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1608	6-8-54	AL report to HQ	5	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1608	6-8-54	copy of AL report to HQ	5	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1608	6-8-54	second copy of AL report to HQ	5	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1609	7-28-54	NY report to HQ	7	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1609	7-28-54	copy of NY report to HQ	7	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1609	7-28-54	second copy of NY report to HQ	7	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1610	8-1-54	Inventory of property form	1	—		See Bufile 101-2483
1611	8-1-54	Inventory of property form	1	—		See Bufile 101-2483
1612	8-3-54	NY memo to file with 2 page attachment	1/2	3		
1613	8-6-54	SF letter to HQ copy to NY	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1614	8-6-54	NY, SA to SAC memo	1	1		
1615	8-9-54	NY, SE to SAC memo	1	1		

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1616	8-9-54	NY, SE to SAC Memo	1	—		See NY 65-15348
1617	8-10-54	NY letter to CG	3	3		
1618	8-11-54	NY, SE to SAC Memo	1	1		
1619	8-11-54	NY, SE to SAC Memo	1	1		
1620	8-17-54	SF letter to HQ copy to NY	2	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1621	8-24-54	LA teletype to HQ captioned: third party	1	1	yes	
1622	8-27-54	SF teletype to HQ	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1623	8-31-54	SF letter to HQ	8	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1624	9-1-54	SF teletype to HQ	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1625	9-2-54	SF letter to HQ with 5 page attachment	7	5	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1626	9-9-54	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ & SF	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1626	9-9-54	copy of transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483

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1626	9-9-54	typed copy of NY teletype to SF	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1627	9-13-54	NY SA to SAC Memo captioned: third party	2	2		
1628	9-17-54	SF letter to HQ	6	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1629	9-9-54	NY letter to HQ	4	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1630	9-20-54	LA teletype to HQ captioned: Helen Sobell	1	-	yes	See Bufile 100-404849
1631	9-22-54	LA letter to NY captioned: Helen Sobell	3	3		
1632	10-6-54	NY SA to SAC Memo	1	1		
1633	10-7-54	LA teletype to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1634	10-7-54	copy of LA teletype to HQ with a second copy attached	2	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1635	10-22-54	HQ letter to SF	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1635	10-22-54	copy of HQ letter to SF	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1636	10-28-54	Verification of Information Form	1	1		

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1637	10-13-54	SF letter to HQ	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1638	11-1-54	HQ letter to NY	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1638	11-1-54	copy of HQ letter to NY	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1639	11-4-54	NY letter to HQ	2	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1640	11-10-54	HQ letter to NY	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1640	11-10-54	copy of HQ letter to NY	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1641	11-1-54	Mrs Morton Sobell's letter to the Director	2	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1642	11-8-54	HQ cover letter to SF re: above letter	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1642	11-8-54	copy of HQ cover letter to SF	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1643	11-12-54	SF teletype to HQ with 1 page let. dated 11/12/54	2/1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1643	11-12-54	copy of SF teletype to HQ with 1 page let. dated 11/12/54	2/1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1644	11-26-54	SF teletype to HQ	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483

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1645	11-24-54	HQ letter to SF	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1645	11-24-54	copy of HQ letter to SF	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1646	11-12-54	SF teletype to HQ	3	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1647	11-8-54	NY, SA to SAC, memo captioned: NCSJRC	1	1		
1648	12-2-54	NY letter to HQ	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1649	11-18-54	NY, SA to SAC memo captioned 3rd party with attached 1 page memo	1	2		
1650	12-17-54	BA, SA to SAC memo captioned: third party	5	5		
1651	12-23-54	third party letter to the Director	2	—	yes	Serial 1169 See Bufile 101-2483
1652	12-22-54	HQ letter to LA	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1652	12-22-54	copy of HQ letter to LA	1	—	yes	Serial 1169 See Bufile 101-2483
1653	12-23-54	SF letter to HQ	5	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1653	12-23-54	copy of SF letter to HQ	5	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483

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1654	12-23-54	SF report to HQ captioned: NCSJRC	41	-	yes	-2724a F108 See NY 65-15348
1655	11-5-54	HQ letter to NY	1	1	yes	Being Processed See Bufile 101-2483
1656	12-30-54	CG teletype to HQ, NY	1	1	yes	
1657	1-6-55	NY, SA to SAC,	1	1		
1658	1-18-55	NY letter to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1659	1-6-55	NY, SA to SAC memo captioned John Wapley with 2 page memo	1/2	3		
1660	12-28-54	BA, SA to SAC Memo	4	4		
1661	2-1-55	SF teletype to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1662	1-1-54	third party letter to SAC NY with 1 page FD160 attached	2/1	3		
1663	2-11-55	NY, SA to SAC Memo captioned 3rd party with 2 page memo.	3/2	5		
1664	3-15-55	SF letter to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1665	3-21-55	NY, SA to SAC Memo captioned: third party	1	1		

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1665A	4-14-55	Verification of Information form FD154	1	1		
1665B	4-21-55	Newspaper Clipping from Daily Worker	2	2		
1665C	4-27-55	NY report to HQ	12	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1665C	4-27-55	copy of NY report, to HQ	12	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1665C	4-27-55	second copy of NY report to HQ	12	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1665D	4-27-55	NY letter to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1665E	5-4-55	NY, SA to SAC memo	1	1		
1665F	4-21-55	BA, SA to SAC memo	2	2		
1665G	4-25-55	BA, SA to SAC memo	3	3		
1665H	4-11-55	NY, SA to SAC memo	2	2		
1665I	6-9-55	SF letter to NY	1	1		
1665I	6-9-55	copy of SF letter to NY	1	1		

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1666	8-1-55	NY, SA to SAC Memo	1	1		
1667	8-1-55	NY, SA to SAC memo captioned: NCSJPC	5	5		
1668	8-1-55	copy of NY, SA to SAC Memo - Report attached	1 4	5		
1669	8-2-55	HQ letter to MM	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1670	8-3-55	SF letter to NY	2	2		
1670	8-3-55	copy of SF letter to NY	2	2		
1671	8-24-54	SF letter to HQ	2	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1672	9-20-55	NY, SA to SAC memo	1	1		
1673	8-30-55	NY, SA to SAC memo	1	1		
1674	8-31-55	NY, ASAC to SAC memo	1	1		
1675	9-1-55	NY, SA to SAC memo	1	1		
1676	9-2-55	SA to SAC memo	1	1		

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1677	9-19-55	WFO letter to NY captioned: NCSJRC	6	6		
1678	9-29-55	NY letter to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1679	10-1-55	SA to ASAC Memo	2	2		
1680	10-3-55	NY, SA to SAC Memo	2	2		
1681	9-29-55	mm letter to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1682	10-21-55	NY, SA to SAC Memo	5	5		
1683	11-28-55	NY, SA to SAC Memo to file	1	1		
1684	1-5-56	NY Verification of Information Form	1	1		
1685	11-18-55	Newspaper Clipping from the Daily Worker	1	1		
1686	12-27-55	HQ letter to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1686	12-27-55	copy of HQ letter to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1687	1-10-56	HQ letter to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483

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1687	1-10-56	copy of HQ letter to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1688	2-14-56	transmittal copy of HQ teletype to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1688	2-14-56	copy of transmittal copy of HQ teletype to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1689	2-16-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ, WFO	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1689	2-16-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ, WFO	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1690	2-21-56	NY airtel to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1691	2-28-56	NH letter to NY	1	1	Yes	
1691	2-28-56	copy of NH letter to NY	1	1	Yes	
1692	2-27-56	HQ letter to WFO	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1693	2-15-56	transmittal copy of WFO teletype to NY, HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1693	2-15-56	copy of transmittal copy of WFO teletype to NY, HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1694	2-20-56	NY, SA to SAC memo to file captioned: NCSJRC	1	1		

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1695	3-8-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ with copy HQ letter to WFO	2	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1696	3-9-56	with attachment WFO letter to HQ	1/5	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1697	3-15-56	Legat London letter, to HQ	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1698	3-15-56	Newspaper clipping from the NY Times	1	1		See Bufile 101-2483
1700	4-9-56	SA memo to file	1	1		
1701	4-13-56	NY, SA to SAC memo captioned: NCSJRC	1	1		
1702	4-19-56	HQ letter to NY	2	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1702	4-19-56	copy of NY letter to HQ	2	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1703	4-20-56	NY airtel to HQ	1	—	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1704	4-26-56	NY, SAC letter to USA SDNY	2	2		
1705	5-2-56	NY, ASAC to SAC memo to file	1	1		

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1706	5-4-56	NY airtel to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1707	5-2-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	2	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1707	5-2-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	2	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1708	5-7-56	transmittal copy, of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1708	5-7-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1709	5-8-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	2	2	yes	
1709	5-8-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	2	2	yes	
1710	5-10-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1710	5-10-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1711	5-4-56	NY, SA to SAC memo captioned: Third Party	2	2		
1712	5-8-56	NY, SA to SAC memo to file	1	1		
1713	5-11-56	NY, SA to SAC memo to file	1	1		

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1713 ^A	5-9-56	HQ letter to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1713 ^A	5-9-56	copy of HQ letter to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1714	5-11-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	2	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1714	5-11-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	2	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1715	5-14-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1715	5-14-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1716	5-12-56	HQ teletype to SA	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1717	5-15-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to OC	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1717	5-15-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1717	5-15-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1718	5-18-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to PA, HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1718	5-18-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483

