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"RE 7-1234" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the Washington Post and Times Herald, 1515 L, NW, as the subscriber to RE 7-1234.)

"RA 6-4020" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists JACK STEELE, 4200 18th Street, NW, as the subscriber to RA 6-4020.)

It is noted that WFO 516-S\* on 12/10/48 advised that JACK STEELE was employed at the Washington, D. C., office of the New York Herald Tribune and that on that date STEELE was contacted by HERMAN GREENBERG in regard to an article STEELE had written; GREENBERG stated that STEELE's article was not correct in stating "we" represent EISLER in the Supreme Court on the deportation case; GREENBERG stated that what is correct is that "we" represent EISLER in the Supreme Court in the case where he was convicted for contempt of "the Committee"; STEELE replied that he would attempt to correct the error in subsequent articles.

No other references are contained by WFO identifiable to JACK STEELE. It is noted that the current D. C. City Directory lists JACK STEELE as residing 4200 18th Street, NW, and employed as a reporter for the New York Herald Tribune.

"NA 8-3016" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the New York Times Bureau, 1701 K, NW, as the subscriber to NA 8-3016.)

9:55 PM - "Room 510 called following numbers:

"DI 7-7777" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the Washington News Daily, 1013 13th Street, NW, as the subscriber to DI 7-7777.)

"ST 3-5000" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the Evening and Sunday Star Newspaper Company, 11th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, as the subscriber to ST 3-5000.)

"NA 8-0290" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the New York Herald - Tribune Newspaper, National Press Building, as the subscriber to NA 8-0290.)

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10:15 AM - "Room 813 called DI 7-4342, but no answer." (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the Union Sightseeing Tours, 500 North Capitol Street, as the subscriber to DI 7-4342.)

About 1:30 PM - "Room 510 checked out."

3:27 PM - "Room 310 called Englishtown, New Jersey, 73184."

Approximately 3:00 PM - "Room 818 called Capital Airlines; Room 818 called LI 4-8746." (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the Public Affairs Institute, 312 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, as the subscriber to LI 48746.)

3:25 PM - "Room 818, NEIDELMAN, called EDNA CAPLAN, New York, JU 2-1890." (This apparently refers to EVE NEIDELMAN who testified before HCUA on 8/4/55 in regard to subject organization and stated she resided in Detroit, Michigan.)

4:25 PM - "Mrs. SOBELL checked out of Room 818; she is taking messages in Room 310; called ST 3-5000." (This number has previously been identified as being listed to the Evening and Sunday Star Newspaper Company.)

5:15 PM - "Mrs. SOBELL paid by check her account and Mrs. BELMONT's account."

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3:47 PM - "Room 310, ALMAN, called Cleveland Alster 16125."

4:13 PM - "ALMAN called New York, LO 4-9585."

4:15 PM - "Room 310 called the following numbers:

"ST 3-5000" (Previously identified as being listed to the Evening and Sunday Star Newspaper Company.)

"ST 3-3000" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the Capital Airlines, Washington National Airport, as the subscriber to ST 3-3000.)

"NA 8-3406" (The 6/55 D. C. Telephone Directory lists the Alderson Reporting Company, Shorthand Reporters, 306 9th Street, NW, as the subscribers to NA 8-3406.)

(It is to be noted that the HCUA testimony regarding subject organization, taken on 8/2-5/55, was prepared by the Alderson Reporting Company.)

"Room 310 called Cleveland, Alster 1-6125."

"Room 310 called New York City, Longacre 4-9589."

On 8/3/55 [REDACTED] supra, advised SA JOHN T. MINNICH that a J. JULIEN GRUNBERG of 72 Booth Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, registered at the Congressional Hotel for two days on 8/1/55 and was assigned Room # 509. [REDACTED] stated it was his opinion this individual was with the above referred to group of Mrs. SOBELL, inasmuch as GRUNBERG arrived at the Hotel at the same time as the SOBELL group. *b7d*

On 8/3/55, [REDACTED] supra, advised that J. JULIEN GRUNBERG checked out of Room 509 at 4:34 PM on 8/2/55.

Indices of WFO are negative of identifiable information to this individual. *b7d*

The above is being furnished appropriate offices for their information. P.

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Re: Morton Sobell  
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On 10/1/55 S. A. Frank Hudson, Bureau, Crime Records Section requested a check be made of the NY Times for 9-30-55 concerning a speech made by Senator Lehger at a rally sponsored by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. He requested a clipping be made and mailed to the Bureau; All Crime Records section to reach them on Monday 10/3/55.

The clipping was obtained and mailed as requested.

