation of prominent educators and clergymen. Katz stated this letter will be given the widest possible circulation in an attempt to expand the influence of a clergy and educators appeal.

This information is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Fred Holbern is probably Frederick Ludwig Holbern who is Assistant to Special Assistant for National Security Affairs, White House. In previous correspondence with the AG and the White House concerning this matter the Committee and Martin Sobell have been characterized. The AG has been advised that this organization is under active investigation and copies of investigative reports are furnished the Department on a continuing basis. This information has been disseminated to the intelligence agencies by copies of the memorandum enclosure to the Airtel which incorporated the information.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Lee

The Attorney General

October 9, 1961

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rampton

COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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DATE 4/27/87 BY 3042 PWT/1mw

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The Committee recently met in New York City at which time Helen Sobell outlined a new campaign to secure Sobell's freedom. One phase would be the submission of motions to three separate courts as follows:

- a. A motion for a new trial.
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The Attorney General

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1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

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1 - Belmont
1 - Evans
1 - Sullivan
1 - Lee
1 - Liaison
1 - Baumgardner
1 - Rampton

October 9, 1961

BY LIAISON

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

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Morton Sobell was convicted of espionage along with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. The communists have, for years, tried to get his release.



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 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Sullivan _____
 Mr. Tavel _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
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 Mr. Ingram _____
 Miss Gandy _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (101-2483) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158) (#33)
 SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL, aka;
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. A. Branigan *WAB*

DATE: 10-19-61

FROM : J. P. L. *JPL*

E. M. *ESM*
~~Room 1501~~

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

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Approved:

CC - Wick Special Agent

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To: SAC, New York (100-87150)

From: Director, FBI (101-2482) - 1477

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There is essentially no difference between this and the plain text
set forth in your airtel 10/18/61.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. D. E. Moore

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The Attorney General

November 8, 1961

Director, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
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The Committee plans to hold a demonstration at the White House, Washington, D. C., on Thanksgiving Day. During the demonstration, an unidentified minister intends to kneel at the White House gate and pray for the release of Morton Sobell on Christmas Day. When ordered to move, the minister plans to refuse in order that he might be arrested. This demonstration, according to the Committee, will show the public what strong measures are necessary to obtain any action.

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1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

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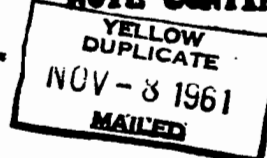
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In previous correspondence with the Attorney General and the White House concerning this matter the Committee and Morton Sobell have been characterized.

November 8, 1961

BY LIAISON

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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November 9, 1961

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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1 - Mr. Evans
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The Committee recently held a meeting at its National Headquarters, New York City, and made plans for a prayer walk in front of the White House, Washington, D. C., on the afternoon of November 13, 1961, between the hours of 12 noon and 2 p.m. One of the staff members of the Committee mentioned that the National Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is being held in Washington, D. C., and arrangements have been made for the Convention meetings to recess in order to allow all clergymen attending to participate in the White House picketing.

Additionally, the Committee plans to charter four buses to send people from New York City to Washington, D. C., on November 26, 1961, to picket the White House. A local contact of the Committee has been furnished a list of names of twenty Washington clergymen who are to be asked to participate in the picketing on November 26. The Reverend Lowell Wellman of Cleveland, Ohio, has agreed to lead a group of Ohio clergymen in the November 26 picketing of the White House.

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The Attorney General

November 9, 1961

Director, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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1 - Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

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The Attorney General

November 17, 1961

Director, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Lee
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Hampton

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On November 13, 1961, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised the picketing by the Committee will be on Sunday, November 26, 1961, only and not on Thanksgiving Day.

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1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General
1 - Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

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1 - 101-2483 (Morton Sobell)

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The Attorney General

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November 17, 1961

BY LIAISON

Honorable F. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

1 - Mr. Belmont
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Sincerely yours,

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November 28, 1961

BY LIAISON

Honorable F. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Liaison
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1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rampton

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

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In connection with the continuing efforts of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell to secure Sobell's release from prison the following information, received from a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, may be of interest to you.

The Committee plans to stage another picket line at the White House on December 17, 1961, to urge Christmas clemency for Morton Sobell. The Committee intends to concentrate on raising money in order to picket important public places especially in Washington, D. C.