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1719	5-16-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	2	—	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1719	5-16-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	3	—	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1720	5-15-56	NY SA to SAC memo captioned: third party transmittal copy, of	1	1		
1721	5-15-56	SA teletype to HQ, NY copy of transmittal	1	—	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1721	5-15-56	copy of SA teletype to HQ transmittal copy of	1	—	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1722	5-17-56	OC teletype to NY copy of transmittal	1	1		
1722	5-17-56	copy of OC teletype to NY transmittal copy of HQ	1	1		
1723	5-17-56	teletype to NY copy of transmittal	2	2	Yes	
1723	5-17-56	copy of HQ teletype to NY SF teletype to HQ	2	2	Yes	
1724	5-16-56	HQ teletype to OC	1	—	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1725	5-17-56	Identical to Serial 1722 transfer sheet	1	—	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1726	1-8-57		1	1		

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1727	5-18-56	transmittal copy of HQ teletype to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1727	5-18-56	copy of transmittal copy of HQ teletype to NY	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1728	5-21-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1728	5-21-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1729	5-15-56	NY, SAC letter to USA SDNY	1	1		
1730	5-24-56	OC airtel to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1730	5-24-56	copy of OC airtel to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1731	5-24-56	transmittal copy of HQ teletype to NY	2	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1731	5-24-56	copy of transmittal copy of HQ teletype to NY	2	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1732	5-25-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1732	5-25-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1733	5-28-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	2	-	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483

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1734	5-29-56	HQ teletype to Legat Mex	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1735	5-29-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1735	5-29-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	2	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1736	5-16-56	NY letter to HQ captioned: NCSJRC Assistant Attorney General	3	3	yes	
1737	5-29-56	letter to NY	1	+	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1738	6-1-56	HQ letter to Assistant Attorney General	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1739	6-1-56	transmittal copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1739	6-1-56	typed copy of NY teletype to HQ	1	-	yes	See Bufile 101-2483

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ARTHUR P. HEALY, SA (100-107111)(Sec.6)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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Attached hereto is a copy of a report dated [redacted]
furnished to the writer by [redacted] on [redacted] b7d

The information contained in this report should
not be disseminated outside of the Bureau unless it is
paraphrased.

The original report is filed in serial [redacted] of [redacted] b7d

The informant in this report sets forth certain
activities of the "National Committee to Secure Justice for
MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case."

The informant advised that the captioned organization
is dominated by the CP in those areas where the CP has a strong
and active membership. The informant further advised that
those members of the above committee who are not CP members are
for the most part CP sympathizers.

- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-80675 (CRC)(7-2)
- (1) - 100-37158 (MORTON SOBELL)(Sec.6) b7d
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-4931 (CP, USA)(12-14)

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Report

"National Committee to
Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell in the
Rosenberg Case" Activities

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the Civil Rights Congress is still
"deeply interested" in the Rosenberg case and that "we
are in contact with the Rosenberg National Committee on the
questions of it's activities in connection with the planned
Memorial Meetings for the Rosenbergs and on the fight of
the Committee for the freedom of Morton Sobell." b7d

[REDACTED] the "National Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case" first of
all contacted the European Rosenberg Committees asking them
to arrange in the countries of Europe large memorial
meetings for the Rosenbergs and to use these meetings as
"a stepping stone" for a campaign for the freeing of Morton
Sobell. b7d

In the United States, [REDACTED] the "National
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the
Rosenberg Case" is planning large and small meetings in cities
and in communities all over the country. The Committee set
aside a "memorial period" for the Rosenbergs which will
start on May 10th, 1954 and will continue to June 20th, 1954.
The meetings and all of the other actions during this "memorial
period" will be used out "to show that the Rosenbergs were
innocent victims of American war mongers and that Morton
Sobell is the living victim of the same conspiracy." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the immediate task is to see that Sobell should be

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transferred from Alcatraz prison to the East and to work for a new trial for Sobell. During the "memorial period" the "National Comm. to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case" will campaign among trade unions, churches, professions and mass organizations all over the country for signing of petitions demanding that the Department of Justice should order the transfer of Sobell to the East and a "strong campaign", during the same "memorial period", will be developed for a new trial for Morton Sobell.

During the "memorial period" the "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case" will also campaign for funds. Each donation will get a "Rosenberg Memorial Certificate." The funds will be used in the campaign to free Morton Sobell.

[redacted] all of the C.R.C. organizations everywhere are being "advised" to participate in all of the actions of the Committees fighting for the freedom of Morton Sobell. He said that in many cities the C.P. and the C.R.C. members will be the actual leaders in the above mentioned campaigns because "in some sections the Rosenberg Committees are weak and we will have to do all the work of organizing the meetings, visiting community and church leaders and trying to involve trade unions and mass organizations in the campaign for a new trial for Morton Sobell."

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[redacted] there are suggestions of sending a delegation to Attorney General Brownell demanding the transfer of Sobell from Alcatraz but the Committee didn't decide on this question. The committee is favoring the above suggestion and "I believe that it will be decided to send such a delegation to Washington during the Memorial period" [redacted]

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : STEPHEN A. MC GARR SA, (100-37158)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R

DATE: 8/6/54

There are 219 exhibits in this case, assigned to SA, JOHN HARRINGTON, who recommends all be retained, possible new trial; and that all be placed in 1B section.

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HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, SE (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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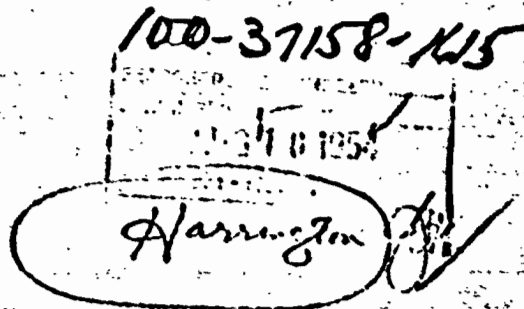
The following announcement appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of
May 14, 1954, on page 7, column 3.

Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, the victim of the witch-hunts,
who was sentenced to 30 years in Alcatraz Prison, will be the main speaker
at a mass-meeting tonight, Friday, May 14th, in the Cooperative Auditorium,
2700 Bronx Park East. The meeting is sponsored by the Bronx Rosenberg
Committee in conjunction with the campaign to get Sobell transferred from
the Alcatraz-hell, and to have a reinvestigation of the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

Inhabitants of the neighborhood are asked to come en masse.

Translated by SE HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ

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SAC, Chicago

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SAC, New York (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following article appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of
June 18, 1954, on page 3, columns 3-4-5:

How Eisenhower Received Ministers Who Begged
For Clemency For The Rosenbergs
by MOSHE BACKALL

Widest

On Monday afternoon, June 14th, on the eve of the anniversary of
the death of the Rosenbergs, I went to see Bernard M. Loomer, Professor of
Theology, on the third floor of the Swift Building, where his office and the
entire theology faculty of Chicago University are located.

This was my first meeting with Professor Loomer. I always had
a feeling of awe about this man. After all, he went to President Eisenhower
to try to influence the President to extend clemency to the Rosenbergs.
The whole country was stirred by such a weighty and humane step. So my
visit to him was a kind of holy thing.

When Professor Loomer went to Washington to see the President,
he was acting Dean of the theology faculty, - a high administrative post -
but he lost this position and he is only a Professor. There are strong
hints in university circles that he was punished for his daring step in
the Rosenberg case. It is no small matter: a great theologian, the head
of a religious faculty, showed pity on the Rosenbergs!

In my chat with this theologian, with this thinking man, I felt
as though a free spirit were emerging in our country and finding its way into
the minds and hearts of thinking America.

"You know," he remarked to me, "just today, on the anniversary of
their death, I am proud of my action, that I had the courage and such high
regard for a human being as to go to the President of our country and try to
influence him, ethically, politically as well as religiously, to let the
Rosenbergs remain alive, because their death degraded and (besmirched?) our

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land, and has brought a kind of aura of humaneness and spiritual uplift to our skies."*

"The events of the year," Professor Loomer continued, "have confirmed the analysis, that the black abyss of hysteria, of witch-hunts, of book-burning is much, much worse than it was a year ago. Because with the death of the Rosenbergs, McCarthy and his whole gang feel that the soil is prepared. Even Eisenhower is speaking a little differently... If the Rosenbergs were alive now, perhaps we would not have such a bacchanalia."

"What was the affect on Eisenhower of your delegation," I asked Loomer? With his intelligent face and sharp eyes, he looked at me sideways, and answered:

"Very little affect, because he had absolutely no knowledge of the facts, as he should have had. He did not consider it at all. And, after all, his analytic powers are limited. He had been convinced (misled?)... He didn't even know that the Supreme Court had not received the case... Otherwise, he was quite friendly. But it seems that he thought: 'Why were we bothering him'."

Professor Loomer thought a while, then said:

"You know, the thought just came to me, at this very moment, on the eve of the anniversary of their death, that the U.S. has become a little smarter, I mean even 'official U.S.'. It seems to me that they are beginning to realize something - even if only a little - that they cannot continue thus, that the McCarthy period is shaking the foundations of the country. Perhaps, at this time, they would not have treated the Rosenbergs so brutally. What I mean is that if the Rosenbergs were alive today, perhaps they would have continued to live."

"Who was in your delegation," I asked Loomer, and he answered:

"We had a petition with 2,400 signatures of ministers of various denominations, who appealed to the President to grant the life of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, and in Washington I met Minister B. Dalberg, of Brooklyn, Daniel Ridout, of Baltimore and Rabbi Abraham Kronbach, of Cincinnati. We went to see the President on June 16, 1953. I represented the delegation

Note: *In translating Loomer's statements into Yiddish, Backall did such a poor job that some of the statements do not make sense.

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as well as the 2,400 ministers and rabbis who signed the petition. But I didn't accomplish anything. That bothers me. After all, this is a disgrace which resounds throughout the world!"

The day following the interview Professor Loomer left for Colorado to teach at Denver University. In the fall he will return to his position as Professor at Chicago University, where they are such bright personalities as Harold S. Urey and Malcom P. Scharp, who, just like Professor Loomer, and with so much strength, lifted the curtain in front of the conspiracy against the Rosenbergs.