The two copies of the NY Times for 9/30/55 in the newspaper clipping

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section reflect that this article has  
already been clipped from each  
copy.

The caption on the article is  
"Justice for Sobell is urged by  
Kanger"

A. P. Duffy, S.A.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-119902)

10/3/55

EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND, SA

LEONARD POTASH, wa:  
Lennie Potash  
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Source: [redacted] (protect) b7d  
Reliability: has furnished reliable information  
in the past  
Date of activity: July, 1955  
Date received: [redacted]  
Received by: SA EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND (oral)  
Location: [redacted] b7c

On [redacted], Informant orally advised SA EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND [redacted] LEONARD POTASH had [redacted] recently returned to Brooklyn, New York, for the summer from Los Angeles, California, and that he would return to Los Angeles prior to the school term in the fall of 1955. [redacted] POTASH said that he is going to the City College of Los Angeles and will probably matriculate to U.C.L.A. in Los Angeles. b7d

[redacted] POTASH said that he is back with the LYL in Los Angeles and that he is very active in the LYL in that city. b7d

[redacted] POTASH, is chairman of the Youth Committee of the Morton Sobell Committee in Los Angeles. b7d

- 1 - NY [redacted]
- 1 - L.A. 100- [redacted] (SIDNEY SOBELL)
- 1 - L.A. 100- [redacted] (LEONARD POTASH)
- 1 - NY 100- [redacted] (SIDNEY SOBELL)
- 1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100- [redacted] (MORTON SOBELL) (#12-14)

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[REDACTED] POTASH said that he and SYDNEY SOBELL were desirous of organizing the above-mentioned Morton Sobell Committee in NYC. According to the informant, [REDACTED] SYDNEY SOBELL [REDACTED] is the daughter of MORTON SOBELL. b7d

Concerning SYDNEY SOBELL, [REDACTED] she was one of 200 persons to win a scholarship to the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, and will probably enter that institute this fall. b7d

The informant stated that he has met SYDNEY SOBELL on one occasion [REDACTED] b7d

The informant described SYDNEY SOBELL as follows:

|                 |               |
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| Race            | White         |
| Sex             | Female        |
| Age             | about 17      |
| Height          | 5'3"          |
| Weight          | 115 pounds    |
| Build           | Medium        |
| Hair            | Brunette      |
| Characteristics | Wears glasses |

The informant advised that the New York telephone number for POTASH is CO 6-4275.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (7-2)  
FROM : SA ALESIO SAVIOLA  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C

DATE: 10/21/55

Source: [REDACTED] (Panel Source-protect)  
Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past b7d  
Date of Activity: 9/29/55 (Assembly for Justice for MORTON SOBELL sponsored by National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL - Carnegie Hall, NYC; so described by "Daily Worker," 9/29/55, page 8, columns 1 and 2)

Description of documents furnished (1) Program for above described assembly  
(2) Leaflet distributed at above assembly. Leaflet is entitled "The Facts in the Case of MORTON SOBELL."

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[REDACTED]  
100- (MORTON SOBELL)  
[REDACTED]  
100-107111 (MORTON SOBELL)  
100-37158 (MORTON SOBELL)  
65-14873 (MAX WITCHER)

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documents furnished  
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- (3) A card distributed at above assembly intended to be sent to the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL with the sender's name and address, indicating that the sender fitted one of the following categories:
- a. Desired further information
  - b. Desired to work with the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL
  - c. Desired copy or copies of JOHN WEXLEY'S "The Judgement of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG"
- (4) Notes taken by [redacted] while attending the assembly on 9/29/55
- (5) Oral information furnished by [redacted] b7d

Dates documents and  
oral information  
received:  
Received by:  
Location:

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SA ALESIO SAVIOLA

- (1) The program 100-107111 - 1B673
- (2) Leaflet 100-107111 - 1B674
- (3) Card 100-107111 - 1B675
- (4) Notes of [redacted]
- (5) Oral information - instant memo b7d

Panel source, [redacted] attended the above described assembly for Justice for MORTON SOBELL at Carnegie Hall on 9/29/55. He furnished the above described documents and oral report regarding the assembly. The affair did not begin until after 8:30 p.m. (It was scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.) The hall was quite well filled. [redacted] estimated that there were at least 1800 persons present. A program for the affair was distributed as the audience arrived. The program listed the following people:

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- 1. ANGUS CAMERON, Publisher, Chairman of the Assembly
- 2. DAVID ALMON, Novelist, "The Injustice Against MORTON SOBELL"

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3. WALDO FRANK, Novelist
4. ROSE SOBELL, Mother of MORTON SOBELL
5. WARREN K. BILLINGS, Defendant in the MOONEY-BIJINGS Case.
6. YURI SUHL, Poet-Novelist
7. A Duet, MARTHA SCHLAMME and NADYNE BREWER
8. EDNA GRIFFIN "The Nation Fights for Justice"
9. HELEN SOBELL, Wife of MORTON SOBELL Introducing Senator LANGER
10. WILLIAM LANGER, United States Senator.

