

**FILE DESCRIPTION**

**NEW YORK FILE**

**SUBJECT** Morton Sobell

**FILE NO.** 100-37158

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**SERIALS** 221

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			Actual	Released		
221	8/22/50	Transmitted copy NY teletype to HQ	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
221a	8/22/50	copy of same NY memo	1/1	1/1		
222	8/24/50	Typed NY teletype to HQ + WFO Transmitted copy	2/2	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
223	8/24/50	copy of same WFO teletype to NY	2/2	-	yes	see Bufile 101-2483-182
224	8/24/50	copy of same SA teletype to NY	1/1	1/1		b1
225	8/24/50	Transmitted copy NY teletype to HQ + WFO	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
226	8/24/50	Transmitted copy NY teletype to HQ + WFO	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
227	8/24/50	copy of same NY memo	1/1	1/1		
228	8/24/50	Al letter to HQ	2	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
229	8/24/50	copy of same NY letter to NY	1/1	1/1		
230	8/24/50	Cor letter to HQ	1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
231	8/24/50	copy of same Pa letter to HQ	2/2	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483

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232	8/25/50	copy of same Hq. teletype to NY	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
233	8/25/50	transmittal copy NY teletype to Hq.	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
234	8/25/50	copy of same NY teletype to N.H.	1/1	1/1		
235	8/25/50	2 copies of same NY teletype to Hq. WFO + NH	2/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
236	8/25/50	copy of same NH teletype to Hq. + NY	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
237	8/25/50	copy of same Hq. teletype to NY.	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
238	8/25/50	NY letter to Hq.	2	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
239	8/25/50	copy of same NY memo	1/1	1/1		
240	8/25/50	3 copies of same WFO report to Hq.	45/15	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
241	8/25/50	MP letter to Hq.	1	1		
242	8/25/50	Lab Report to SA	2	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
243	8/18/50	copy of same Press release	2/2	2/2		

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244	8/28/50	Copy of same NY memo	6/6	6/6		
245	8/28/50	Transmitted copy NY teletype to Hq	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
246	8/28/50	Copy of same Loh report to NK	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
247	8/28/50	3 copy of same WFO report to Hq	30/10	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
248	8/29/50	Copy of same WFO teletype to NY	2/2	2/2		
249	8/29/50	Copy of same Hq teletype to NY	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
250	8/29/50	Copy of same Hq teletype to NY	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
251	8/29/50	12 transmitted copies NY teletype to Hq & all	2/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
252	8/29/50	Copy of same Hq letter to NY	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
253	8/24/50	Mps report to Hq	2	-	YES	J. Rosenberg see NY file 65-15348
254	8/24/50	Copy of same Pk letter to NY	1/1	1/1		
255	8/25/50	Transmitted copy NY teletype to Hq	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483

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			Actual	Released		
256	8/25/50	transmittal copy NY teletype to Hq + WFO	1	1	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
257	8/25/50	copy of same WFO letter to Hq	2	2	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
258	8/25/50	NY letter to Hq	4	4		
259	8/28/50	NY teletype to Hq, WFO, NH	6	6	YES	to be processed - could not make
260	8/29/50	NY memo	6	6		
261	8/29/50	transmittal copy NY teletype to Hq	1	1	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
262	8/29/50	NY letter to Hq	4	4	YES	to be processed - could not make
263	8/29/50	copy of same WFO teletype to NY	3	3		
264	8/31/50	copy of same LA teletype to Hq + NY	1	1	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
265	8/30/50	transmittal copy NY teletype to Hq + WFO	1	1	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
266	8/30/50	copy of same Hq teletype to NY	1	1	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
267	8/30/50	copy of same Hq letter to WFO	2	2	YES	see Bufile 101-2483

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268	8/30/50	copy of same Hq. letter to NY	2	-	Yes	see Bufile 101-2483
269	8/31/50	copy of same NY memo	1	1		
270	8/31/50	NY memo	1	-	Yes	see NY file 65-15348
271	8/21/50	Anonymous letter	3	3		
272	8/31/50	copy of same Hq. teletype to NY & WFO	1	-	Yes	see Bufile 101-2483
273	8/31/50	copy of same NY memo	6	6		
274	8/31/50	transmittal copy NY teletype to Hq.	1	-	Yes	see Bufile 101-2483
275	8/31/50	transmittal copy NY teletype to Hq. & WFO	1	-	Yes	see Bufile 101-2483
276	8/31/50	copy of same NY memo	1	1		
277	8/31/50	copy of same Lab report to NY	2	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
278	8/31/50	copy of same Hq. letter to NY	1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
279	8/31/50	copy of same OC letter to NY	1	1		

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280	8/31/50	Lal report to Al	2	-	Yes	see Bufile 101-2483
281	8/31/50	NY teletype to Hq WFO, NY	3	3		
282	8/31/50	3 copies of same Ci report to Hq	9	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
283	8/31/50	3 copies of same WFO report to Hq	27	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
283a	8/31/50	copy of same Hq letter to NY	1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
284	9/1/50	copy of same NY memo	1	1		
285	9/1/50	copy of same NY memo	1	1		
286	9/1/50	NY memo	1	1		
287	9/1/50	copy of same Hq teletype to NY	1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
288	9/1/50	transmittal copy NY teletype to Hq + WFO	1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
289	9/1/50	transmittal copy NY teletype to Hq + Cg	1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
290	9/1/50	NY teletype to Hq + WFO	2	2	Yes	could not match to be processed

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291	9/1/50	Lab report to WFO	2	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
292	9/2/50	NY Complaint form	1	1		
		copy of same	1/1	1/1		
293	9/2/50	NY memo	1/1	1/1		
		copy of same	1/1	1/1		
294	9/5/50	NY memo	1/1	1/1		
		transmitted copy	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
295	9/5/50	NY teletype to Hq + WFO	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
		copy of same	1/1	1/1		
296	9/5/50	NY memo	1/1	1/1		
		copy of same	1/1	1/1		
297	9/5/50	NY memo	1/1	1/1		
		transmittal copy	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
298	9/5/50	NY teletype to Hq	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
		transmittal copy	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
299	9/5/50	NY teletype to Hq	2/2	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
		transmittal copy	2/2	2/2		
300	9/5/50	NY teletype to Hq	1/1	1/1		
		copy of same	1/1	1/1		
301	9/6/50	NY memo	1/1	1/1		
		copy of same	1/1	1/1		
302	9/6/50	NY memo	1/1	1/1		

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303	9/6/50	NY letter to Hq.	1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
304	9/6/50	NY letter to Hq.	1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
305	9/6/50	NY letter to OC	1	1		
306	9/6/50	copy of same NY memo	1/1	1/1		
307	9/6/50	NY teletype to Hq + WFO	1	1	Yes	could not match to be processed
308	9/6/50	copy of same NY memo	2/2	2/2		
309	9/6/50	NY Complaint form	3	3		
310	9/6/50	copy of same WFO teletype to NY	3	3/3		
311	9/6/50	copy of same NY teletype to Hq + NY	1/1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
312	9/6/50	Lab report to Cr.	1	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483
313	9/7/50	NY teletype to Hq + NY	1	1	YES	could not match to be processed
314	9/7/50	copy of same Al teletype to Hq + NY	2/2	-	YES	see Bufile 101-2483

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Serial Number	Date of Serial	DELETION (S)
21 with one copy	8/22/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
21a with one copy	8/22/50	No exemptions were cited.
22 with one copy	8/24/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
23 with one copy	8/24/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
24 with one copy	8/24/50	(b) (1) - Paragraph 1 has been classified by Executive Order 11652 on September 24, 1975, and this document bears the Classification Officer's number 2355.
25 with one copy	8/24/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
26 with one copy	8/24/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
27 with one copy	8/24/50	No exemptions were cited.
28	8/24/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
29 with one copy	8/24/50	No exemptions were cited.
30	8/24/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
31 with one copy	8/24/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.

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232 with one copy	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
233 with one copy	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
234 with one copy	8/25/50	No exemptions were cited.
235 with two copies	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
236 with one copy	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
237 with one copy	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
238	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
239 with one copy	8/25/50	(b) (7) (D) - The designation of an informant symbol and information furnished by informant, which if disclosed could identify informant, were withheld to protect the identity of the source who had been assured of complete confidentiality. To release this information would also compromise the further effectiveness of this source.
240 with three copies	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
241	8/25/50	No exemptions were cited.
242	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.

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243 with one copy	8/18/50	No exemptions were cited.
244 with one copy	8/28/50	No exemptions were cited.
245 with one copy	8/28/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
246 with one copy	8/28/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
247 with three copies	8/28/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
248 with one copy	8/29/50	(b) (7) (D) - The designation of an informant symbol was withheld to protect the identity of a source who had been assured of complete confidentiality. To release this information would also compromise the further effectiveness of this source.
249 with one copy	8/29/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
250 with one copy	8/29/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
251 with two copies	8/29/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
252 with one copy	8/29/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
253	8/24/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.