These three educated people are thinkers in various fields - natural science, jurisprudence and theology, and, to this very day, all three of them have been raising their voices, condemning the crime committed against the Rosenbergs, and doing this with so much honor, with so much humane feeling and thought.

Now, on the first anniversary of the murder of the Rosenbergs, we should mention these brave intellectuals, who express the glorious traditions and the conscience of America.

The above was translated by SE HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ and is being submitted for your information.

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August 11, 1954

HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, SE (100-21) (7.2)

MORNING FREIHEIT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The "Morning Freiheit" of June 19, 1954, on page 4, columns 1-2, contained an editorial about the anniversary of the execution of the Rosenbergs. The editorial repeated the old charges about the trial being based on a false accusation, etc. and concluded with:

"Sentenced with the Rosenbergs was Morton Sobell, who is incarcerated in a living tomb at Alcatraz Prison, Recently he declared: "neither death nor Alcatraz will hide the truth... I will not stop declaring that I am innocent"! All the people should fight to cleanse the name of the Rosenbergs and for Sobell to be freed! This is demanded by the truth, this is demanded by justice."

Translated by SE HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ

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HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, SE (100-21) (7-2)

MORNING FREIHEIT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following editorial appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of June 9, 1954, on page 4, columns 1-2:

The Fight To Clear Morton Sobell Must Continue

The Supreme Court of the United States has rejected the appeal by Morton Sobell, who is now languishing in the worst jail in the U.S., 'Alcatraz', paying off a thirty-year jail sentence to which he was sentenced for supposedly conspiring to reveal to the Soviet Union 'secrets' about the American atom bomb, together with the executed martyrs Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

We don't want to go into the 'proof' which was introduced by 'witnesses' against Sobell, witnesses who sought to save their own skin. This 'proof' was disproven long ago by famous American and foreign jurists, who proved their falsity.

But the Supreme Court was not concerned with this 'proof'. What it - or its majority - was interested in, was maintaining the phoney legend that the 'secrets' about the atom bomb were 'stolen' for the Soviet Union by the Rosenbergs and Sobell, - because if Sobell's trial were reviewed and if he were free, then it would be clear that absolutely no 'secrets' were stolen and that the Rosenberg martyrs were killed innocently.

Therefore it is necessary to remind ourselves again, so that we may all remember, not only the statements by the greatest authorities on atomic science in America, such as Dr. Yuri and others, but also of Dr. James Beckerly, a member of the government Atomic Energy Commission, which he made on March 21, that "neither the atom bomb, nor the hydrogen bomb, were stolen from us by spies". Doesn't this mean that the convicted martyrs were not 'crooks' or 'spies' - doesn't this mean that Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were innocent and Sobell is being tortured for nothing!

Therefore, the decision by the Supreme Court dare not discourage those who fight for a new trial and for the liberation of Morton Sobell. This fight for justice must continue, not only to save innocent Sobell from jail, but also to purify the bright memory of the two killed martyrs, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg!

Translated by SE HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ

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LOVE REPORTEDLY HAS A NEW LEGAL BRIEF TO BE USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE SOBELL TRANSFERRED OUT OF ALCATRAZ PRISON. LOVE WILL CONFER WITH MORTON SOBELL AT THE PRISON ON AUGUST 26, 1954.

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SAC, New York

JAMES M. BROVNE, SA. (100-4931) (#12-14)

Date: 9/13/54

CP, USA
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On 8/12/54 [redacted] orally furnished the following information to SA JAMES M. BROVNE.

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Informant stated that she attended the National Conference of the CP on Friday, evening, 8/6/54 which was held at the Yugoslav-American Hall, 405 West 41st Street, NYC. According to the informant, there were approximately 650 people in attendance at this meeting. She advised that the Conference appeared to be political in nature and the speakers were careful to limit their criticisms of the Administration avoiding the sweeping generalizations of previous years.

The meeting opened with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner and the informant was able to identify only the following speakers:

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

SIMON GERSON

The informant was unable to identify the names of the other speakers or any other individuals at the meeting. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was honored at the Conference because of her birthday and she gave a short talk on the

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- 1 - 100-79717 (CP, USA Political Activities) (#12-14)
- 1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA Pamphlets and Publications) (#12-14)
- 1 - 97-169 ("DAILY WORKER") (#7-2)
- 1 - 100-8522 (AMERICAN LABOR PARTY) (#7-2)
- 1 - 100-95240 (LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE) (#7-2)
- 1 - 100-51820 (JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE) (#7-2)
- 1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (#12-14)
- 1 - 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (#7-5)
- 1 - 100-13473 (SIMON GERSON) (#12-11)
- 1 - 100-10711 (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE) (#6)
- 1 - 100-37158 (MORTON & HELEN SOBELL) (#6)
- 1 - [redacted] (#7-4)

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coming elections and the part that the Progressives can play in electing Progressive candidates. Informant stated that FLYNN told the audience that she was a candidate for Congress in the Bronx and asked the members for their support. Informant stated that the general theme of all the speakers was concerned with the fight against MC CARTHYISM, the repeal of the MC CARRAN-WALTER Act as well as the fight against all other anti-subversive regulations. Speakers reiterated the prejudices against Negroes and emphasized the need for protection for the individuals Civil Rights. All the speakers emphasized the need for peace and urged those in attendance to help the Party's anti-war program using the slogan "Coexistence or No existence".

In addition to the above information, the following literature was furnished the New York Office which was received at the conferences:

One throwaway leaflet advertising the opening of the Fall Term of the Jefferson School of Social Science and the introduction of a new course entitled, "Coalition Problems and Electoral Problems", beginning October 4, 1954. This leaflet will be appropriately filed in the Exhibit Section of NY 100-51820-1A.

An 8 page pamphlet printed by the "Daily Worker" containing a series of 5 articles reprinted from the "Daily Worker" of July 22nd through July 29th. These articles deal with the problems in the coming New York election campaign and are entitled, "Tactical Problems in the New York Elections". These articles are written by MAX GORDON and include a feature on the American Labor Party's role in the coming campaign. The pamphlet also included a question and answer column by SIDNEY GERSON. It will be noted that all the above mentioned articles have previously been indicated under the "Daily Worker". This pamphlet will be retained in the Exhibit Section of NY 97-169-1A.

A pamphlet issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case requesting leaders to write to the Director of Prisons and urge the removal of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz. This pamphlet will be retained in the Exhibit Section of NY 100-81675-1A.

The informant also furnished a copy of the 9/5 issue of the "Challenge" which is published by the Labor Youth League. This pamphlet will be retained as an Exhibit in NY 100-95240-1A for possible future evidentiary value inasmuch as it was distributed at the National Conference of the Communist Party.

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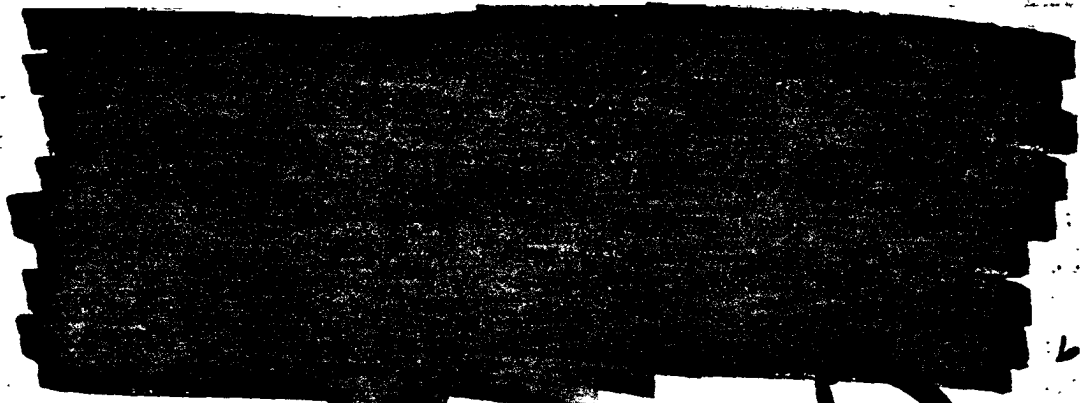
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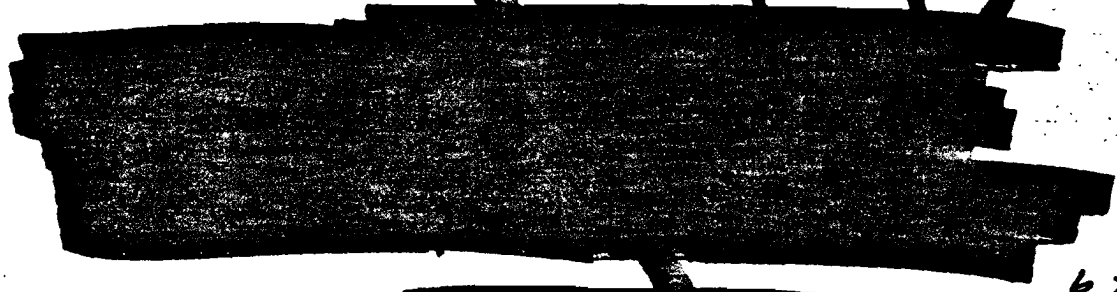
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE:

October 6, 1954

FROM : SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG
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WILLIAM MARTIN CANNING, 91 Lee Ave., Babylon, N.Y. was interviewed by the writer at his residence on even date. CANNING was a former teacher at CUNY and a [REDACTED] at the college. He advised that WILLIAM PERL, MORTON SOBELL and the subject were students at the College in the Engineering Division. He, CANNING, was teaching in the history department and he had no connection with them. He did not know them. He stated that as students they would not have been eligible for membership in the CP unit at the College since that was made up of members of the teaching staff. The three individuals above if they were in an affiliated organization would have been members of the YCL which had a chapter at the college during the period of their attendance at the college.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: *Marton Sabell*