The program also contained the notes urging an investigation of the Constitutional questions in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case be addressed to Senator THOMAS C. HENNING, Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, U.S. Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

The source stated that ANGUS CAMERON acted as chairman of the assembly.

CAMERON stated that MORTON SOBELL is as innocent as you or I. He said he finds it hard to believe that this case actually occurred here, but it did. He said we are here to learn the facts in the case of MORTON SOBELL, but the fact of the matter is that there are no facts in this case. Everything was fabricated. The man was jailed and taken from his home to keep the truth locked up. He was picked up and kidnapped in order to prove that there are spies in the country. CAMERON urged that telegrams and letters be sent to the Senate Committee on Constitutional Rights asking that Senator HENNING make justice out of this injustice. He also urged letter to JAMES V. BINNETT, Director of Prisons, urging that MORTON SOBELL be transferred from Alcatraz to an institution in the East so that he could be closer to his family and friends.

DAVID ALMAN was the next speaker. CAMERON introduced him as the National Secretary of the SOBELL Committee. ALMAN stated that he had just completed a successful trip throughout the nation organizing local SOBELL committees. He claimed that this was a trumped up case. He rehashed the story of MORTON SOBELL. He charged that he was kidnapped like one of the worst criminals and delivered to government agents without the

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benefit of extradition, because the government could not prove their case. He charged that SOBELL was convicted solely on the testimony of MAX ELITCHER who testified against SOBELL after the government had promised that it would not prosecute him for perjury. ALMAN also asked that letters be sent to Congress urging an investigation of the case and/or that MORTON SOBELL be transferred to a penal institution in the East. He pointed out that HELEN SOBELL could not see her husband except at infrequent intervals and then, only through glass partitions and speaking through a telephone.

The next speaker was WARREN K. BILLINGS, who was given a standing ovation. BILLINGS compared his own case with that of SOBELL. He charged that the government made up the case and that the government agents are brainwashers. He warned people must stop this sort of thing for their own good. He said government agents wanted him to testify against himself and MOONEY at the time he was arrested, however, there was nothing to testify to; therefore, I did not testify falsely. So, also, it is with MORTON SOBELL. There is nothing to testify to so he is refusing requests or invitations to testify falsely and, therefore, remains in jail.

WILDO FRANK was the next speaker. FRANK stated that it was better that 99 criminals go free than to have one innocent man remain in jail. It was plain that he felt that MORTON SOBELL was the innocent man. FRANK charged that SOBELL was kidnapped and illegally turned over to government agents. He charged that SOBELL was convicted by the testimony of a false witness. He also criticized the conduct of the trial judge and what he called the press hysteria which accompanied the SOBELL case.

YURI SUHL was the next speaker. He stated that he had just returned from a trip through Canada and the US, organizing local SOBELL committees and collecting funds to push a drive to release SOBELL. SUHL made a collection speech. According to the source, the highest single contribution or pledge was \$600. GUMITS tried to keep track of the amount of the money collected and he estimated that it must have been more than \$4000.

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The next speaker was HELEN SOBELL who read the letter from her husband which stated that he has not given up hope. HELEN SOBELL introduced Senator LANGER. Mrs. SOBELL asked his cooperation in making an investigation as to why her husband had been sent to Alcatraz, the worst federal prison.

When Senator LANGER spoke, he directed brief preliminary remarks to the reporters near the front of the hall. It appeared to the source that one of the reporters was a Mr. KANE (PH), who might have been representing a newspaper or newspapers in North Dakota. LANGER stated that he was not afraid to be speaking at this assembly and that he wanted Mr. KANE to make certain that the people of North Dakota were notified of the events. LANGER told the audience that he has asked an investigation of the Constitutional rights involved in this case. He promised to do anything he could to make certain that justice was done in the case of MORTON SOBELL.

LANGER completed his speech at about 11:15 p.m., when there was an intermission.

[REDACTED]

This individual informed [REDACTED] that the duet, WADYNE BREWER and MERTHA SCHLAMPE, would entertain for a few moments. They would be followed by a speech by ROSE M. SOBELL, the mother of MORTON.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-  
FROM : JAMES J. JOHNSTON, SA  
SUBJECT: *Morton Sobell*  
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Identity of Informant;

DATE: 11/28/55

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*49110*  
*100-37158*

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NY 1642-S\*  
Who is in a logical position to furnish reliable information.