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254 with one copy	8/24/50	No exemptions were cited.
255 with one copy	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
256 with one copy	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
257 with one copy	8/25/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
258	8/25/50	(b) (7) (D) - The names of sources on pages 1 and 2, paragraphs 1, 2, 3 line 1; 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, as well as the designation of informant symbols on page 2, paragraphs 3 line 2, 4 and 7 were withheld to protect the identities of sources who have been assured of complete confidentiality. To release this information would also compromise the further effectiveness of these sources.
259	8/28/50	No exemptions were cited.
260	8/29/50	No exemptions were cited.
261 with one copy	8/29/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
262	8/29/50	No exemptions were cited.
263 with one copy	8/29/50	No exemptions were cited.
264 with one copy	8/30/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
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268 with one copy	8/30/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
269 with one copy	8/31/50	No exemptions were cited.
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271	8/21/50	No exemptions were cited.
272 with one copy	8/31/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
273 with one copy	8/31/50	No exemptions were cited.
274 with one copy	8/31/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
275 with one copy	8/31/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
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279 with one copy	8/31/50	No exemptions were cited.
280	8/31/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
281	8/31/50	No exemptions were cited.
282 with three copies	8/31/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
283 with three copies	8/31/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
283a with one copy	8/31/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
284 with one copy	9/1/50	No exemptions were cited.
285 with one copy	9/1/50	No exemptions were cited.
286	9/1/50	No exemptions were cited.
287 with one copy	9/1/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
288 with one copy	9/1/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
289 with one copy	9/1/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.

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290	9/1/50	No exemptions were cited.
291	9/1/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
292	9/2/50	No exemptions were cited.
293 with one copy	9/5/50	No exemptions were cited.
294 with one copy	9/5/50	No exemptions were cited.
295 with one copy	9/5/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
296 with one copy	9/5/50	(b) (7) (D) - The name and title of a source were withheld to protect the identity of a source to whom an expressed or implied promise of confidentiality has been given.
297 with one copy	9/5/50	No exemptions were cited.
298	9/5/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
299 with one copy	9/5/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
300 with one copy	9/5/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
301 with one copy	9/6/50	No exemptions were cited.
302 with one copy	9/6/50	No exemptions were cited.

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303	9/6/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
304	9/6/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
305	9/6/50	No exemptions were cited.
306 with one copy	9/6/50	(b) (1) - Paragraph 6 has been classified by Executive Order 11652 on 1/10/78, and it bears the Classification Officer's number 4913.
307	9/6/50	No exemptions were cited.
308 with one copy	9/6/50	No exemptions were cited.
309	9/6/50	No exemptions were cited."
310 with one copy	9/6/50	No exemptions were cited.
311 with one copy	9/6/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
312	9/6/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
313	9/7/50	No exemptions were cited.
314 with one copy	9/7/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
315 with one copy	9/7/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.

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316 with one copy	9/7/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
317 with one copy	9/7/50	(b) (7) (D) - The designation of an informant symbol was with- held on pages 1 and 2 to protect the identity of a source who had been assured of complete confidentiality. To release this information would also compromise the further effective- ness of this source.
318 with one copy	9/7/50	This serial was previously processed as shown on the Inventory Worksheet.
319 with one copy	9/7/50	No exemptions were cited.
320	9/7/50	No exemptions were cited.



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8/22/50

MEMO

Re: ----- REESE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Commander Lenhart, ONI, advised that in discussing the SOBELL case with an agent of this office he had expressed an interest in one -----REESE, an employee at the Reeves Laboratory. Commander Lenhart could not recall the name of the agent with whom he had discussed this matter, but requested that he be advised by this office of any information developed concerning REESE.

Section 6 should ascertain the identity of the agent who discussed the REESE case with Commander Lenhart and furnish Commander Lenhart with information of interest to ONI.

THOMAS J. McANDREWS, SA

TJA:MFB

*Stevenson knows  
maybe Tom Curran knows*

*R. D. Shneider  
Be sure  
he*

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New York, N. Y.  
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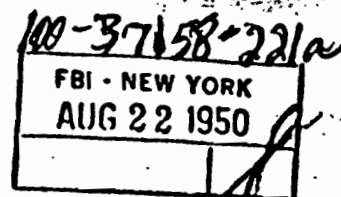
Re: ----- REESE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Commander Lenhart, ONI, advised that in discussing the SOBELL case with an agent of this office he had expressed an interest in one -----REESE, an employee at the Reeves Laboratory. Commander Lenhart could not recall the name of the agent with whom he had discussed this matter, but requested that he be advised by this office of any information developed concerning REESE.

Section 6 should ascertain the identity of the agent who discussed the REESE case with Commander Lenhart and furnish Commander Lenhart with information of interest to ONI.

THOMAS J. McANDREWS, SA

TJA:IFB





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MORTON SOBELL, WA., ESP- R. REBUTEL LAST NIGHT.

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*R.D. Schneider*

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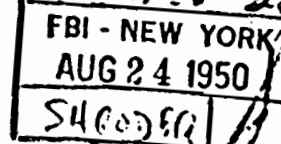
Re: MORTON SOBELL  
ESPIONAGE - R

At 10:10 A. M., 8/24/50, Inspector Carl Hennrich, Bureau, was telephonically advised that MORTON SOBELL would be arraigned before USC Edward McDonald in approximately fifteen minutes.

At 11:45 A. M., I telephonically advised Mr. Hennrich that the hearing on MORTON SOBELL was adjourned until 11:30 A. M., 9/18/50; that he was continued in \$100,000.00 bail. He is being held in custody by U. S. Marshal. He had no attorney representing him at the hearing. He was given permission to telephonically communicate with his wife in order to discuss arranging for an attorney.

WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT, SA

WIM:MFB



New York, N.Y.  
8/24/50

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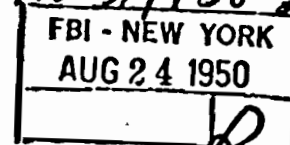
Re: MORTON SOBELL  
ESPIONAGE - R

At 10:10 A. M., 8/24/50, Inspector Carl Hennrich, Bureau, was telephonically advised that MORTON SOBELL would be arraigned before USC Edward McDonald in approximately fifteen minutes.

At 11:45 A. M., I telephonically advised Mr. Hennrich that the hearing on MORTON SOBELL was adjourned until 11:30 A. M., 9/18/50; that he was continued in \$100,000.00 bail. He is being held in custody by U. S. Marshal. He had no attorney representing him at the hearing. He was given permission to telephonically communicate with his wife in order to discuss arranging for an attorney.

WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT, SA

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 8-24-50

FROM : SAC, Norfolk

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL  
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New York, New York  
August 25, 1950

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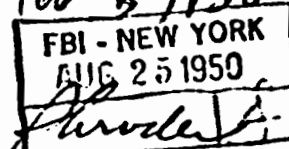
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The above information was telephonically given to SA REX I. SHRODER, of Section #6, by the writer. This case is assigned to SA SHRODER.

SA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF

cc: NY 62-10344 (P & C)

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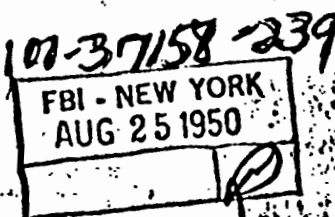
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Director, FBI

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New York is requested to sutel whether stops may be removed  
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Mr. Hoover said that Sobell, employed on restricted work for the U. S. Navy at the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, from 1942 to 1947, is charged with conspiring with Julius Rosenberg and others in sending national defense information to Soviet Russia.

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A sealed complaint charging Morton Sobell with conspiracy to violate Section 32A (Espionage Act), Title 50, U. S. Code, was filed August 3, 1950 before United States Commissioner Edward W. McDonald, Southern District of New York. He is charged specifically with meeting and holding discussions

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Morton Sobell was born in New York City on April 11, 1917. His parents, now naturalized United States citizens, were both born in Russia. He was graduated from the City College of New York in 1938, receiving a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree and received a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1942.

Sobell was employed at the Bureau of Ordnance U. S. Navy, Washington, D. C. from January, 1939 to September, 1941, having resigned this position to attend the University of Michigan. From June 15, 1942 until June 13, 1947, he was employed as an engineer in both the Marine and Aeronautics Engineering Section and the Electrical Control Unit of the Metallurgical Radar Section of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York. This latter mentioned section of General Electric is known to have conducted radar research under the provisions of restricted contracts for the United States Navy during World War II. Sobell accepted employment in mid 1947 as an engineer with the Reeves Instrument Company, 215 East 91 Street, New York City, and was employed by this firm until June 16, 1950, the day on which David Greenglass was arrested. Thereafter he failed to show up for work.

Sobell was married to Helen Levitov Gurewitz Sobell at Arlington, Virginia on March 10, 1945 and has two children. Before his flight to Mexico he resided with his family at 164-17 73rd Avenue, Flushing, New York.

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New York 7, New York  
August 28, 1950

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Mr. ALDRICH, the security officer, caused a check to be made at the photostating room in an attempt to ascertain if some record could be located as to the date on which the photostats were made with negative results. He explained that the engineers merely tossed in these drawings to the photostat room requesting a certain number of copies which were then run off and picked up by the engineer himself without any special record being made of same. The person in charge of the photostat room stated that SEAY'S custom had been to request either three or five copies made when he handed in work to be photostated. It would be noted that one copy has been found in SOBELL'S possession and two copies and the original were found in SEAY'S possession at the time of interview.

In response to a hypothetical question, SEAY advised that if SOBELL was fleeing the country and out of the many blueprints, reports, and drawings available to him at Reeves had selected the drawing in question as being important enough to take with him, he would consider SOBELL as acting in an irrational fashion and not as the competent engineer that SEAY knew him to be.