THIS OFFICE FILE: *100-37158*
Subfile 100-2438

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Employment: *Unemployed*

Address:

Residence: *U.S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, San Francisco, Calif.*
Remarks: *Imprisoned* *No Photo*

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, and the residence address of the subject be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Employment:

Address: *Same*

Verified By:

Method of Verification:

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Residence:

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Method of Verification: *from info in file*

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The Security Index Card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

Security Index Verification
Assigned to: *J. Harrington*
Date: *10/19/54*

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SAC, New York

11/8/54

JOSEPH F. MAHER, SA (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On 11/2/54, [REDACTED] of known reliability, furnished the writer a leaflet issued by the NY Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 Sixth Ave., NY 18, NY. *b7d*

The informant advised that this leaflet was handed out to him in front of Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41 St., NY, on the evening of 10/28/54, as he was preparing to enter the hall to attend a "Salute to Attorneys" dinner held by the NY Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

The leaflet is entitled: "30 Years on Alcatraz, Why?", and is concerned with the 30 year sentence given SOBELL. The leaflet requests that SOBELL be transferred from Alcatraz to "a prison where he can see his children, where he can consult with his attorneys and where he can have the minimum privileges that are afforded the inmates of all other prisons". The leaflet requests that people write to JAMES V. BENNETT, Director of Prisons, 101 Indiana Ave., Washington, D.C.

The above leaflet will be located in the 1A exhibit of 100-107111.

- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 100-119153 (NY COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN) (#7-2)
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JOHN J. MATTIMORE, SA (100-99538) (12-16)

LUCILLE BANTA

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Attached hereto is a copy of a handwritten report dated 10/24/54. This report, which concerns a party held at the residence of LUCILLE BANTA, 601 West 113th Street, NYC, to raise funds for a woman who was to be deported, was submitted by [REDACTED] and was received by the writer, 11/3/54.

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On 11/5/54, [REDACTED] advised the writer that Mr. LEWIS GREEN, whom he referred to in his report dated 10/24/54, was identical with LOUIS GREEN, the subject of NY [REDACTED]

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If this information is used in a report it should be suitable paraphrased in order to protect the identity of the source.

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The JSSS has been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The original report of the informant is filed as serial [REDACTED] in NY [REDACTED]

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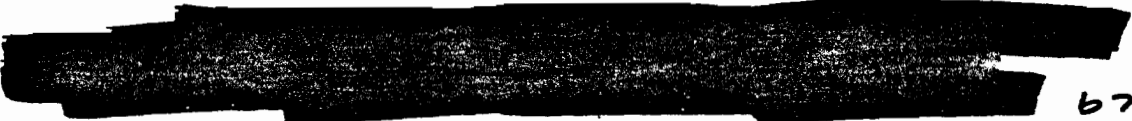
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A party was held on Oct. 23, 1954, at the residence of Miss Banta, 601 W. 113th St., NYC, NY. This party was to raise fund for a woman who was to be deported. The following persons were present:

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Mrs. Morton Sobel, wife of Morton Sobel, who is presently in prison.

A total of approx one hundred persons were present at this party. Mrs. Sobel made a speech and appealed to people to write Mr. Brownell in Washington to try and have her husband transferred to a prison here in the east.

A collection was made for this woman who is to be deported and Progressive literature was sold at the door. Drink and food were also sold.

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I have read the above report consisting of two pages. I have signed each page. The report is true and correct.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]
FROM : SA LOUIS S. LEAR
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/17/54

The documentation for the information furnished by informant is as follows:

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE FURNISHED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED]	SOBELL meeting 12/11/54	12/13/54	LOUIS S. LEAR (written)	[REDACTED]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

"December 12, 1954

"On Saturday, December 11, 1954 I attended a reception for ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, convicted spy, who was tried with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg on charges of espionage, at the home of Julia and John Samuels, 2454 Callow Avenue.

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cc: 100-15241 Balto. Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL

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- 1 Chicago (REGIS. MAIL) [REDACTED]

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"The following persons who were present have been known to me as members of the [REDACTED]

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"The following persons who were present have not been known to me as members of the Communist Party.

Rose Sobell

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"Mrs. Sobell said her son, Morton is innocent. She said he was beaten, and kidnapped in Mexico and accused or running away, being a fugitive. She said 'They' looked all over for someone to testify against Sobell, and found Max Elitcher, a former classmate of Sobell at City College. When Mrs. Sobell heard his name at the trial, she said she 'turned to stone.' She said a scientist told her Los Alamos alone didn't produce the Atom Bomb, all nations contributed something to it. She said Sobell has been harassed by FBI agents, who visit him at Alcatraz. She said her son will never implicate innocent persons. He is not permitted to see his children, and when she visits him (she hasn't seen him in two years) she has to talk to him through a wall, and can only see him through a hole. And there

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is always a guard present. She said some letters, sent to James Bennett, Director of Prisons were answered, and each answer was different. She said one of the reasons given for him being at Alcatraz was for his protection. Another reason is that he would try to escape from another prison. She said her daughter-in-law, Helen Sobell, and she tried to get lawyers for Morton, but they were afraid to take the case. She wants people to get together, like this night, and give their time to the case, and have people who do not know of the case, find out about it. She spoke to a 70 year old lawyer here, and he didn't know of the case. She told him the whole story, and he said 'What do you want me to do, Mother?' She asked him to write a letter which he did. She said in California alot is being done for Sobell. There was a huge sign, put up on a wall across from the prison saying to free Sobell.

"A collection was taken up, about \$50.00 was collected. Harold Round, 'who is of the Committee' spoke. He read the schroll which Mrs. Sobell asked us to sign (and which she said will not involve us in anything in any way) honoring Dr. Harold C. Urey, Atomic scientist. This will be given to him at a testimonial dinner in Chicago on January, 1954. Dr. Urey believes Sobell is innocent.

"Milton Bates asked Mrs. Sobell how Morton passes his time at the prison. She said he works on motors for 8 or 9 hours. He gets about 15¢ an hour, his wife received a check for about \$150.00 for the year. The only culture they have is about half an hour of music, sometimes jazz. Morton complained that there isn't a good (or any) athletic field at Alcatraz, and at the last prison where he was, there was a very good one. He is not permitted to get papers or books, not even from Publishers. He has read all the books in the prison library.

"She said Morton has an invention in mind, which he will not work on while he is in prison.

"Marshall Jones gave a little speech, during questions and answers after Mrs. Sobell's speech. He compared the

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'Federal Government leaders' to the evil persons in the Bible (like Herod). He said the weaker our hands are, the more evil the leaders will get. (Later on, Jones, Mrs. Sobell, and a few others in a group were talking, Jones made his remarks again about the leaders and Mrs. Sobell called them 'Capitalists.')

"Joanette Becker wanted to know if the United Nations could enter the case, Mrs. Sobell did not think so.

"After the speeches, refreshments were served. [redacted] told Mrs. Sobell he has one criticism to make, she used the term 'first offender' which she shouldn't because Morton is innocent.

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This memorandum has been compared with the original and is found to be accurate.

Dissemination to the main files of those individuals who are mentioned in above report as being in attendance at this reception for ROSE SOBELL, has been made by separate memos.

100-37158-1650

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York (100-37158)

DATE: Nov. 5, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (101-2483)

SUBJECT: Sobell, Morton

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Refer SAC Letter No. 54-48. (u)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MARTIN SOBEL IN
THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C. DAYLET. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. SHE WILL MAKE APPEARANCES

IN HOMES AND WILL ENDEAVOR TO RAISE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED IN
FREEING HER HUSBAND FROM PRISON. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF
DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER. b7d

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TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 1-6-55

FROM : SA ROBERT O. MURPHY (100-107111)(6)

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On [redacted] Source of Information,
(Use T-symbol) made available to the writer a copy
of an LP phonograph record (33 1/3 RPM). The record
had been made by Empire Record Corp. [redacted]

[redacted] located
at 1050 [redacted] [redacted]
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A playing of the record determined that it is
a dramatic presentation entitled "The Rock" and pur-
ports to be "The truth about MORTON SOBELL". The
story commences with SOBELL'S "arrest" in Mexico
and continues with dramatic episodes of his questioning
by authorities. Also included are alleged excerpts
of letters from SOBELL to his wife HELEN, and
parts of testimony given at his trial.

A piano supplies background music.

The record ends with an exhortation to SOBELL
to remain steadfast in his present situation and
finally he is given the promise, "...and you shall
walk free again". The record contains numerous
references of a derogatory nature to the Attorney
General's office and, in effect, to the government
of the United States.

None of the actors in the record were identified.
Instant record is located in 100-107111-1B_____.

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100-109849 (HELEN SOBELL) (6)

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JOSEPH V. WATERS, SA

JOHN WIXLEY
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On 12/16/54, [redacted] furnished SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, by mail, with a typewritten account of a reading by JOHN WIXLEY of excerpts of his book, "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," published by Cameron & Kahn, Inc. The reading took place at the home of Dr. & Mrs. HENRI WYLLIE, 444 Central Park West, NYC, on 11/21/54.

A printed invitation to this affair, also furnished by the source, describes WIXLEY as a former Hollywood screen writer.

A copy of the source's report, and the invitation is attached to each copy of this memo. The original report and invitation are retained as serial # [redacted] of [redacted] b7d

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*Preview reading by John Wexley of excerpts of his book The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg which will be available Jan 11, 1955
Published by Cameron and Kahn.

Place: the home of Mr. & Mrs. Herschel Meyer
444 Central Park West
N.Y., N.Y.