This information is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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The Attorney General

November 28, 1961

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
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- 1 - Mr. Lee
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rampton

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL -
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950**

In connection with the continuing efforts of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell to secure Sobell's release from prison the following information, received from a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, may be of interest to you.

The Committee plans to stage another picket line at the White House on December 17, 1961, to urge Christmas clemency for Morton Sobell. The Committee intends to concentrate on raising money in order to picket important public places especially in Washington, D. C.

100-387835

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

① - 101-2483 (Morton Sobell)

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1 - Mr. Lee
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Rampton

December 4, 1961

BY LIAISON

RA
Honorable F. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

On November 28, 1961, I advised you the Committee to Secure Justice for Martin Sobell plans to stage another picket line at the White House on December 17, 1961. The following additional information, received from a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, may be of interest to you.

An official at the Committee headquarters in New York City recently stated the Committee intends to picket in front of the White House on both December 16 and 17, 1961, in hopes of embarrassing President Kennedy. Present plans call for one group of pickets to leave New York City and arrive in Washington, D. C., on December 16 and picket in groups of four. A second group of pickets plans to arrive in Washington, D. C., on December 17 and join the first group.

This information is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - 101-2483 (Martin Sobell)

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Byron K. White
Deputy Attorney General

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By separate letter this information is being furnished to Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President.

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1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Lee
1 - Mr. Rampton

100-287835

Date: December 3, 1961
To: Chief, U. S. Secret Service
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Mr. Reed Coxart, Pardon Attorney, U. S. Department of Justice, has advised the Reverend David Andrews of the Beane Methodist Church, Beane, North Carolina, wrote to the Attorney General advising he plans some sort of effort in the form of nonviolent action of civil disobedience to be undertaken near the White House gate during the Christmas holidays if Morton Sobell is not released from prison prior to that time. Mr. Coxart has furnished a copy of a telegram to the Attorney General from the Reverend Andrews dated November 29, 1961, which indicates the Reverend Andrews will "undertake action between December 9 and 15." The telegram indicates Reverend Andrews will advise the exact date and time in order to give the Justice Department an opportunity to reconsider Sobell's case.

2 - WFO (100-25474) (See memo)

ATTENTION: SAC, WFO:



The foregoing information was furnished by Mr. Reed Coxart, Pardon Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Coxart did not indicate the Secret Service or local authorities were advised. WFO should immediately furnish this information to the Metropolitan Police and U.S. Park Police.

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Mr. Coxart did not indicate notification of Secret Service and local authorities. Therefore, we are taking this action in view of the intentions of the Reverend Andrews. In previous correspondence with the U.S. Secret Service, we have furnished background information from our files concerning the

1 - 101-2483 (Morton Sobell)
1 - 100-403529 (Communism and Religion)
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Chief, U. S. Secret Service

NOTE ON YELLOW (CONTINUED):

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and Morton Sobell. The U. S. Secret Service has also received prior information concerning the Reverend Andrews' activities in connection with Sobell's release.

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

December 12, 1961

Mr. E. J. Baumgardner

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Board
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Lee
1 - Mr. Hampton

Washington Field Office advised today Reverend David Andrews arrived at the White House at 12:20 p.m. for the purpose of demonstrating on behalf of Morton Sobell. He grasped the iron bars of the White House fence and assumed a kneeling position whereupon he was approached by officers of the Metropolitan Police Department and who asked him if he knew this was in violation of the law in that he must keep moving. He replied that he was aware that he was in violation whereupon he was placed under arrest at 12:45 p.m.

Bufiles indicate Reverend David Andrews of Boone, No. Carolina, has been active in behalf of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the past. He was arrested in August, 1957, at the Nevada Atomic Test Site for trespassing when he was demonstrating on behalf of the National Committee for Nonviolent Action Against Nuclear Weapons. In 1958 he announced his intention to undertake a protest fast in the Meditation Room of the United Nations to demonstrate his objections to atomic testing.

Reverend Andrews forwarded a telegram to the Attorney General 11-29-61, indicating he would undertake some sort of effort in the form of nonviolent action of civil disobedience near the White House gate if Morton Sobell is not released from prison. His activity today is apparently to fulfill his announced intention to the Attorney General.