Mr. SEAY stated that at the time of this interview, he was unable to resolve the discrepancies in the dates unless one of three things occurred:

1. He himself had made an error in dating the drawing which was possible but did not happen frequently.

2. There could be some error in the company records and SOBELL had actually been at work after June 16, 1950, which ALDRICH has stated is not possible.

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3. The photostat was taken from his desk and transmitted in some way to SOBELL, either at his home in New York or Mexico, and he would be inclined to discount this possibility in view of the comparative importance of the drawing itself.

With reference to the drawing itself, SEAY advised that it was a private idea of his for improving electronic calculators. He stated that problems relating to electronic calculators are of interest to practically every engineer at Reeves since they are all working on problems connected in some way with these calculators. He stated, however, that while he believes the idea is sound it is merely an improvement in accordance with sound engineering principles in which he is trying to interest Mr. H. D. BELOCK, the General Manager. He stated that this drawing could not be considered classified material at least in its present stage. SEAY turned over to interviewing agents the original of this drawing which is being retained in the file, along with the photostatic copy taken from SOBELL at Laredo. A picture of SEAY was also obtained from ALDRICH and is being retained in the file.

*a ref of subj:*  
Mr. ALDRICH made available a photostatic copy of the Personnel Security Questionnaire on SIDNEY GODET, which is attached hereto, and also a photograph of GODET which is being retained in the file. This questionnaire reflects that GODET was born December 4, 1913 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was employed at the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, from June, 1937 until September, 1945. He was hired by the Reeves Company in September, 1945 as an electrical engineer at \$7,500 per annum. He is now drawing \$11,500 per annum as an engineer in charge of a project perfecting a computer for navy fire control. ALDRICH characterized him as "one of our top engineers" and stated that the project on which he is engaged is confidential and that he was cleared for top secret work by the United States Army on November 27, 1946.

GODET advised that he had become acquainted with SOBELL through their work at the General Electric Company in Schenectady. He stated that he had been "astounded" when the news became public of SOBELL'S arrest. He stated that during the course of his association at work with SOBELL, both at Schenectady and in New York, he had never received the impression that SOBELL was a Communist or a leftist. He stated that he was not particularly

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friendly with SOBELL beyond discussing problems that arose in their work and occasionally lunching with him. He stated that the only social contact he had with SOBELL was one occasion where he had dinner at his home when he met Mrs. SOBELL. He recalled also that Mrs. SOBELL had also worked at the Reeves plant and stated that so far as he could recall, she left this job in order to take care of her home and her work and conduct had been completely satisfactory. He stated that he did not know any of SOBELL'S friends or acquaintances outside of work and stated that he knew no one at Reeves whom he considered a particular friend of SOBELL.

During the course of this interview, CODET impressed the interviewing agents as being either frightened or reluctant to give information, confining himself to the briefest possible answers and volunteering nothing.

Mr. ALDRICH made available the Personnel Security Questionnaire on HELEN L. SOBELL, the wife of MORTON SOBELL, who was employed by Reeves from July 9, 1947 to November 26, 1947 as an engineer at \$55 per week. These records reflect that she resigned on the latter date. There is no further information included in this record relative to Mrs. SOBELL'S conduct or efficiency during her employment there. This questionnaire is being attached hereto.

With reference to the allegation that Mrs. SOBELL had been fired for a violation of the security regulations at Reeves, ALDRICH stated that he had no personal knowledge of this and that Mr. REILLY stated that Mr. BELOCK had advised that Mrs. SOBELL'S employment had been very satisfactory. There was no picture of HELEN SOBELL in the file.

ALDRICH further advised that MORRIS KANT and SEYMOUR BARTH were both employed on the plotting board project under SOBELL'S direction and were more closely associated with him in his work than any other person at Reeves. An appointment was made for 10:00 a.m., August 28, 1950, to interview these men at the Reeves Company.

Office indices were negative concerning SIDNEY CODET, PERRY SEAY, and SEYMOUR BARTH.

There is a main file on a MORRIS KANT, Security Matter - C, New York file 100-82053. This file reflects that G-2, Governors Island, conducted an investigation from May, 1931 to October 9, 1946 on a MORRIS KANT, 182 Bay 22nd Street, Brooklyn, in connection with his employment for a position of trust with the Reeves Company, 215 East 91st Street, New York City. This investigation reflected a favorable neighborhood check, plus

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the fact that one MORRIS KANT, with the same address given above, was the signer of a Communist Party campaign petition for councilman in New York City for 1943.

The New York file further reflects that on September 20, 1949, Mrs. FRANCES BERLIN, 168 Beach 128th Street, Bell Harbor, New York, advised that she had had MORRIS KANT, his wife SYLVIA, her brother MARTIN HART, and one YETTA HART as tenants during the summer of 1949. She characterized them as "a family of rabid pro-Communists". She further stated that SYLVIA KANT and her brother MARTIN HART were probably party members because their conversation followed the party line.

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At New York, New York

Will interview MORRIS KANT and SEYMOUR BARTH for any knowledge they may have of SOBELL. *done*

Will interview Mr. ROSS MERRITT, the comptroller of the Reeves Company, regarding the date on which SOBELL ceased his employment with Reeves. *done*

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New York 7, New York  
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SOBELL shortly before the last day that he appeared for work at Reeves which, according to company records, would be prior to June 16, 1950. When asked to reconcile the fact that SOBELL was in possession of a document which SEAY had dated June 19, 1950, SEAY stated that he was completely at a loss regarding this discrepancy. With regard to the possibility that he made an error in dating this drawing, he felt that an error could have occurred but that it would be unlikely. He stated that he had not seen SOBELL at his home nor had he communicated with him in any way or received any communication from him after the date that SOBELL left his employment at Reeves. He stated also that he is positive he has not done any work out at Roosevelt Field for Reeves in the past few months, thereby eliminating the possibility that he had met SOBELL subsequent to June 16, 1950 at the Roosevelt Field Installation. He was unable to recall how many copies of this drawing he had had made.

Mr. ALDRICH, the security officer, caused a check to be made at the photostating room in an attempt to ascertain if some record could be located as to the date on which the photostats were made with negative results. He explained that the engineers merely tossed in these drawings to the photostat room requesting a certain number of copies which were then run off and picked up by the engineer himself without any special record being made of same. The person in charge of the photostat room stated that SEAY'S custom had been to request either three or five copies made when he handed in work to be photostated. It would be noted that one copy has been found in SOBELL'S possession and two copies and the original were found in SEAY'S possession at the time of interview.

In response to a hypothetical question, SEAY advised that if SOBELL was fleeing the country and out of the many blueprints, reports, and drawings available to him at Reeves had selected the drawing in question as being important enough to take with him, he would consider SOBELL as acting in an irrational fashion and not as the competent engineer that SEAY knew him to be.

Mr. SEAY stated that at the time of this interview, he was unable to resolve the discrepancies in the dates unless one of three things occurred:

1. He himself had made an error in dating the drawing which was possible but did not happen frequently.
2. There could be some error in the company records and SOBELL had actually been at work after June 16, 1950, which ALDRICH has stated is not possible.

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3. The photostat was taken from his desk and transmitted in some way to SOBELL, either at his home in New York or Mexico, and he would be inclined to discount this possibility in view of the comparative importance of the drawing itself.

With reference to the drawing itself, SEAY advised that it was a private idea of his for improving electronic calculators. He stated that problems relating to electronic calculators are of interest to practically every engineer at Reeves since they are all working on problems connected in some way with these calculators. He stated, however, that while he believes the idea is sound it is merely an improvement in accordance with sound engineering principles in which he is trying to interest Mr. H. D. BELOCK, the General Manager. He stated that this drawing could not be considered classified material at least in its present stage. SEAY turned over to interviewing agents the original of this drawing which is being retained in the files, along with the photostatic copy taken from SOBELL at Laredo. A picture of SEAY was also obtained from ALDRICH and is being retained in the file.

Mr. ALDRICH made available a photostatic copy of the Personnel Security Questionnaire on SIDNEY CODET, which is attached hereto, and also a photograph of CODET which is being retained in the file. This questionnaire reflects that CODET was born December 4, 1913 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was employed at the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, from June, 1937 until September, 1945. He was hired by the Reeves Company in September, 1945 as an electrical engineer at \$7,500 per annum. He is now drawing \$11,500 per annum as an engineer in charge of a project perfecting a computer for navy fire control. ALDRICH characterized him as "one of our top engineers" and stated that the project on which he is engaged is confidential and that he was cleared for top secret work by the United States Army on November 27, 1946.

CODET advised that he had become acquainted with SOBELL through their work at the General Electric Company in Schenectady. He stated that he had been "astounded" when the news became public of SOBELL'S arrest. He stated that during the course of his association at work with SOBELL, both at Schenectady and in New York, he had never received the impression that SOBELL was a Communist or a leftist. He stated that he was not particularly

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friendly with SOBELL beyond discussing problems that arose in their work and occasionally lunching with him. He stated that the only social contact he had with SOBELL was one occasion where he had dinner at his home when he met Mrs. SOBELL. He recalled also that Mrs. SOBELL had also worked at the Reeves plant and stated that so far as he could recall, she left this job in order to take care of her home and her work and conduct had been completely satisfactory. He stated that he did not know any of SOBELL'S friends or acquaintances outside of work and stated that he knew no one at Reeves whom he considered a particular friend of SOBELL. X

During the course of this interview, CODET impressed the interviewing agents as being either frightened or reluctant to give information, confining himself to the briefest possible answers and volunteering nothing.