Sunday Nov. 21, 1954 8:30 to about 12:30

Subscription: \$1.00

No. of persons present: 82

Upon entering one could see in the entry floor-to ceiling book-cases against two walls which contained mainly books on Marxism, the Soviet and the People's China. In the next room were refreshments and if one wished one could have a drink with liquor by offering 50 cents at the door and then carrying a slip of paper into the kitchen. [REDACTED]

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The reading emphasized the nature of the character primarily of Dr. Fuchs and Perry Gold. Without discussing it here since it will be expressed in the book, the conclusion was that both are pathological liars and therefore not believable. The book is completely documented and claims that the evidence against the Rosenbergs was false.

An answer-question period followed the reading. Someone asked why Greenglass testified against his own sister. It was said that he was under pressure by the F.B.I. for having stolen uranium and did it to protect himself.

Why didn't Mrs. Greenglass appeal to her son to save his sister? The answer given was that she was too stingy to want to make the trip to see her son in Pennsylvania. However she made the trip but what happened Wexley did not find the time to say.

Among those present were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sarah Lichtenberg introduced the speaker and took an opportunity to say that this book will help Morton Sobell. How she did not say. However, half of the sale-price of the book (\$3.00) is being donated to the Committee for Morton Sobell. At this meeting a petition to Senator Lehman in behalf of Sobell was signed by many persons. It was requested that people write to Bennett to have Sobell transferred from Alcatraz.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 8:30 P.M.

at the home of

DR. & MRS. HENSH L MEYER

444 Central Park West, New York City

Refreshments

Subscription: \$1.00

John Wexley is the author of the classic play on capital punishment, 'The Last Mile,' and of 'They Shall not Die,' play on the Scottsboro Case. He is a former Hollywood screen writer.

His book on the Rosenberg-Sobell case will be published Jan 31 by Cameron and Kahn.....

.....You are invited to meet

JOHN WEXLEY, author

who will give a preview reading

from his forthcoming book

'The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg'

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]
FROM : SA DONALD L. MILLER
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/28/54

The documentation for the information furnished by informant is as follows:

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE FURNISHED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED]	12/11/54	12/21/54	DONALD L. MILLER	[REDACTED]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

"Baltimore, Maryland
December 21, 1954

"On Saturday evening, 12/11/54, I attended a meeting of the Baltimore Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, held at the home of John and Julia Samuels, 2454 Callow Ave., Baltimore, Md. There were approximately 40 people present and I recognized the following:

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cc: ② New York (REGIS. MAIL) (ROSE SOBELL) 100-37158-1660
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)
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"Julia Samuels opened the meeting and introduced Rose Sobell, the mother of Morton Sobell, stating that she would explain the facts behind the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

"Mrs. Sobell spoke saying that her son had always been a good boy from his youth on. She said Morton went to school with Julius Rosenberg and that he had not seen Julius more than 4 or 5 times after they got out of school. Mrs. Sobell said she could never believe that Morton would do anything against the interests of the U. S. and that he is innocent. She said he was dragged back from Mexico and that he did not receive a just, fair trial during the 8 week ordeal. She said that her son had difficulty getting any lawyer to take his case and that he was ultimately convicted on the word of only one man who accused him of being a spy. She said that it costs \$500 for her to visit Morton where he is imprisoned at Alcatraz and that she hasn't seen him in over a year because of the expense. She said when she gets to him in Alcatraz she can't see or talk to him very well because of the heavy bars. She said he is not allowed books and papers to read, and that he is subject to harassment by the authorities trying to get him to confess and tell all about the plot and who was involved. She said he can't confess, however, because he is innocent. Mrs. Sobell ended by stating that Morton Sobell's rights are being violated in that he is imprisoned in Alcatraz and she asked everyone to support the efforts to have him transferred back to the East.

"Harold Round then spoke saying that he had spent the afternoon talking with Mrs. Sobell and that he is convinced this is a good cause. He said that it takes money to help the Sobell family and to send out literature and asked everybody to give as much as they could to help Sobell. A collection was then taken up and many gave up to \$5. [REDACTED]

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"Marshall Jones made a short talk, making references from the Bible to the imprisoning of Peter, Paul and James, and urging everyone to get behind the fight for Morton

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Sobell. Marshall ended by observing that if you start a fire, you have to keep putting wood on it to keep it burning.

"Refreshments were served after the meeting [REDACTED]

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This memorandum has been compared with the original and is found to be accurate. *plh*

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A separate memo is being routed to the files of other individuals mentioned in this statement reflecting their attendance at the above meeting.

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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of
Investigation
290 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

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January 1, 1954

Dear Sir:

I am the [redacted] for [redacted] for the [redacted]
of [redacted] New York 2, N. Y.

As your office may be aware, I have taken it upon myself
in the past to report to the Special Branch at the Police
Divisional Headquarters for this district, those instances where
members of the staff here have inadvertently booked alleged
Communist or Communist Front groups for meetings at the [redacted]

[redacted] the [redacted] being the trade name [redacted]

Unfortunately I find that I failed to do so in two cases in the
early part of December and I would appreciate your advice as to
how to correct this oversight. Under date of [redacted] a group

calling themselves The Wyandot Parents Association of 49 East 19
Street, New York, N. Y., booked [redacted] Main Ballroom for a concert.

It subsequently developed that literature, etc., was being sold
covering such subjects as Martin Sobel: repeal of the Smith Act,
etc. A Mr. Ken Friedman, tel. no. ALL-8257 was the party who
signed the Contract on behalf of this group.

Make 14 photostats

1 - The Wyandot Parents Association

1 - Martin Sobel

1 - Ken Friedman (No. 76514)

1 - Goldie Kurlin Hartman

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The second party booked under the date of [redacted] under the name of Y.K.U.F. ^{On} Yiddische Kultur Farband of 189 Second Ave. New York, N. Y., for a Concert in our Main Ballroom. They also sold the same type of literature as above plus circulating a petition for the Rosenbergs.

I trust that my letter to you is germane and causes no inconvenience to your office.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature block]

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TO CHIEF CLERK:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-52794) (12-13)
FROM : THOMAS J. DOWLING, SA (#1-G)
SUBJECT: SYLVIA ROSEN
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2/11/55

A report dated 1/18/55 was received personally
by SA THOMAS J. DOWLING from [redacted] on [redacted].
This report concerned [redacted]

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(Antioch Baptist Church) (12-13)
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MEMO

NY 100-52794

A copy of this report is attached. Copies of this report have been designated for all appropriate files and the information contained in the report should not be disseminated outside of the Bureau unless it is paraphrased to protect the identity and activities of the informant.

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On [REDACTED] the informant orally supplemented the information contained in the report as follows: b7d

1. [REDACTED] made available an advertising throwaway announcing that PAUL ROBESON would give a Grand Concert at the Antioch Baptist Church, 33-17 102nd Street, Corona, New York, on 1/30/55 at 4 p.m.

[REDACTED]

The advertisement sets out the names of one Mrs. LAURA BLADES as Chairman and one Rev. A.C.L. ARBOUIN as Pastor. It further sets out that the concert is to be held under the auspices of the Worlds Baptist Alliance Committee. The advertising throwaway is being attached as an enclosure to the copy of this memorandum being designated for the NYO file on PAUL ROBESON. b7d

2. Mrs. PATTERSON's speech mentioned in the report also centered around a discussion of the "FBI Informant" who recently attempted to commit suicide as well as the coming mass meeting for the defense of WILLIAM PATTERSON to be held at the latter part of the month.

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3. [REDACTED] BERNARD WEISS
passed around the petition concerning HIRTON SOBELL,
which petition is mentioned in the report. b7d

4. The informant advised that there is no
relationship between Mr. SMALLS and Smalls Paradise
both names being mentioned in the report.

5. [REDACTED] b7d

The original copy of the attached report is
to be found in Serial [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] b7d

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January 18, 1955.

On January 15, 1955, a Fund Raising Party was held for William Patterson, Civil Rights Congress Leader who is serving a second term for contempt of court. The Party was held at the home of Sylvia and Sam Rosen, at 40-50 Denman St. Elmhurst. About 20 persons attended, including [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The group were asked to listen to a record called the Investigator, a 12 inch 33 rpm. This record is a burlesque on Senator Mc. Carthy. Mrs. Patterson made a speech about her husband's enforced imprisonment, and urged everyone present to write letters to city officials demanding his release. a collection was made in his behalf. Some persons donated \$10.00 some \$5.00 and other \$1.00. Mr. Weiss mentioned that Sobal, the man connected with the Rosenberg case was held at Alcatraz and that he was going to pass around a petition asking to have him removed to some place nearer where his family could visit him oftener. Mrs. Patterson announced that a Mass Meeting was to be held at Jugoslav Hall sometime in February and that a dinner will follow

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at Smalls Paradise. The tickets respectively, 50 cents and \$2.50.

There will also be a concert held at Antioch Baptist Church, sponsored by the church with Paul Roberson as guest artist.

TO : SAC, NY (105-7640)

DATE: 3/21/55

FROM : LAWRENCE MC WILLIAMS, SA

SUBJECT: POLISH UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION
IS - R&PO

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the following individuals were present at a reception held in honor of the departure of the Polish Ambassador J. WINIEWICZ. This affair was held at the Polish UN Delegation, NY on 2/10/55.

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If any information furnished by this informant is set forth in a report additional care should be taken to protect his identity.