Appropriate dissemination has been made of information concerning the CNYMS and the Reverend Andrews and the results of this date will also be furnished to pertinent agencies.

ACTION:

This is furnished for your information.

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1 - 105-100427 (Reverend David Andrews)

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

December 15, 1961

Mr. J. Baumgardner

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- Mr. Belmont
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- Mr. Bland
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Lee
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Reference is made to memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan 12/12/61 advising that Reverend David Andrews was arrested 12/12/61 while demonstrating at the White House on behalf of Morton Sobell.

According to local newspapers, the Reverend Andrews was released by the local Municipal Court judge on the same date he was arrested inasmuch as the judge did not feel that his activity obstructed the sidewalk. The judge was quoted as saying "at most he is guilty of poor judgment."

Washington Field Office has advised the Reverend Andrews has appeared at the White House gate on a daily basis since the 12th to demonstrate on behalf of Sobell and today at approximately 12:15 p.m., he again knelt in prayer before the White House gate and opened his Bible, at which time he was arrested. At this time the charge on which he was arrested is not known.

Washington Field will continue to keep the Bureau and appropriate agencies advised concerning these demonstrations by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJS) and individuals such as the Reverend Andrews. Appropriate dissemination has been made concerning the CSJS and the Reverend Andrews and the activities of this date will also be furnished to pertinent agencies.

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This is for your information.

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P- 105-100427 (Reverend David Andrews)

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley

Assistant Attorney General

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The White House
Washington, D. C.

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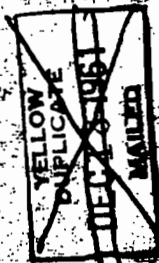
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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is, ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in those instances where the identities of sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason) it contains information furnished by (b)(2) (b)(7)(D) a confidential informant of continuing value, and the disclosure of such information would tend to disclose the informant's identity. This would impair future effectiveness, which could seriously affect the national interests of this country.
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
- ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject is still incarcerated and his wife and the committees to "secure justice" for MORTON SOBELL are actively engaged in efforts to have him released.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is, ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do, ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of:

CARLYLE W. MILLER

Office:

New York, New York

Date:

December 11, 1961

Field Office File No:

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Bureau File No:

101-2483

Title:

MORTON SOBELL

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Synopsis:

Subject incarcerated at US Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, where he is serving thirty year sentence following his conviction on 3/29/51, in the USDC, SDNY, NYC, for Conspiring to Commit Espionage on Behalf of the Soviet Union. Subject's wife, HELEN SOBELL, is a member of the National Staff of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is characterized in the Appendix hereto. HELEN SOBELL reportedly stated a short time prior to 9/14/61, that MORTON SOBELL was ill with a gallstone condition and that she intended to use his health as a lever to gain publicity for his release from prison. It was reported on 8/14/61, that the CP, Illinois District, wanted to send Labor Day greeting cards to various individuals, including subject.

DETAILS:

Subject's Incarceration at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia

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Warden D. M. HERITAGE, and Associate Warden VIRGIL BRELEND, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia,

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advised on various dates during 1961, that MORTON SOBELL continued to be incarcerated at that penitentiary. u

It is noted that MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, New York, New York, for Conspiring to Commit Espionage on Behalf of the Soviet Union. On April 5, 1951, he was sentenced to serve a term of thirty years imprisonment. u

Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell (CSJMS)

A characterization of the CSJMS is set forth in the Appendix hereto.

NY T-1 advised on July 18, 1960, that MORTON SOBELL had been convicted of Conspiring to Commit Espionage, along with his co-defendants, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, and had been sentenced to serve thirty years in prison. The informant said that the CSJMS had been originally formed approximately ten years previous to secure the freedom of all three persons, but that a few years later it was decided that concentration of the efforts of the Committee should be on MORTON SOBELL, who was still living, and that after he was freed the work of the Committee would concentrate on vindicating ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG. The informant went on to advise that subject's wife, HELEN SOBELL, was a member of the National Staff of the CSJMS, and that she travelled extensively, giving television, radio and newspaper interviews in an effort to stimulate interest in the case, as well as to raise funds. u

NY T-1 advised on October 2, 1961, that HELEN SOBELL continued to participate in the activities of the CSJMS. u