Mr. ALDRICH made available the Personnel Security Questionnaire on HELEN L. SOBELL, the wife of MORTON SOBELL, who was employed by Reeves from July 9, 1947 to November 26, 1947 as an engineer at \$55 per week. These records reflect that she resigned on the latter date. There is no further information included in this record relative to Mrs. SOBELL'S conduct or efficiency during her employment there. This questionnaire is being attached hereto.

With reference to the allegation that Mrs. SOBELL had been fired for a violation of the security regulations at Reeves, ALDRICH stated that he had no personal knowledge of this and that Mr. REILLY stated that Mr. BELOCK had advised that Mrs. SOBELL'S employment had been very satisfactory. There was no picture of HELEN SOBELL in the file.

ALDRICH further advised that MORRIS KANT and SEYMOUR BARTH were both employed on the plotting board project under SOBELL'S direction and were more closely associated with him in his work than any other person at Reeves. An appointment was made for 10:00 a.m., August 28, 1950, to interview those men at the Reeves Company.

Office indices were negative concerning SIDNEY CODET, PERRY SEAY, and SEYMOUR BARTH.

There is a main file on a MORRIS KANT, Security Matter - C, New York file 100-82053. This file reflects that G-2, Governors Island, conducted an investigation from May, 1931 to October 9, 1946 on a MORRIS KANT, 182 Bay 22nd Street, Brooklyn, in connection with his employment for a position of trust with the Reeves Company, 215 East 91st Street, New York City. This investigation reflected a favorable neighborhood check, plus

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the fact that one MORRIS KANT, with the same address given above, was the signer of a Communist Party campaign petition for councilman in New York City for 1943.

The New York file further reflects that on September 20, 1949, Mrs. FRANCES BERLIN, 168 Beach 128th Street, Bell Harbor, New York, advised that she had had MORRIS KANT, his wife SYLVIA, her brother MARTIN HART, and one YETTA HART as tenants during the summer of 1949. She characterized them as "a family of rabid pro-Communists". She further stated that SYLVIA KANT and her brother MARTIN HART were probably party members because their conversation followed the party line.

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At New York, New York

Will interview MORRIS KANT and SEYMOUR BARTH for any knowledge they may have of SOBELL.

Will interview Mr. ROSS MERRITT, the comptroller of the Reeves Company, regarding the date on which SOBELL ceased his employment with Reeves.

Will reinterview Mr. H. D. BELOCK with reference to the allegation that HELEN SOBELL was discharged from Reeves because of a violation of the security regulations.



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U R G E N T

MORTON SOBELL, WAS., ESPIONAGE R. PAULINE GOLDMAN INTERVIEWED TODAY. FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT DENYING THAT SHE KNOWN MORTON SOBELL, HELEN SOBELL, OR JULIUS ROSENBERG. STATES SHE NEVER HEARD OF THEM UNTIL READING ABOUT THEM IN THE NEWSPAPER. ADMITS ASSOCIATING WITH MAX AND HELENE ELITCHER BUT ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH UNION MATTERS. NEVER HEARD THE ELITCHERS REFER TO SOBELL. SHE DENIES EVER BEING MEMBER OF CP OR FRONT GROUPS. PHOTOS OF VARIOUS PERSONS INVOLVED IN ROSENBERG CASE EXHIBITED TO GOLDMAN AND SHE IDENTIFIED THAT OF MAX ELITCHER AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED THAT OF HELENE ELITCHER, STATING HELENE WORE GLASSES WHEN SHE KNEW HER. STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW ANY OF THE OTHER PERSONS. FOR YOUR INFO, [REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT THOMAS RICHARDSON, UPW OFFICIAL, CONTACTED DAVE REIN, LOCAL ATTORNEY AND MEMBER OF NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, AND TOLD HIM THAT ONE OF HIS MEMBERS HAD BEEN CALLED TO COME TO THE FBI AT FOUR OCLOCK. RICHARDSON  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: August 24, 1950

FROM : SA, Phoenix

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL, wa.  
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Stops along the Arizona-Mexican border with INS and Customs  
were removed following the apprehension of SOBELL. RUC

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, New York  
 SUBJECT: VIVIAN GLASSMAN  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: August 25, 1950

The above-captioned individual is being investigated as a member of a Russian espionage parallel operated by JULIUS ROSENBERG. ROSENBERG was arrested in New York City on July 17, 1950, charged with Conspiracy to commit espionage against the U.S. GLASSMAN, upon interview has acknowledged association with JOEL BARR, who has been identified as a Soviet Agent, JULIUS ROSENBERG and his wife, ETHEL, and has also admitted that on July 21, 1950 she was given \$2,000.00 by an individual whom she refuses to identify, and was requested by this individual to take a trip to Cleveland. She was to contact WM. PERL, another subject of investigation in the ROSENBERG ring, and tell him to use the \$2,000.00 to leave the U.S. for Mexico. The extent of subjects courier activities for the espionage parallel or the Communist Party, is at present, unknown as she has refused to divulge further details of her activities. Enclosed is a photograph of VIVIAN GLASSMAN and her lawyer. ROBERT SEIDMAN taken in New York City on August 15, 1950. It is requested that the Knoxville Office exhibit this photograph to [REDACTED] for possible identification.

The Philadelphia Office is requested to exhibit photograph to [REDACTED]

The Baltimore Office is requested to exhibit photograph to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

The Cleveland Office will display the enclosed photographs to Informant [REDACTED] and to [REDACTED] for possible identification.

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The Miami Office will display these photographs to [REDACTED] for possible identification.

The Cincinnati Office will display these photographs to [REDACTED], true name [REDACTED] for possible identification.

The Los Angeles Office will display these photographs to [REDACTED] and to [REDACTED] for possible identification.

The Seattle Office will display these photographs to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for possible identification.

The Washington Field Office will display these photographs to [REDACTED] for possible identification.

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The Detroit Office will display these photographs to [REDACTED] true name [REDACTED] for possible identification.

The Denver Office will display these photographs to [REDACTED] for possible identification.

The Minneapolis Office will display these photographs to [REDACTED] for possible identification.

The San Francisco Office will display these photographs to [REDACTED]

All Offices will display these photographs to any informants who in their opinion might possibly know any of the subjects in this case.

Subjects description is as follows:

Name	VIVIAN GLASSMAN
Addresses	131 E. 7th St, NYC
	343 E. 8th St, NYC
	219 E. 7th St, NYC
	48 N. Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey
	688 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey
	388 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey

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Born  
Race  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Complexion  
Build  
Speech  
Relatives

January 30, 1919, Brooklyn, New York  
White  
5'2"  
110 lbs.  
Very dark brown; appears black  
Brown, large  
Light  
Slender - well proportioned figure  
Rapid; pleasant voice  
Mother: SADIE HOROWITZ GLASSMAN  
Father: SAMUEL - deceased  
Sisters: GLADYS, 343 E. 8th St, NYC  
ELEANOR, 343 E. 8th St, NYC  
HORTENSE SKOLNICK, 162 E. 7th St

Education

Brother-in-law: JACK SKOLNICK  
Washington Irving High School, New York City  
Hunter College, New York City 1936-1939, AB  
College of the City of New York, 1940-41  
New York School of Social Service, Columbia  
University, M.A.

Employment

Belmonts, 468 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
1939-40 (Credit clerk)  
H. L. GROSS & BROTHERS, 165-03 Jamaica Ave,  
Jamaica, New York (1940-41) Credit clerk  
Department of Labor (N.Y.) 124 E. 23th St,  
New York City 1941 (Voluntary clerk).  
New York City Department of Welfare, New Yo:  
City, 902 Broadway 1941 (Clerk)  
Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York 1941-4  
(Clerk)  
U.S. Army, Signal Corps General Development  
Laboratory: Ft. Monmouth, Red Bank, New  
Jersey, May 25, 1942 - 3/18/43 Long Branch,  
New Jersey, 4/8/43 - 9/1/43.

A photograph is also enclosed of ERNEST PATAKI, the present paramour  
of subject who is described as follows:

Name  
Present address  
Addresses

ERNEST PATAKI  
217 E. 19th St, NYC - 1945-50  
834 Riverside Drive, New York City, c/o ELEANOR  
PATAKI, Brother, 14th and Irving Pl, NYC  
827 Waring Ave, Bronx, New York 1940-41

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Education

Employment

Organizations

231 W. 70th Street, New York City, 41-42  
2931 E. 18th St, Brooklyn, 42-43  
54 W. 91st St, 43-45  
6/5/15, Szeged, Hungary  
Entered U.S. in 1936, Naturalized 6/21/44,  
Eastern District of New York Petition #3550  
White  
5'8"  
145 lbs.  
Hair is black, streaked with gray - combed  
straight back  
Gray, blue  
Medium  
Father: CHARLES - deceased  
Mother - ROSE - resides in Hungary  
Brother - EMERY - 257 W. 86th St, NYC  
Sisters - LILY - resides in Hungary  
ELIZABETH - resides in Hungary  
Gynasium - Hungary  
Cooper Union, School of Electrical Engineer-  
ing - Graduated 1944 E.E. degree  
Electric Motors Co, NYC  
Pilot Radio Co, Long Island City  
Link Radio Company, 125 W. 17th St, New Yo-  
City  
Federal Telecommunication Co, Nutley, N.J.  
Institute of Radio Engineers  
(Former member of Federation of Architects  
Engineers Chemists, Technicians before  
merger with IRE)  
Steward, for United Office and Professione  
Workers of America, Local 231 at Federal  
Telecommunications Laboratory, Nutley, N.J

A search of PATAKI'S apartment pursuant to a signed waiver revealed a considerable amount of Communist literature and books in his possession.