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MEMORANDUM RE: *Morton Sobell, was*
Office File *100-37158 Esp-R*

RA Minkhan
J. Harrington
4-7-55

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: *U.S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, San Francisco, Calif*
Employment: *Unemployed*
Address:

Key Facility (Yes) (No) Detcom (Yes) (No) Comsab (Yes) (No)
[Redacted] (Yes) (No) Photo (Yes) (No)

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and *[Redacted]* should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

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Employment:
Address:
Key Facility: (Yes) (No) Geographical Reference Number:
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Employment Source: *U.S. Penitentiary Alcatraz, San Francisco, Cal.*
Date: *March 1955*
Verified by: *(Signature)*

Residence: *March 1955*
Method of Verification: *"*
Neighborhood Source: *Warden, Alcatraz*
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Verified By:

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***The Triumph of Science;
Morton Sobell's Dream***

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Morton Sobell

By JOSEPH KLEIN

Mrs. Morton Sobell was one of the people to whom the recent news of the victory over polio had a very special meaning.

For Helen Sobell remembers the grim days when she was stricken with polio at the age of 17 and was bedridden for a year. She managed to escape the crippling effects of the disease, but to this day she must wear orthopedic shoes.

It was more than the memory of her own plight that made the news of Dr. Salk's victory so enheartening. It was the triumph of science, the kind of triumph that she and her husband, Morton Sobell, had always dreamed about.

Morton Sobell, now imprisoned in Alcatraz on a 30-year sentence and seeking a new trial to prove his innocence of "conspiracy to commit espionage," embarked upon a career of science with the intention of using his skills to help improve the life of mankind. That is what science meant to him.

As he wrote to his wife in a letter from prison:

"I always had a dream of putting my scientific knowledge to use in the medical field—not only relating to diseases, but aiding the blind, the crippled and the deaf to pursue more normal lives." When he met Helen, the knowledge of what she had gone through when stricken with polio gave him an added longing to dedicate himself to using science for man's benefit.

But Morton Sobell was never to have this opportunity.

"In 1939," he writes, "I got my appointment as an electrical ordnance (gun) engineer, truly a far cry from my dream.

"In 1941 when I retrued to school to get my master's degree, I thought now—when I graduate. But then the war began, and naturally the fight against fascism didn't permit such dreams. And after the war I had a family, and the salaries they paid medical research workers didn't permit them to have families."

During the war there was the satisfaction of working toward the worthy cause of defeating fascism



MORTON SOBELL

But when he had to continue in war work after the fighting had stopped it was different.

"Can one dare to imagine what it should have meant to have had the vast scientific organization which was set up during the war to function along peaceful pursuits? Instead we see a whole generation of engineers, physicists and chemists suckled on war machines and still feeding the same." He calls them the "lost generation of scientists."

Virtually every job he was able to get in the postwar period involved war work. He became fed up and started looking around for some peacetime project.

"I tried to talk my firm into taking on some peaceful projects with little luck," he says. "Then I knew I'd have to leave, for my peace of soul. I imagine there are many people today in a similar situation."

Then came the nightmare of being arrested as a "spy" of being imprisoned and of seeing Ethel and Julius Rosenberg with whom he had been tried, sentenced to death and executed.

Today this scientist is in Alcatraz, completing his fifth year in prison. As people fight for his removal from the cruel prison and for a new trial so that he can prove his innocence, and as more and more people learn the truth about his case, Morton Sobell still hopes to help fulfill his dream—a dream of science used for the benefit of mankind, not for its destruction.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

DATE: 5/4/55

FROM : SA EMMETT A. SCHMITT #14

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBEL
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Miss ROSE DE ROSA, Reades Instrument Corp., 215 E. 91st St., NYC, TR 6-6000, or EN 9-0661, telephonically contacted the writer this date and advised that approximately one month ago she was contacted by an FBI Agent in regards to a letter pertaining to the subject. She stated that at that time she was unable to locate it. She advised that she now has the letter and if the interested Agent will contact her she will make it available to him.

Instant file is closed. SA Richard A. Minahan, Sec. 6, advised that he had not contacted Miss DeRosa.

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]
FROM : SA G. CURTIS SCARBOROUGH
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/21/55

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The documentation for the information furnished by informant is as follows:

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE FURNISHED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED]	Affair sponsored by MORTON SOBELL Comm. 3/24/55	3/31/55	G. CURTIS SCARBOROUGH (Written)	[REDACTED]

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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED.

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CC'S:

③ - NEW YORK (Nat'l Comm. to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL) (MRS. ROSE SOBELL), (MORTON SOBELL)

CC'S BA*

100-15241 (MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE)

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BA [redacted] b7d

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

March 24th 1955

'Tonight I attended an affair given by the MORTON SOBELL Committee. At the Home of JOHN SANULS 2454 Callow Ave. Person present were: [redacted]

[redacted] MRS. SOBELL, [redacted] b7d

In all there were about 50 persons present. [redacted]

MRS. SOBELL was introduced and she spoke of her visits to her husband in prison. She also had a copy of the New York Mirror, as she stated a complete summary of the ROSENBERG murder two years after. She explained each page and their contents as she held the paper so every one present could see it. She asked for contribution [redacted]

She asked every one present to send MORTON a card for his birthday. [redacted] b7d

[redacted] b7d
This memorandum has been compared with the original and is found to be accurate.

On 3/31/55 [redacted] furnished the agent a pamphlet concerning MATUSOW and comparing same type testimony as used against SOBELL. This was sponsored by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. Informant also furnished another leaflet setting forth the refusal of the Warden at Alcatraz to admit Mrs. SOBELL and a pamphlet entitled "Atomic Scientist (Dr. HAROLD C. UREY), also Justice for MORTON SOBELL, both published by above National Committee. These are filed in [redacted] b7d

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED] b7c1 DATE: 4/25/55
FROM : SA HARRY G. ERVIN
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] b7d

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[REDACTED] b7d	3/25/55	4/9/55	HARRY G. ERVIN (Written)	[REDACTED] b7d
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CC'S: NEW YORK-
(HELEN SOBELL);
(MORTON SOBELL)

CC'S: BALTIMORE

CC'S: WASHINGTON FIELD

CC'S: 100-15241 (ROSENBERG-SOBELL Comm.)

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100- (ROSENBERG SOBELL Comm.)

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BA [REDACTED] b7d

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

"April 9, 1955

"On March 25, 1955 I attended a meeting of the Progressive Party at the home of JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD. The ROSENBERG-SOBELL committee sponsored the affair to raise money to send out copies of a speech by a Doctor from Chicago whose name I did not learn.

"HELEN SOBELL was the speaker and she gave quite a sob speech telling of how her sons were affected by the fact that their father was in prison. She had many newspaper clippings on the whole affair including some on the ROSENBERGS. She plans to visit her husband the last part of April. She has visited him once before.

"Those present at this affair who are known to me were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would estimate that there were approximately 30 persons present. [REDACTED] b7d

"Plans were made to raise money to carry a full page of advertising in two Washington newspapers on the anniversary of the death of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG."

This memorandum has been compared with the original and is found to be accurate. [REDACTED] b7d

BA [REDACTED]

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No copies of this memo are designated to Baltimore files and no indexing is being made on those individuals who are known active subjects of WFO and for whom it is known WFO maintains main files.

If future reference is made to this information furnished by informant it will be necessary to furnish the Baltimore office with symbol number of informant, date furnished and location of information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-37158) (12-16)

DATE:

APR 11 1955

FROM : JOHN J. MATTIMORE, SA

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBEL
IS - C

Attached hereto is a copy of a handwritten report dated 1/23/54. This report, which concerns a benefit party for MORTON SOBEL, held 1/23/55, was submitted by [redacted] and received by SA JOHN J. MATTIMORE on 2/7/55.

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The original report of the informant is being retained as serial [redacted] of [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the [redacted] to whom he referred in this report, he had identified in his report dated 2/1/55. [redacted] advised further that the [redacted] to whom he referred in this report was identical with the [redacted] identified in his report of [redacted]

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If this information is used in a report, it should be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the identity of the informant.

1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
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Jan 23, 1954

"A fund raising party was given on Jan 22, 1954 at 149 Second Ave. N. Y. C. for MORTON SOBEL. The contribution was one dollar and there were approximately one hundred persons present at this party.

"The following persons were known to this writer by name.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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"There was dancing, a raffle and drinks were sold.

[REDACTED] stated that two letters were received by MRS SOBEL from MR BENNETT the director of federal prisons stating that MR SOBELS transfer was being considered. Also that MRS SOBEL and her children could visit him in Alcatraz, b7d

"Another party is being planned Saturday Jan 29, 1955 at the same residence this residence is not a loft it has been converted to an apartment.

"I have read the above report consisting of two pages, have signed each page. the report is true and correct."

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has furnished reliable information in the past, is not available to testify, and information should be protected. DREYFUS is on the Security Index in the SF office.

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The above is for the information of the NY Office.

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- cc: MORTON SOBELL (NY 100-)
- MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE (NY 100-)
- [REDACTED])
- MORTON SOBELL (SF 65-4226)
- MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE (SF 100-35117)
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MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE (NY 100-)

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MORTON SOBELL (SF 65-4228)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY
SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
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DATE: 8/1/55

In compliance with SAC Letter 55-30, the above captioned case should be reviewed under the Security Index Review Program.

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<i>R. Minahan PSM</i>	

June 18, 1955
New York

Report: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL ACTIVITIES

Re: Meeting At Carnegie Hall in NY on June 16th, 1955

A "Free Morton Sobell" and "in memory of the Rosenbergs" meeting was held on June 16th, 1955 at Carnegie Hall in NY.

The meeting was called by the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell". Up till about 8:30 p.m. the hall was less than half filled; about 9 p.m. except for the top balcony the hall was full of people.

At the entrance in the hall girls were offering to the people who came in (free of charge) "a red rose to the memory of the Rosenbergs".

The platform (speakers) was decorated on one side with two large pictures one of Ethel and another of Julius (the Rosenbergs) and on the other end of the platform was a picture of Morton Sobell and near it was an enlarged photo of the jacket of the John Wexley book "The Judgement of the Rosenbergs".