Status of Health

NY T-1 advised on September 14, 1961, that HELEN SOBELL had recently stated that MORTON SOBELL was ill with a gallstone condition. HELEN SOBELL's attorney had written to the warden of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, inquiring as to MORTON SOBELL's condition, and in return received a letter from Warden HERITAGE, stating that SOBELL did not need an operation. u

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at that time and that everything possible for his good health was being done for him. *u*

According to the informant, HELEN SOBELL stated that she intended to use MORTON SOBELL's health as a lever to gain publicity for his release from prison. HELEN SOBELL said that it was her intention to contact the prison and request that MORTON SOBELL be placed on the necessary diet, indicating that the CSJMS would reimburse the prison for any additional expense which such a diet would cause. HELEN SOBELL went on to state that if she received no satisfaction from such an appeal, she intended to appear at the prison with a tray of food in an effort to gain as much publicity as possible. *u*

Miscellaneous

NY T-2 advised on August 14, 1961, that the Communist Party (CP), Illinois District, wanted to send Labor Day, 1961, greeting cards to certain people. According to the informant, the CP, Illinois District, compiled a list of names and addresses of some of the prisoners in United States prisons, to whom it would be most appropriate to send solidarity greetings on Labor Day. Included on this list was the name of MORTON SOBELL, Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. The informant went on to say that CP members were ~~selling~~ such cards for \$.10 apiece. *u*

NY T-3 and NY T-4 furnished substantially the same information as above on August 15 and August 22, 1961, respectively. *u*

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

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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

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

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

The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
December 11, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title Morton Sobell

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Reference is made to New York report of
Special Agent Carlyle W. Miller, dated and captioned as
above.

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

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Morton Sobell

Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination containing information secured from the NYC newspapers concerning captioned organization.

The attached letterhead memorandum is not being classified "Confidential" since the information contained therein was secured from public news sources.

The attached letterhead memorandum is being furnished for the information of the Bureau inasmuch as the news articles referred to in attached letterhead memorandum were not distributed by the major news services.

- ③ - Bureau (100-387835) (Encls. 6) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

January 4, 1962

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice
For Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act, 1950

A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) may be found attached hereto.

On Page 14 of the late city edition of the January 4, 1962 issue of the "New York Times", a New York City newspaper, is a news article entitled "Freedom or Retrial Sought by Sobell" which is set forth in part as follows:

"A motion for freedom or a new trial for Morton Sobell, who is serving a thirty-year sentence for conspiracy to commit wartime espionage, was filed yesterday in Federal Court. It will be argued on Jan. 15 Sobell, now 44 years old, has served twelve years of his sentence. He is in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta.

"Sobell contended in his petition that his conviction had been obtained in violation of his constitutional rights. He said that Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who presided at the trial, did not have the power to impose a wartime sentence of thirty years.

"He contended further that the trial was unfair because, although the indictment charged a wartime conspiracy, Judge Kaufman failed to explain the meaning of the term 'in time of war' to the jury and failed to charge the jury that to convict Sobell it had to find he had committed an offense in wartime."

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On Page 17 of the January 4, 1962 late
city edition of the "New York Herald Tribune" and on
Page 46 of the January 3, 1962 edition of the "New
York Post" are similar articles.

APPENDIX

Re: Committee to Secure Justice
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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

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

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

The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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The Attorney General

January 8, 1962

Director, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL -
INTERNAL SECURITY - S

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Lee
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rampton

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George McAlister, a Committee member present at the time the Reverend Andrews was arrested, related he had acted as an "informer," calling the Metropolitan Police and the U. S. Secret Service in Washington, D. C., advising there were pickets and demonstrations at the White House. He mentioned Attorney General Robert Kennedy had asked that charges against the Reverend Andrews be dropped and, in his opinion, this action had an important effect on the Kennedy Administration.

It was stated Rose Sobell will continue to picket and demonstrate at the White House until she is arrested.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General
1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

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The Attorney General

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This letter is classified "Confidential" as it contains information from a confidential source, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the Nation. In previous correspondence with the Attorney General and the White House concerning this matter the Committee, Morton, Helen and Rose Sobell and the Reverend David Andrews have been characterized.

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NY 100-2483

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Lee
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Sincerely yours,

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