It is requested that the photograph of PATAKI also be shown to informan



New York, New York  
August 28, 1950

BUREAU, WASHINGTON FIELD, NEW HAVEN

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WILLIAM DANZIGER, ESPIONAGE - R. DANZIGER AND WIFE WERE INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TODAY. WILLIAM DANZIGER EXHIBITED AN APPARENTLY COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE. HE STATED THAT HE RECALLED THAT JULIUS ROSENBERG HAD BEEN A CLASSMATE AT CCNY DURING THE YEARS NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYEIGHT. HOWEVER HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH ROSENBERG DURING THOSE YEARS WAS VERY SLIGHT AND SINCE THE TIME OF HIS GRADUATION IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME, DANZIGER CLAIMED THAT HE HAS NEVER HEARD FROM OR MET ROSENBERG. HE STATED THAT HE ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WITH MORTON SOBELL AND COULD BE CONSIDERED QUOTE AN ACQUAINTANCE UNQUOTE. HE STATED THAT IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT UNTIL HE LEFT WASHINGTON, DC, IN NINETEEN FORTYONE, HE OCCASIONALLY SAW SOBELL SOCIALLY IN WASHINGTON, DC, AND SAW HIM FREQUENTLY AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AT THE BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY DEPT. HE LEFT THIS POSITION IN NINETEEN FORTYONE AND AFTER WORKING BRIEFLY IN NYC FOR THE FIRE DEPT. HE ACCEPTED EMPLOYMENT ON JANUARY ONE, NINETEEN FORTYTWO, WITH THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD AND IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN FORTYTHREE HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE NAVY SHIPYARD, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA. DANZIGER STATED THAT IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN FORTYFIVE HE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON,

cc: 100-37158 (M. SOBELL) ✓

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DC TO RESUME EMPLOYMENT WITH THE BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY DEPT., AND CONTINUED THIS EMPLOYMENT UNTIL SEPT, NINETEEN FORTYNINE, WHEN HE WAS DISMISSED FOR SECURITY REASONS. HE STATED THAT FROM NINETEEN FORTYONE WHEN HE LEFT WASH, DC, UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER HE HAD RETURNED TO WASH, DC, IN NINETEEN FORTYFIVE, HE DID NOT SEE OR HEAR FROM SOBELL. HE RECALLED ONE VISIT OF SOBELL AND HIS WIFE TO WASH, DC, SOMETIME DURING THE YEARS NINETEEN FORTYFIVE TO FORTYNINE AT WHICH TIME THEY VISITED ONE DANZIGER AT THEIR HOME. HE WAS UNABLE TO PLACE THIS DATE MORE ACCURATELY AND WAS VAGUE AS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY CONVERSATION THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD. HE STATED THAT HE ARRIVED IN NYC APRIL, NINETEEN FIFTY. HE AND HIS WIFE PAID A SOCIAL CALL TO THE SOBELL RESIDENCE IN APPROXIMATELY THE LATTER PART OF MAY, NINETEEN FIFTY. SOMETIME IN JUNE HE STATES THAT HE PHONED SOBELL REQUESTING TO BORROW AN ELECTRIC DRILL. SOBELL REQUESTED HIM TO COME TO THE HOUSE AND PICK IT UP. WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE SOBELL RESIDENCE THE SOBELL'S WERE BUSILY PACKING THEIR BAGS AND INFORMED HIM THAT THEY WERE LEAVING THAT EVENING FOR MEXICO FOR A VACATION. DANZIGER STATES THAT ON HIS PREVIOUS VISIT THEY HAD MENTIONED TO HIM THAT THEY MIGHT TAKE SUCH A VACATION IN MEXICO. DANZIGER ALSO STATES THAT HE NOTICED NOTHING UNUSUAL IN SOBELL'S DEMEANOR OR ANY UNUSUAL HASTE IN PACKING. HE STATES THAT WHEN THE PACKING WAS FINISHED HE SAID GOODBYE TO THE SOBELL'S AND THE SOBELL'S GOT IN THEIR CAR TO BE DRIVEN TO EITHER THE AIRPORT OR TO THE AIRLINE

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TERMINAL BY SOBELL'S SISTER-IN-LAW WHOSE NAME DANZIGER RECALLS AS EVE OR ANNE. DANZIGER FURTHER STATED THAT A SHORT TIME LATER HE RECEIVED AN AIRMAIL LETTER FROM SOBELL ADVISING HIM THAT THEY HAD HAD A PLEASANT TRIP TO MEXICO, THAT EVERYTHING WAS FINE AND THAT THEY WERE HAVING A GOOD VACATION. AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW HE STATED THAT HE POSSIBLY HAD THIS LETTER AT HIS HOME. AGENTS ACCOMPANIED DANZIGER TO HIS HOME WHERE HE MADE A SEARCH FOR THIS LETTER WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. HE STATED THAT IT HAD PROBABLY BEEN THROWN AWAY AS OF NO SIGNIFICANCE. DANZIGER REFUSED TO EXECUTE A WAIVER OF SEARCH BUT ALLOWED AGENTS TO OBTAIN TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS FROM THE REMINGTON PORTABLE TYPEWRITER WHICH HE OWNED. THESE SPECIMENS WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPARATE LETTER. DANZIGER CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT HE IS NOW OR EVER HAS BEEN A CP MEMBER OR THAT HIS WIFE IS A CP MEMBER. HE DENIED THAT HE HAD EVER BEEN REQUESTED BY ANY PERSON TO FURNISH INFORMATION OF ANY KIND. HE STATED THAT HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH MAX ELITCHER, ABE SUROVELL, PAULINE GOLDMAN AND MARK HARRIS, BUT CLAIMED THAT HE KNEW THESE PEOPLE CHIEFLY THROUGH UNION ACTIVITIES. HE WAS EXHIBITED PICTURES AND FURNISHED THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, CLAIMING IN EACH INSTANCE THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN OR HEARD OF THEM: - ANNE AND MIKE SIDOROVICH, VIVIAN GLASSMAN, LOUISE AND ALFRED SARANT. HE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH JOSEL BARR AND

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MRS. SYLVIA DANZIGER WAS SEPARATELY INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED SHE WAS BORN JANUARY THIRD, NINETEEN NINETEEN, NEW YORK CITY. SHE ATTENDED MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL, GRADUATING IN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX; ENTERED HUNTER COLLEGE THE SAME YEAR ATTENDING FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS; MARRIED HER HUSBAND, WILLIAM DANZIGER, NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, THURTYEIGHT, AND PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WITH HIM. MRS. DANZIGER ADVISED SHE WAS AFFILIATED WITH THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS IN ESTABLISHING AND RUNNING AN INTER-RACIAL NURSERY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ALSO SHE AND HER HUSBAND BELONGED TO THE CONSUMERS UNION IN WASHINGTON. SHE ALSO STATED THAT IN NINETEEN FORTYTWO SHE FINISHED UP AT HUNTER COLLEGE AND ATTENDED MEETINGS EITHER OF THE AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION OR THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE HELD AT HUNTER COLLEGE. WHILE IN CALIFORNIA SHE ADMITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY USING THE NAME SYLVIA TUCKER. SHE STATED THAT SHE JOINED THE PARTY MORE AS A MEANS OF HURTING HER HUSBAND SINCE THEIR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP AT THAT TIME WAS STRAINED. ALSO STATES THAT HER HUSBAND KNEW NOTHING OF HER ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND TO THE PRESENT DAY IS NOT AWARE THAT SHE AT ONE TIME WAS A MEMBER. SHE STATES SHE HAS SUFFERED AND IS SUFFERING CONSIDERABLY BECAUSE SHE IS AWARE HE LOST HIS JOB WITH THE NAVY DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF HER MEMBERSHIP. MRS. DANZIGER STATES SHE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JULIUS ROSENBERG AND HAS NEVER HEARD HIS NAME MENTIONED EITHER BY HER HUSBAND OR ANY OF HIS FRIENDS UNTIL INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER. SHE ALSO IS NOT



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ACQUAINTED WITH ANY OF THE OTHER MAJOR SUBJECTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WILLIAM LUTTERPERL, WHO WAS HER HUSBAND'S CLASSMATE AT CCNY AND WHOM SHE SAW LAST PRIOR TO HIS GRADUATION IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. ANOTHER ONE OF THE SUBJECTS WITH WHOM SHE IS ACQUAINTED IS STANLEY RICH. HE RESIDED IN THE SAME BUILDING ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND MR. AND MRS. DANZIGER IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SINCE THAT TIME MRS. DANZIGER HAS NOT SEEN HIM. THE THIRD POSSIBLE SUBJECT IN THIS CASE, MAX ELICHER, IS WELL KNOWN TO MRS. DANZIGER HAVING BEEN A CLASSMATE OF HER HUSBAND AT CCNY, AND AFTER THAT ALL OF THEM HAVING COME TO WASHINGTON TOGETHER. MRS. DANZIGER HAS SINCE THAT TIME BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE ELICHERS UP UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME. MRS. ELICHER ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH MORTON SOBELL. SOBELL WAS ALSO A CLASSMATE OF MR. DANZIGER AND MRS. DANZIGER ASSISTED SOBELL AND DANZIGER TO PASS THEIR ENGLISH CREDITS AT CCNY. SHE CLAIMS SHE LAST SAW SOBELL WITH HER HUSBAND PROBABLY LATE JUNE, FIFTY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT TO SOBELL WAS TO OBTAIN PLANTS FROM MRS. SOBELL, WHO IS INTERESTED IN GARDENING. FURTHER INTERVIEWS WITH DANZIGER AND HIS WIFE ARE CONTEMPLATED BY THIS OFFICE.