The drawing for the jacket of this book was made by artist Lockwell Kent.

The Chairman of the meeting was Dave Ulman, member of the "Comm. to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell".

Ulman spoke of "a new political trend in the country which makes possible the freeing of Morton Sobell now". He said that the Senate censure of Mc Carthy was unthinkable a year or two years ago, but it was made possible this year because of the "clearing up of the political atmosphere as the country" and that because of this "the time is now ripe to work for the freedom of Morton Sobell who is a victim of a monstrous frame up."

The chairman announced that Joseph Brainin, "the moving spirit in the struggle for the freedom of Morton Sobell and in the fight to clear the name of one great American martyr, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" couldn't be at tonight's meeting because he suddenly took sick and is now at the hospital.

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He also told the meeting that similar meetings are now being held everywhere in the country and also in many countries throughout the world. "We can not bring back the Rosenbergs but we certainly can and will have back with us Morton Sobell. There is a good chance to have him with us, possible on the same platform, in less than a year".

The singer Martha Schlamme sang the Star Spangled Banner.

The chairman read telegrams "demanding the freedom of Morton Sobell" which were addressed to the meeting from Judge Patrick O'Brien, from the state of Michigan and from Doctor Du Bois.

Rockwell Kent spoke about his "Ivory tower retreat" in the Adirondock mountains", but he pledged to do "my part together with you for the freedom of America and the peace of the world". He made a few critical remarks about the national "operation alert" on the Civil Defense. He said that "there is no fear in Europe from the so-called behind the Iron Curtain countries. What Europe is afraid of is of the fear that enveloped America. The world is in deadly fear of the mood of the trigger men who control America". He told the meeting that he was invited to participate in the world peace congress in Finland but up till now he still doesn't know if he will get his passport. He also told the meeting that he used to get from the Soviet Union different publications which suddenly stopped to come. He thought that "I not such an important person and that they stopped sending to me these books and magazines. But one day I received a letter from them in which I was asked if I keep on receiving the publications they keep on sending to me. I found out that it's not they that stopped sending to me the very desirable literature I was getting. It's here, it's the authorities in this country that confiscates this literature and prevents me from receiving it".

A one-act play "The Innocents" was presented on the platform. It pictures the last hours of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. A phone was placed in the cell of Ethel Rosenberg. An official of the Department of Justice is trying to influence Ethel to make Julius confess (Ethel: "We are innocent") and that this line will be open to the last minute; that he will be waiting on the other end of the line, etc. Julius comes into the room, sees the telephone. They talk of their innocence, love etc.

The chairman calls upon John Wexley to come on the platform. He murmurs a few words and at the appearance of Rockwell Kent he presents him with an autographed copy of his book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg".

A young woman recites a new musical composition "In memory of Two Martyrs. About a dozen people from the audience are walking through the hall into the direction and up to the platform. Some of them kneel in the front of the pictures of the Rosenbergs and all of them place red roses. Among those who knelt before the pictures of the Rosenbergs were Morris Schappes and Edith Segal.

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The last speaker was Mrs. Sobell. She told the meeting about her being in contact "with Blumet" (head of federal prisons) about transferring Morton Sobell to a federal prison on the East to enable him to work with his lawyers to prepare his appeal and that she was "unable to get from Mr. Blumet a direct answer". She read a letter from Morton Sobell in which he states that he is "innocent of the crime for which the Rosenbergs lost their lives" and for which "I was sent to prison for 30 years". She also read a letter which she addressed to President Eisenhower in which she appealed to the President to pardon Sobell who is innocent, who was convicted on perjured testimony of witnesses who tried to save themselves.

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TO: SAC, New York

DATE: 8/1/55

FROM: ARTHUR P. HEALY, SA (100-107111) (#6)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN ROSENBERG CASE
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Attached hereto is a copy of a report dated 6-18-55
furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 6-23-55 b7d

The information contained in this report should not
be disseminated outside of the Bureau unless it is paraphrased.

The original report is filed in serial [redacted] of [redacted] b7d

The informant reported on a meeting to "Free Morton
Sobell" and "in memory of the Rosenbergs" held on June 16, 1955
at Carnegie Hall in New York.

The informant reported that this organization is run by
the CP in areas where the CP is strong and active. In other areas
the CP has some part in the committees affairs. The informant
further advised that those members of the Committee who are not
CP members are for the most part CP sympathizers.

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SA, [REDACTED] (100-37158)

August 3, 1955

SAC, [REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO (65-4228)

MORTON SOBELL was.
ESPIONAGE - R
C:NY

[REDACTED] North American Airlines,
International Terminal Building, Oakland Municipal Airport, Oakland,
California (Use T symbol per his request) advised on June 30, 1955,
that Miss SYDNEY SOBELL, 506 West 135th Street, Apartment 34,
Manhattan, New York, made a claim to North American Airlines, stating
that her suitcase had been lost somewhere between New York and
Oakland, California.

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[REDACTED] stated that Miss SYDNEY SOBELL advised that she could
be contacted at the following phone numbers in the event her luggage
was located:

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SE 1-1796 (listed to SYLVIA STEINGALT, 7250 Ashbury Street,
San Francisco, California)

TH 3-9471 (listed to JULIUS PETROFSKY, 1540 Milvia Street,
Berkeley, California)

AS 3-1478 (listed to Petrof Trading Company, 1542 Milvia
Street, Berkeley, California)

[REDACTED] advised that in June, 1955, this phone number
(AS 3-1478) was billed to JULIUS PETROFSKY.

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Enclosed herewith are 36 photographs of documents which
were in the possession of Miss SYDNEY SOBELL. Said photographs were

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REGISTERED AIRMAIL

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Enclosures (36) Thirty-six photographs of documents of SYDNEY SOBELL.

CC: (CF)

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100- (PETROF TRADING CO.)

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)
FROM: SAC, SF (65-1226)

made by SAs MICHAEL J. MC HILLON and WILBERT J. WALKIRCH on
June 30, 1965. (Use T symbols)

A large percentage of the information in said photographs concerns the New York Office. Therefore, San Francisco has not processed or disseminated information contained therein.

San Francisco is maintaining one copy of the photographs in instant file and the negatives of these photographs are exhibited in San Francisco file 65-1226-1A(5h).

New York handle.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65-4228)

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)
FROM: SAC, SF (65-4228)

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A large percentage of the information in said photographs concerns the New York Office. Therefore, San Francisco has not processed or disseminated information contained therein.

San Francisco is maintaining one copy of the photographs in instant file and the negatives of these photographs are exhibited in San Francisco File 65-4228-1A(54).

New York handle.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESP-R
NY 100-37158

DATE: 9/20/55

On instant date, Assistant U.S. Attorney, SDNY, Silvio Mollo, telephonically contacted the writer and advised he had been contacted by a lawyer named PERLIN who is the attorney for MORTON SOBELL who has asked for a list of the property belonging to SOBELL in the possession of the U.S. Attorney.

Mr. Mollo stated that he has requested PERLIN to send him a letter identifying the property that he believes is in the possession of the U.S. Attorney's Office and which belongs to PERLIN'S client, MORTON SOBELL. He stated he has received a letter from PERLIN but that it has not complied with the request Mollo had made.

Mr. Mollo requested that the New York Office check its file on SOBELL and ascertain what property still remains in New York which belongs to SOBELL. I advised Mr. Mollo that I would communicate this to the agent to whom this case is assigned, request him to make the appropriate check and to contact Mr. Mollo with his findings.

I subsequently advised Agent Richard A. Minihan of the above who stated he would check the file as requested and contact Mr. Mollo.

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TO : SAC, NY (100-37158)
 FROM : SA T. J. BROWNFIELD
 SUBJECT: MARTIN SOBEL;
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DATE: 8/30/55

At 3:10 pm, 8/30/55, Mr. MARSHALL PERLIN, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, telephone MU 2-8288, telephonically contacted the writer advising he is the NY Attorney for MARTIN SOBEL.

Mr. PERLIN stated that Mr. WHELAN, SAC, San Francisco Office, FBI, had sent to the San Francisco Council ³⁴ for MARTIN SOBEL, a package for which he wanted a receipt signed by either SOBEL or his Agent acknowledging the return of personal property which had been taken from SOBEL. Mr. PERLIN stated that he indicated to the San Francisco Office that either the Office of the USA or the FBI undoubtedly had other personal property belonging to SOBEL and in that connection Mr. PERLIN suggested that a conference be arranged between the FBI and/or the USA's Office and Attorneys for SOBEL concerning the return of the other property taken from SOBEL.

Mr. PERLIN stated he received a letter from Mr. WHELAN referring him to the NYO of the FBI, which letter also stated that a copy of Mr. PERLIN'S letter to the San Francisco Office was being furnished to the NYO, FBI.

Mr. PERLIN stated the purpose of his call was to inquire about arrangements for such a conference.

I informed Mr. PERLIN that I was not personally familiar with this matter; however, I would locate the individual who is and that he would be telephonically contacted either 8/30 or 31/55 on this matter.

The details of this call were furnished telephonically to Supervisor HRADSKY, #6, 3:20 pm, 8/30/55.

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : ASAC WILLIAM G. SIMON *WGS*

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL;
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DATE: 8/31/55

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At 2:04 P.M., 8/31/55, Mr. William Branigan, Bureau, called with respect to a telephone call made to this office 8/29/55, requesting a conference pertaining to matters of evidence, which were the property of SOBELL.

Mr. Branigan stated Mr. PERLIN should be contacted and informed that, with respect to this matter, he should take it up with USA, SDNY. Mr. Branigan also stated that the USA's Office should be contacted and should be informed of this matter.