SCHEIDT

New York, New York  
August 29, 1950

MEMO

Re: WILLIAM DANZIGER  
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At about 10:10 a.m. on August 28, 1950, SAs CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN and JAMES T. O'BRIEN contacted DANZIGER at his place of business, the Academy Electrical Products Company, 5025 Broadway, at which time he was invited to the New York Office. DANZIGER exhibited a completely cooperative attitude but requested that he be allowed to confer briefly with his boss, Mr. MORRIS EHRLICH, who was located at the main office of this company, 4849 Broadway.

After conferring with Mr. EHRLICH for a few moments, DANZIGER brought him over to the car and introduced him to interviewing agents as his uncle. Mr. EHRLICH told the agents that DANZIGER had told him that he was not in any trouble and that he, as an attorney, was advising DANZIGER to go to the office with the agents and to tell them everything they wished to know.

After arriving at the office, DANZIGER was interviewed by the above agents. He stated that he had graduated from the City College of New York in 1938 with a degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, and in fall of this year he traveled to Washington, D. C. to accept a position with the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department. He remained at this job until August, 1941 when he resigned and accepted a position as an electrical inspector with the New York City Fire Department. On January 1, 1942 he returned to duty with the Navy Department as an engineer at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York City. In April, 1943 he was transferred by the Navy to the United States Naval Dry Docks, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. He was again transferred by the Navy to the Bureau of Ordnance, Washington, D.C., returning in May, 1945. He kept this position until September of 1949 at which time he was separated as a security risk. Subsequent to his dismissal he operated a television sales and repair shop in Washington, D. C. However this business did not turn out well, and in April, 1950 he came to New York and accepted a position with the Academy Electrical Products Company. He stated when he returned from Washington he resided for a short period of time at 1777 Bryant Avenue, Bronx, with his mother-in-law, Mrs. EHRLICH.

cc: NY 100-37158 (MORTON SOBELL) ✓

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On May 8, 1950 he moved into Apart 3 at 124 Featherbed Lane, New York 52, New York.

With reference to JULIUS ROSENBERG, DANZIGER stated that he remembered him vaguely from school at CCNY, but that he had not seen or heard from ROSENBERG in any way since they graduated in 1938. He was unable to supply any information concerning ROSENBERG'S political sympathies, associates or activities while at CCNY or subsequent thereto.

With reference to MORTON SOBELL, DANZIGER stated that he had attended high school with SOBELL and that SOBELL had been in his class at CCNY, receiving a degree of BEE the same year that he did in 1938. DANZIGER stated that he had been a friend of SOBELL'S during these 8 years of high school and college, but when pressed for information concerning SOBELL'S political sympathies, activities or associates during these years, he amended this to say that he was "an acquaintance" of SOBELL. He stated that SOBELL had had such a peculiar personality that he did not make friends but that DANZIGER considered himself to be more acquainted with SOBELL than most other persons.

He was unable to recall whether or not he had participated in a study group which was formed just after graduation by a group of students in the class of 1938 to study for civil service examinations. He stated that he might have been in such a group but had no individual recollection of same.

DANZIGER said that in the fall of 1938, just before he went to Washington, D. C., he married SYLVIA EHRLICH. In Washington, D. C. they moved in with a group of CCNY graduates who were bachelors in a house located at 1316 Delafield Place, Washington, D. C. Some of the members of this group he could recall were SIDNEY HERSCH (ph.), MAX ELITCHER, EDDIE HILDMAN and SOBELL. DANZIGER stated that after a few weeks at this house, he and his wife located an apartment of their own and moved out. Thereafter, their contacts with members of this group were more limited. However, he continued to see ELITCHER and SOBELL at work at the Bureau of Ordnance. DANZIGER stated that his association with these persons was broken off in August of 1941 when he left Washington, D. C. to go to New York and subsequently to California.

DANZIGER stated that he is not now and has never been a member of the Communist Party. He stated that he did not know whether or not MAX ELITCHER or MORTON SOBELL are or have been Communists at any time, stating

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that he had no information on this subject. He stated that his wife was not now and never had been a member of the Communist Party under her true name or under the name of SYLVIA TUCKER. He stated that he was familiar with the name SYLVIA TUCKER only because the allegation had been made during the course of his Loyalty Hearing that his wife had used this name for her Communist Party membership.

He stated that he had known ABE SUROVELL and PAULINE GOLDMAN but had no information as to whether or not they were Communist Party members. (It will be noted that the last two named persons were named by MAX ELITCHER as members of the same Communist Party cell in Washington, D. C. to which DANZIGER belonged.) DANZIGER made the comment that he detected "a pattern" in the names of the persons whose names were mentioned to him. When requested to elaborate on this statement he stated that all of these persons had been active in the union in Washington, D. C., either the United Public Workers or the Federal Workers of America. He was not clear as to the name of the union to which he said he belonged.

DANZIGER stated that after his departure from Washington, D. C. in 1941, he may have received a casual communication from SOBELL, but he had no recollection of same. He stated that after his return to Washington in 1945, MORTON SOBELL and his wife paid them a brief visit at Washington, D.C. He recalled that the chief reason for their trip to Washington was to visit Mrs. SOBELL'S mother who resided there. DANZIGER could not place the time of this visit any better than sometime between 1945 and 1949. He was unable to recall what was discussed, whether or not the SOBELL'S were accompanied by their children, the time of day or the time of the year when this visit took place, nor what sort of work or where SOBELL was living at that time. He stated that after this visit he did not see the SOBELL'S again until the spring and summer of 1950, which incident will be treated in this memo.

DANZIGER stated that he had never been approached by ROSENBERG, SOBELL or any other person with any proposition that he should make available information of any kind, either for the Communist Party, for Russia, or any other principal.

He stated he moved into his present apartment about May 8, 1950 and as best he could recall he visited SOBELL with his wife one evening about two weeks after May 8th. DANZIGER stated his visit at this time was purely social in nature; however, SOBELL mentioned to him that he was planning

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a vacation trip to Mexico. DANZIGER stated that SOBELL mentioned nothing more specific about the trip to Mexico other than it was going to be a vacation. DANZIGER said that the rest of the visit was purely social in nature.

DANZIGER said his next contact with MORTON SOBELL was a few weeks later at which time it was necessary for him to borrow an electric drill from SOBELL. He stated he called SOBELL on the telephone and explained that he wanted to borrow the electric drill, at which time SOBELL told him to come over to the house and pick it up that very night. DANZIGER advised when he arrived at SOBELL'S home, SOBELL was in the process of finishing packing for his trip to Mexico. At this time SOBELL mentioned to DANZIGER that he thought his job was just about finished at the place where he was working. DANZIGER explained this statement by mentioning that SOBELL apparently had been working on a special project and that it had been just completed and this would be the logical time for him to take a vacation. SOBELL told DANZIGER that he was very tired and needed a vacation. Present in the home on this particular visit was SOBELL, SOBELL'S wife and children, and also SOBELL'S sister-in-law, who DANZIGER recalled as EVE or ANN or some similar name. (This apparently referred to EDITH LEVITOV, SOBELL'S sister-in-law, who resided with them at the SOBELL residence).

DANZIGER also stated that after he picked up the electric drill and visited with SOBELL for a short period of time, SOBELL packed his bags in his own automobile and told DANZIGER that he was leaving for Mexico on that very night. DANZIGER definitely stated that SOBELL told him that his sister-in-law would drive SOBELL, his wife and children to the airport and would bring SOBELL'S car back to SOBELL'S home. DANZIGER definitely stated that he saw SOBELL, drive off with his wife, family and sister-in-law, apparently heading for the airport. At this time DANZIGER advised he headed back to his own home.

DANZIGER recollected that a short time after SOBELL departed for Mexico, he received an airmail first class letter from SOBELL At his residence, 124 Featherbed Lane, Bronx, New York. He stated that the letter was purely social in content. He could recall only that SOBELL mentioned that he had had a pleasant trip despite the fact that he had held the baby on his lap all the way. The letter also stated that the SOBELL'S were "having a good time" or "having a good rest" or words to that effect. DANZIGER could not recall just how the note was signed. He presumed it was "MORT" or "MORTY" or something similar. He could not recall whether or not the letter had borne a return address. When asked if he still had this letter in his possession, he stated that it might be around his home.



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At approximately 2:45 p.m. DANZIGER had a short interview with AUSA MYLES LANE, at which time he was served with a subpoena requiring him to testify on August 31, 1950 before the Federal Grand Jury. This subpoena was served by the United States Marshal in the anteroom of LANE'S office.

Interviewing agents then accompanied DANZIGER to his home, since he had stated that he would be willing to turn this letter over in the event it could be found at his home. Upon arrival at his home, DANZIGER made a search for about five minutes and advised the agents that apparently the letter had been thrown away. He refused to execute a waiver of search stating that he had no material of any kind which would be pertinent to this investigation, and he "could not see his way clear" to having a group of agents "ransack his home", especially in view of the fact that his wife was quite nervous. DANZIGER also made available his Remington 5 Portable Typewriter, Serial No. V927904, so that specimens could be taken. These specimens will be forwarded by letter to the FBI Laboratory.

With reference to JOEL BARR, STANLEY RICH, and WILLIAM MUTTERPERL DANZIGER stated that he remembered them as classmates at CCNY but that he had not seen or heard from them since their graduation in 1938. He tentatively identified pictures of these persons stating that because of the lapse of time he could not be certain that they were the persons in the pictures shown. He was shown pictures and given the names of the following persons and in each case stated that he had never seen or heard of them:

ANNE and MIKE SIDOROVICH  
VIVIAN GLASSMAN  
LOUISE and ALFRED SARANT  
DAVID and RUTH GREENGLASS

It is the observation of interviewing agents that DANZIGER was purposely vague and extremely evasive during this interview. It was noted that he volunteered no information and although he talks incessantly, he does not talk concerning pertinent matters. He observed during the interview that he believed SOBELL to be innocent, stating that he based this on his knowledge of SOBELL. When confronted with his previous statements that he was only an acquaintance of SOBELL'S, and when it was pointed out to him that in spite of his belief that SOBELL was innocent he had made no effort to help either SOBELL or his wife, he relapsed into the statement that he really did not know SOBELL very well and could be considered only an acquaintance of his.

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At New York City

Will reinterview WILLIAM DANZIGER when he appears at 10:30 a.m. on August 31, 1950 at the Office of AUSA LANE, Room 401, U. S. Court House, in response to the subpoena for the Federal Grand Jury.

CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN, SA

Director, FBI  
Attention: FBI Laboratory  
SAC, New York

August 29, 1950

MORTON SOBELL, was.  
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Enclosed herewith and listed below are additional items obtained from the search incidental to the arrest of MORTON SOBELL at Laredo, Texas, August 18, 1950:

1B14 1. Numerous scraps of paper which were torn from an envelope and when pieced together are addressed to Senor Manuel Giner De Lo., Cordoba 153-5, Mexico D.F., Mexico. The above is believed to refer to Manuel Delos Rios, whose is suspected of being a mail drop for SOBELL while he was at Tampico and Veracruz. The hand printing on these envelopes is believed to have been made by the subject. The Laboratory is requested to compare this hand printing with known specimens of the subject.

1B15 2. Torn pieces of paper which when pieced together is a letter addressed to "Dr." and signed "V. delos Rios, 8/10/50, Mexico, D.F." The Laboratory is requested to search the handwriting on this letter through the appropriate section of the National Security File.

1B16 3. Carbon copy of a diagram for a "Voltage to Digital Converter" dated June 10, 1950. This diagram is known to be in the handwriting of PERRY SEAY, an engineer of the Reeves Instrument Corp., New York City.

1B17 4. One Laird & Lees Vest Pocket Standard English-Spanish, Spanish-English Dictionary.

1B18 5. One blue leatherette American Airlines passport and ticket holder.

1B19 6. One black and red Morocco wallet containing two photographs.

1B20 7. One blue leatherette American Airlines passport and ticket holder containing the following items:

1B21 a. International Certificate of Inoculation and Vaccination for MORTON SOBELL.

1B22 b. One International Certificate of Inoculation for HELEN L. SOBELL.

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1B93 e. One International Certificate of Inoculation for SIDNEY SOBELL.

1B94 d. Mexican Tourist Card No. 070538 issued to MORTON SOBELL.

1B95 e. Mexican Tourist Card No. 070554 issued to HELEN I. SOBELL.

1B96 f. Mexican tourist slip issued for MARY SOBELL.

1B97 g. Mexican tourist slip issued for SIDNEY SOBELL.

1B98 8. Receipt from Bureau of Customs, Dallas, Texas, dated June 23, 1950, listing cameras and camera supplies in the possession of MORTON SOBELL upon his departure from the United States on June 23, 1950.

1B99 9. Three receipts, numbers 203, 204 and 1758, for the "El Centro Mercantil" S.A.

1B100 10. Two gas receipts, numbers 143434 and 135151, issued to Senor Jose Bustamante, Cordoba 153, Apt. 3, Mexico.

1B101 11. Three rent receipts, two for the month of July and one for the month of August, 1950, issued to MORTON SOBELL for an apartment located at 153-4 Cordoba, Mexico.

1B102 12. Home Lines schedule for Mexico, Cuba and Central America. On the inside of this pamphlet above the picture of the S.S. Argentina there appears in handwriting "Aug. 11th leaves Vera Cruz," and "67 per by plane." The latter item is believed to be in the handwriting of the subject and the Laboratory is requested to compare this writing with that of MORTON SOBELL.

1B103 13. Tourist pamphlet for Cuba.

1B104 14. Pan American World Airways schedule issued for June 1950.

1B105 15. Air France schedule and fares, Schedule No. 32, issued April 1, 1950.

1B106 16. Fares and schedule for Aerovias Guest, effective April 15 1950 and issued by the Garza Travel Service, Mexico, D.F.

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1B107 17. 1950 schedule of Cuban hotel summer rates issued by the Cuban Tourist Commission.

1B108 18. Schedule of Salidas de Aviones issued by Wagons-Lits & Cook for July 1950.

1B109 19. Pamphlet of Pan American World Airways, July 1950, issued by Mexicana de Aviacion.

1B110 20. Street guide of Mexico City.

1B111 21. Pamphlet issued by the Elna Sewing Machine Co. On the front side of this pamphlet there appears in ink several hand printed notations.

1B112 22. A sailing schedule of Polish ports issued by the Gdynia-Gdansk Line.

1B113 23. Guide to Mexican museums, art galleries and exhibitions issued for the month of June 1950.

1B114 24. Schedule entitled "Planes" issued by the Pan American World Airways for flights to Houston, Mexico, New Orleans and Panama.

1B115 25. Pages 452 to 456, which appear to be torn from a travel book. Pages 453 and 454 have underlinings in green ink.

1B116 26. Economic bulletin issued by the Agricultural Department of the Mexican Legation dated November 15, 1949.

1B117 27. A shopping guide and a list of hotels for Mexico City.

1B118 28. One aluminum key.

1B119 29. A map of Europe in Spanish.

1B120 30. Birth Certificate No. 19051 dated February 9, 1942 for MORTON SOBELL.

1B121 31. Certificate of Birth No. 156-49-409410 issued for MARK SOBELL.

1B122 32. Certificate of Marriage No. 203693 dated February 21, 1938, for HELEN LEVITOV and CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ.



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11/31/23 33. Notification of birth registration for SYDNEY FLORENCE GUREWITZ.

11/31/24 34. Certificate of birth registration issued by the Health Department, District of Columbia, for HELEN LEVITOV.

11/31/25 35. One card written in Spanish entitled "Taller de Plomeria y Hojalatera." On the reverse side of this card there is written in blue pencil several notations and signed with an illegible signature.

11/31/26 36. 1950 membership card issued to WORTON SOBELL for the New York Academy of Sciences. This card bears the signature of WORTON SOBELL.

11/31/27 37. Social Security Act card number 055-16-7126, issued to and signed by WORTON SOBELL.

11/31/28 38. Identification card issued by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. and signed by HELEN L. SOBELL.

11/31/29 39. Operator's license number 4960808, issued to and signed by WORTON SOBELL.

11/31/30 40. Amateur radio operator license dated October 24, 1939 issued to WORTON SOBELL.

11/31/31 41. Certificate of Marriage issued by the State Department of Health, Richmond, Virginia, for WORTON SOBELL and HELEN GUREWITZ.

11/31/32 42. Final decree papers issued by the Circuit Court of Arlington, Virginia, for HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ vs. CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ.

11/31/33 43. A date book of SYDNEY F. GUREWITZ.

11/31/34 44. One American Airlines ticket number 012A 121896.

All of the items above have been identified with the initials RIS, 8/18, Laredo, Texas. The Laboratory is requested to examine the above items for secret ink, hidden messages and any other appropriate examination deemed advisable by the Laboratory in addition to those set forth under the various subheadings above. The Laboratory is requested to return this evidence to the New York office.