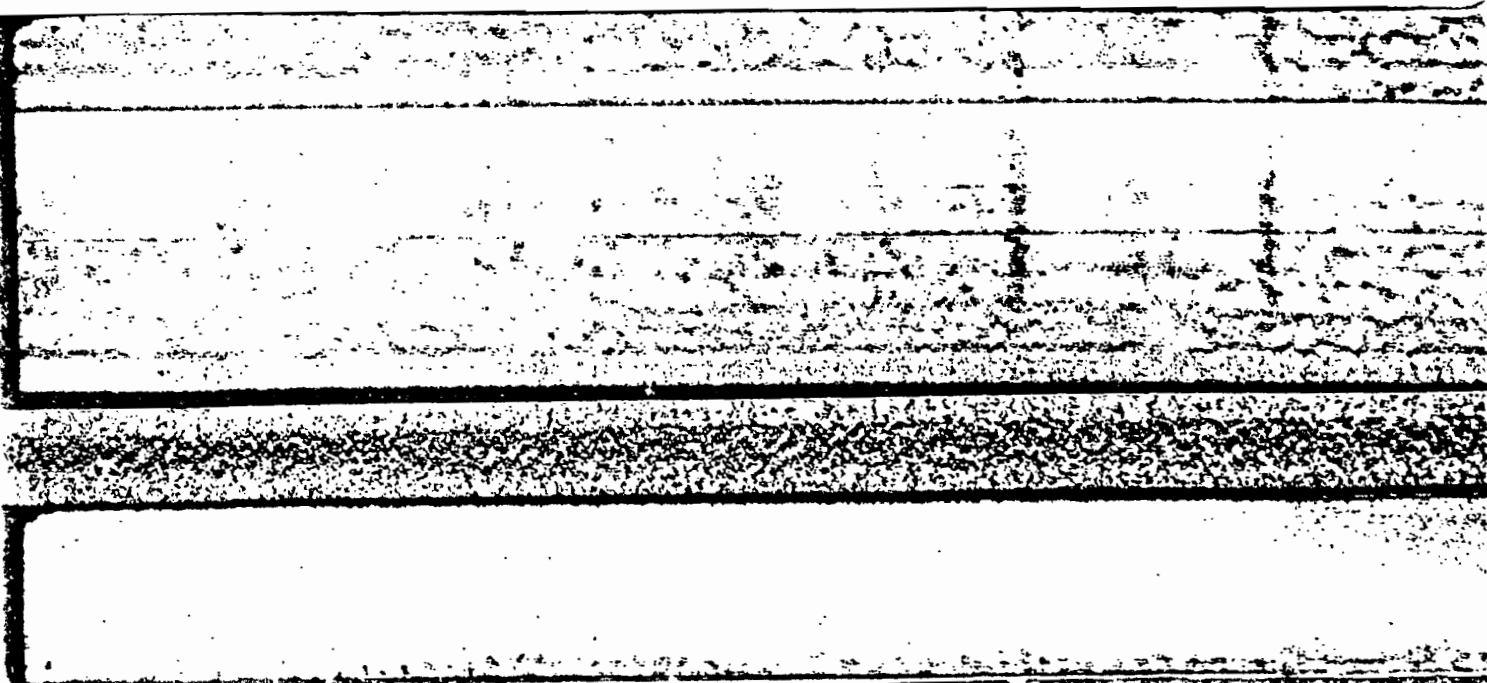
I contacted Supervisor Richard T. Hradsky and advised him of the above and he stated he would handle.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL (65-37158)
ESP-R

DATE: 9/1/55

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Re memorandum of SA T. J. Brownfield, dated 8/30/55.

On 8/31/55, I telephonically contacted Mr. Marshall Perlin, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, telephone MU 2-8288, and advised him that I was calling him in reference to the matter he had discussed with SA Brownfield on the previous day pertaining to the personal property belonging to MORTON SOBELL.

I referred Mr. Perlin to the U.S. Attorney's Office, SDNY, for any information he desired concerning the personal property of MORTON SOBELL as SOBELL'S personal property was used as evidence in the defendant's trial. Perlin stated that the property he had in mind was the personal property of MORTON SOBELL that was not used in the trial and I told Perlin that any matter pertaining to the personal effects of SOBELL was one for the U.S. Attorney. Perlin asked if I knew who was handling the matter at the U.S. Attorney's Office and I told him I did not know who was handling the SOBELL case in the U.S. Attorney's Office; that I was sure that his inquiry at the U.S. Attorney's Office would give him this information.

Perlin stated that he would like a letter from the FBI, New York Office, reflecting that he had called in reference to the MORTON SOBELL property. I did not promise Perlin a written acknowledgment of his telephone call but reiterated that any matter he wished to discuss re SOBELL should be taken up with the U.S. Attorney.

On the same date, SA George G. McKenna contacted AUSA Silvio Mollo, SDNY, and advised him we had received a ~~telephone call~~ ^{communication} from Perlin who was the New York attorney for MORTON SOBELL and that Perlin was being referred to the U.S. Attorney for any information he desired pertaining to MORTON SOBELL.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 9-2-55

FROM : SA George G. McKenna

SUBJECT: Morton Sobell ¹⁰⁰⁻
(~~65-~~37158)
Esp-R

Re memo 8-31-55 of ASAC Simon.

On the instructions of Spv Richard T. Hradsky

on 9/1/55 I contacted AUSA Silvio Mollo, SDNY and advised him that we had been contacted by Mr. Marshall Perlin of the firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, 342 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C. concerning the return of personal property belonging to Morton Sobell. Mr. Silvio Mollo was informed that Perlin was advised to get in touch with the U. S. Attorney's office for a matter of this nature. Mr. Mollo was advised that the U. S. Attorney's office could expect to be contacted by Perlin in the near future. He was also advised that SA Richard Minichan was the agent in the New York office handling the Sobell case. Mr. Mollo thanked me for the information.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: SEP 19 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE IS-C; ISA of 1950 (OO: NY)

In connection with the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearings regarding captioned organization held on 8/2-5/55 at Washington, D. C., the following information was obtained regarding individuals who participated in these hearings.

[redacted] (protect identity at request), a source of information of this office, who is the [redacted] of the Congressional Hotel, 300 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D. C., on 8/2/55 advised SAs WILFRED L. BERGERON and JOHN T. MINNICH that Mr. and Mrs. DON ROTHENBERG, 1031 E. 125th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, registered at that hotel on 8/1/55 at 7:54 AM and were assigned Room # 510; Mrs. MORTON SOBELL and party of 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, registered at that hotel on 8/1/55 at 8:35 PM and were assigned Room # 822. b7d

REGISTERED MAIL

CMG:ejm (20)

- 1 - New York [redacted] (RM)
- ① - New York 100-[redacted] (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (100-25530) (RM) (1 - [redacted])
- 3 - Cleveland (100-20243) (RM) (1 - [redacted]) (1 - [redacted])
- 2 - Detroit (100-20938) (RM) (1 - [redacted]) b7c
- 2 - Newark (100-36202) (RM) (1 - [redacted])
- 1 - WFO [redacted]
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- 1 - WFO 100-3074 (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL)

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On 8/3/55 [REDACTED] (protect identity at her request) [REDACTED] advised SA CARROLL M. GARNETT that at 1:34 PM on 8/2/55 Mrs. MORTON SOBELL checked out of Room #822 of that hotel and moved into Room #818, registered to RUTH BELMONT, 1163 E. 54th Street, Chicago, Illinois, who registered at that hotel at 12:41 AM on 8/2/55. b7d

[REDACTED] stated there had been frequent telephone calls between Rooms #818 and 310 of that hotel. She stated that #310 was registered to DAVID ALMAN of Englishtown, New Jersey, and who arrived at that hotel on 8/1/55, was initially assigned Room #105, but was later assigned Room #310. b7d

On 8/5/55, [REDACTED] supra, provided the following information to SA CARROLL M. GARNETT regarding individuals residing at that hotel on the dates indicated:

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3:00 PM - "Room # 509 has been calling Room 818 and Room 310 but no one answers."

4:45 PM - "A Mrs. KURTZ called Mr. ROTHENBERG and Mr. ALMAN but no answer. She asked operator to say, if either should call in, that she was waiting in lobby (Mrs. KURTZ medium brunette, 35-40)."

5:45 PM - "New York called Mr. ALMAN. New York operator said Mr. ALMAN would be in either Rooms 818, 510 or 310. Mr. ALMAN was not in and woman in 818 asked if party would speak with Mrs. SOBELL."

About 3:30 PM - "Western Union Money Order came for Mr. ALMAN."

6:00 PM - "Mr. ROTHENBERG called from outside. Message was given to him that Mrs. KURTZ was in lobby. She was paged but did not answer. Desk clerk said a group of people had come in and she had gone upstairs with them."

6:00 PM - "A call from outside came in asking for a Mr. HARAP in Room 805. He did not answer. Call was transferred at caller's request to Room 818." Records of hotel revealed LOUIS HARAP, 83 Horatio, New York, 14, New York, registered to Room 805.

7:30 PM - "Room 310 called Room Service."

7:40 PM - "Room 510 called Room 818; left word for Mrs. SOBELL to call."

7:45 PM - "Room 510 called Cleveland - Alster 1-6125."

7:33 PM - "Room 310 called Englishtown, New Jersey, 73184."

8:20 PM - "Room 510 called JO 2-6400." (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists ABRAHAM ELOOM, 1202 Mississippi Avenue, SE, as the subscriber to JO 2-6400.)

9:35 PM - "Room 510 called the following numbers:

"DI 7-1500" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the Associated Press, Evening Star Building, as the subscriber to DI 7-1500.)

"EX 3-3430" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the United Press Association, National Press Building, as the subscriber to EX 3-3430.)