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MORTON SOBELL, WAS, ESP - R. RENVTEL AUG. TWENTYFOUR, LAST. ABRAHAM J. SUROVELL STATES HE GRADUATED BROOKLYN COLLEGE, JUNE, FORTY, CAME TO WASHINGTON SAME YEAR, TOOK COURSE IN DRAFTING, AND BECAME EMPLOYED BY OFFICE OF EDUCATION IN FORTYONE. IN FEB, FORTYTWO, BECAME EMPLOYED U.S. NAVY HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE AS CARTOGRAPHIC DRAFTSMAN. ENLISTED U.S. NAVY, NOV, FORTYTWO AND DISCHARGED FEB, FORTYSIX, AND RETURNED TO CIVILIAN STATUS AT HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE. WHILE ENLISTED MAN HE WORKED AT HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE. RESIGNED FROM NAVY DEPT ABOUT JUNE, FORTYSEVEN. STATES HE HAS KNOWN ELITCHER SINCE AUG, FORTYTHREE AND MRS. ELITCHER SINCE PRIOR TO THAT TIME. STATES HE AND HIS WIFE RESIDED SAME APARTMENT BLDG WITH ELITCHERS FROM AUG, FORTYTHREE TO ABOUT MAY, FORTYLIGHT WHEN SUROVELL AND WIFE MOVED. HE DENIES EVER HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CP AND DENIES KNOWING OR HAVING MET MORTON SOBELL OR JULIUS ROSENBERG. HE RECALLED THAT ELITCHER HAD A VERY GOOD FRIEND WHOM HE REFERRED TO AS MORTY WHO WAS TAKING SOME KIND OF ADVANCED ENGINEERING COURSE. SUROVELL ALSO SAYS HIS WIFE HAS NEVER BEEN MEMBER OF CP. HE ADMITS BEING A MEMBER OF THE NAVY BRANCH OF UNITED FEDERAL WORKERS OF AMERICA AND SAYS ELITCHER WAS MEMBER OF SAME BRANCH. HE SAYS THE UNION MEETINGS WERE GENERALLY MADE UP OF

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A SMALL GROUP OF PERSONS. HE ALSO ADMITS HAVING BEEN MEMBER OF WASHINGTON BOOKSHOP, BUT SAYS HE WROTE LETTER REQUESTING HIS NAME BE TAKEN OFF MEMBERSHIP LIST AFTER READING THAT IT WAS A COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATION. HE ALSO RECALLED ATTENDING MEETING OF AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS SOMETIME IN FORTY OR FORTYONE BUT STATES HE WAS NOT A MEMBER. HE DENIES MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CITED AS CP FRONTS. STATEMENT DRAFTED CONTAINING ABOVE INFO, EXCEPT UNION MATTERS, BUT SUROVELL STATED HE DID NOT WISH TO SIGN IT UNTIL HE HAS CONSULTED AN ATTORNEY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SUROVELL DID NOT BEGIN EMPLOYMENT WITH NAVY UNTIL FEB, FORTYTWO, SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER SOBELL LEFT WASHINGTON. REFTTEL INDICATES SUROVELL, PAULINE GOLDMAN, AND MARK HARRIS WERE PROBABLY MEMBERS OF THE CP CELL AT TIME ELITCHER AND SOBELL WERE MEMBERS THEREOF. IN THIS CONNECTION, AN LGE INVESTIGATION ON PAULINE GOLDMAN, NAVY DEPT, IN FORTYEIGHT, NY FILE ONE TWO ONE DASH THREE NAUGHT FIVE FOUR, REFLECTS SHE BEGAN EMPLOYMENT AT NAVY DEPT IN FEB, FORTYTWO, ALSO SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER SOBELL LEFT WASHINGTON. THIS INVESTIGATION ALSO REFLECTS THIS PAULINE GOLDMAN DID NOT COME TO WASHINGTON UNTIL FEB, FORTYTWO, THERE IS ANOTHER PAULINE GOLDMAN, SUBJECT NY FILE ONE NAUGHT ONE DASH EIGHT THREE, WHO WAS EMPLOYEE OF CENSUS BUREAU IN WASHINGTON FROM JULY, FORTY, TO JUNE, FORTYONE, RESIGNING THEN TO RETURN TO NYU. NO INDICATION THIS PAULINE GOLDMAN EVER WORKED FOR NAVY DEPT BUT SHE WAS IN WASHINGTON AT SAME TIME AS SOBELL. CONCERNING MARK HARRIS, BY LETTER DATED AUG. TWENTYONE, END PAGE TWO

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LAST, IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, THE BUREAU WAS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER HARRIS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. THIS INTERVIEW WILL BE HELD IN ADVANCE PENDING REPLY FROM BUREAU. INFO RE HARRIS CAN BE FOUND PAGE FOUR, REPORT OF SA NICHOLSON, DATED FEB. ONE, LAST, AT WFO, IN ROSENBERG CASE. IT IS NOTED THAT HARRIS BEGAN EMPLOYMENT AT NAVAL GUN FACTORY IN SEPT, FORTYTHREE, AND DID NOT COME TO WASHINGTON UNTIL THAT TIME. IT IS CONTEMPLATED PAULINE GOLDMAN, WHO IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT NAVY DEPT, WILL BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS APPOINTMENT CAN BE ARRANGED. IT IS SUGGESTED ELITCHER BE REINTERVIEWED TO CLARIFY TIME OF MEMBERSHIP OF GOLDMAN, HARRIS AND SUROVELL IN CP CELL.

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...MR. JAMES  
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A SMALL GROUP OF PERSONS. HE ALSO ADMITS HAVING BEEN MEMBER OF WASHINGTON BOOKSHOP, BUT SAYS HE WROTE LETTER REQUESTING HIS NAME BE TAKEN OFF MEMBERSHIP LIST AFTER READING THAT IT WAS A COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATION. HE ALSO RECALLED ATTENDING MEETING OF AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS SOMETIME IN FORTY OR FORTYONE BUT STATES HE WAS NOT A MEMBER. HE DENIES MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CITED AS CP FRONTS. STATEMENT DRAFTED CONTAINING ABOVE INFO, EXCEPT UNION MATTERS, BUT SUROVELL STATED HE DID NOT WISH TO SIGN IT UNTIL HE HAS CONSULTED AN ATTORNEY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SUROVELL DID NOT BEGIN EMPLOYMENT WITH NAVY UNTIL FEB, FORTYTWO, SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER SOBELL LEFT WASHINGTON. REFTEL INDICATES SUROVELL, PAULINE GOLDMAN, AND MARK HARRIS WERE PROBABLY MEMBERS OF THE CP CELL AT TIME ELITCHER AND SOBELL WERE MEMBERS THEREOF. IN THIS CONNECTION, AN LGE INVESTIGATION ON PAULINE GOLDMAN, NAVY DEPT, IN FORTYEIGHT, NY FILE ONE TWO ONE DASH THREE NAUGHT FIVE FOUR, REFLECTS SHE BEGAN EMPLOYMENT AT NAVY DEPT IN FEB, FORTYTWO, ALSO SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER SOBELL LEFT WASHINGTON. THIS INVESTIGATION ALSO REFLECTS THIS PAULINE GOLDMAN DID NOT COME TO WASHINGTON UNTIL FEB, FORTYTWO, THERE IS ANOTHER PAULINE GOLDMAN, SUBJECT NY FILE ONE NAUGHT ONE DASH EIGHT THREE, WHO WAS EMPLOYEE OF CENSUS BUREAU IN WASHINGTON FROM JULY, FORTY, TO JUNE, FORTYONE, RESIGNING THEN TO RETURN TO NYU. NO INDICATION THIS PAULINE GOLDMAN EVER WORKED FOR NAVY DEPT BUT SHE WAS IN WASHINGTON AT SAME TIME AS SOBELL. CONCERNING MARK HARRIS, BY LETTER DATED AUG. TWENTYONE, END PAGE TWO

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BUREAU ADVISED

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New York, New York  
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with those of other persons. Rugen very  
definitely eliminated the photos of subject as  
being identical with the person he  
had in mind. He had no further information  
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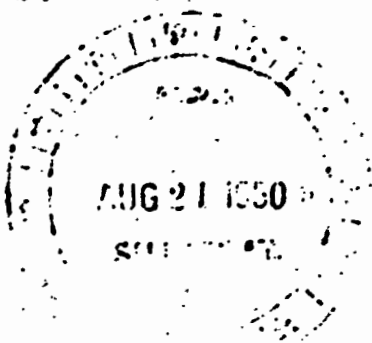
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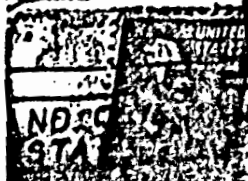
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This is the letter I talked  
to you about this morning.

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P. M. Aldrich



DEAR SIR

ONE OF THE OFFICIALS AT  
REEVES INSTRUMENT CO SAW A  
~~REX~~ TALL BLOND MAN ABOUT  
24 WITH A DOBERMAN PINSCHER  
SAW A LOT OF MORTON SOBELL  
IT LOOK LIKE <sup>HE</sup> ~~THEY~~ WERE TRANSMITTED  
CONFIDENTIAL GOVERNMENT  
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PS HE HAS SOME TATTOO ONE  
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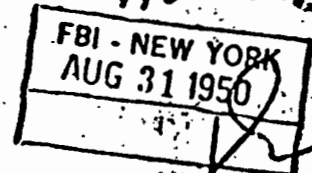
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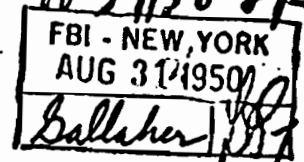
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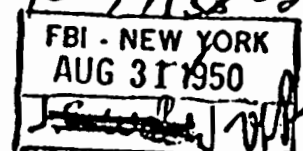
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PETERSEN said that KELSCH was formerly superintendent of the building where MURSTEIN lived at 118 Minerva Place, Bronx, New York, and became acquainted with the SOBELLs, who are frequent visitors of MURSTEIN. PETERSEN stated that KELSCH told him that MURSTEIN and SOBELL attended various Communist rallies at Madison Square Garden, and that MURSTEIN'S daughter, RUTH MURSTEIN, marched in Communist parades.

PETERSEN said that KELSCH was willing to cooperate and that he could furnish additional information concerning SOBELL and MURSTEIN. PETERSEN stated that he was not personally acquainted with SOBELL or MURSTEIN, but stated that MURSTEIN still resides at 118 Minerva Place, Bronx, New York.

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