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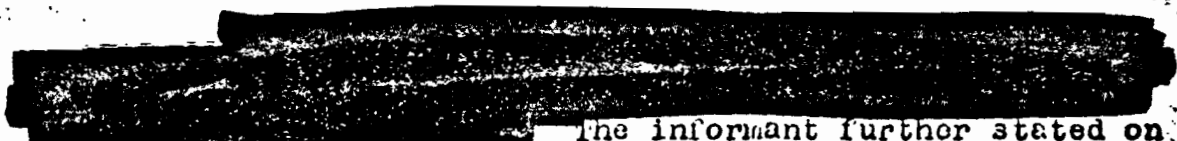
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NY 1642-S\* on 11/9/55 furnished information concerning the above captioned (individual - organization), which information was maintained in the residence of HERBERT LAWRENCE WHEELDIN.

HERBERT LAWRENCE WHEELDIN may be documented as follows:



The informant further stated on 7/14/55 that HERB WHEELDIN was reported in over-all charge of the Harlem Region and was to operate the Harlem Regional Headquarters.

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Information furnished by NY 1642-S\* should be carefully paraphrased to conceal the informant's identity.

Information furnished by NY 1642-S\* is set forth below. Where this information is not set forth in its entirety as it appears in context, it is suggested that the original exhibit be reviewed.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: MORTON SOBELL, was DATE 1-6-56  
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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 Calif -  
Employment: Inmate Sentenced to 30 yrs on 4/5/51  
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: Same

Address:

Key Facility: (Yes ) (No ) Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom and Comsab: (Yes ) (No )

Method of Verification: File Review

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Employment Source:

Date: 1/5/56

Verified by: Mr. J. Nicholas

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*[Signature]*

Residence:

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Verified By: Mr. J. Nicholas

Security Index Verification

FD 122 should be submitted to Bureau: (Yes ) (No )

Mr. J. Nicholas  
Date: 1/5/56

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### Sobell Transfer Plea To Be Heard Nov. 26

An appeal for the transfer of Morton Sobell from Alcatraz will be made to the Classification Board of Alcatraz prison, which meets Nov. 26 in San Francisco.

The board reviews the status of Alcatraz prisoners and makes recommendations for transfers.

Mrs Sobell will submit the appeal to the board for her husband, who was convicted for "conspiracy to commit espionage" and is under a 30-year sentence. Sobell maintains his innocence and is seeking a new trial. The Supreme Court has never reviewed his case.

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is urging that people write to the Classification Board in support of transfer. The Classification Board consists of the warden, the prison chaplain and other officials.

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SAC, New York

February 28, 1956

SAC, New Haven (65-1363)

MORTON SOBELL, was.  
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██████████ who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available on February 1, 1956, to SA GLENN D. ROSENQUIST the following letters appealing for funds from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York, 10, New York, which are enclosed herewith for the information of your office:

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1. Dear Friend, not dated, signed DAVID ALMAN
2. Dear Friend, dated 1/12/56, signed DAVID ALMAN
3. Reprint from "The Nation," 12/24/55
4. Letter "The Sobell Case Across the Country" dated January 1956
5. Dear Friend, not dated, signed DAVID ALMAN

██████████ received the above by mail during January 1956.

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC, New Haven (65-1363)

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SA RICHARD F. PATES

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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On 12/19/55, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] trash discarded on that date from the apartment jointly occupied by ANNA ROCHESTER and GRACE HUTCHINS at 85 Bedford St., NYC.

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The following items were obtained by the writer from this trash:

1. Apprinted, undated, circular letter, addressed to "Dear Friend" issued by the "Committee To Secure Justice For MORTON SOBELL," 940 Broadway, New York 10, NY, telephone AL-4-9983, requesting contributions and bearing the printed signature of Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL. This letter noted that enclosed with it were poems of MORTON'S wife, HELEN.

This letter is being submitted as an exhibit to the file of the subject organization.

2. A 4 page leaflet containing 3 poems by and a photograph of Mrs. MORTON SOBELL. This leaflet is being submitted as an exhibit to the file of HELEN SOBELL. Six copies of the photograph of Mrs. SOBELL appearing on this leaflet have been prepared. Three copies and a negative are being submitted to Mrs. SOBELL'S file. Three copies have been routed to Section 12-8 for attachment to the Security Index card on Mrs. SOBELL, inasmuch as no photograph of Mrs. SOBELL was previously available on her SI card. It is to be noted that the date this photograph was taken is unknown.

- 1 - NY [REDACTED] b7d
- 1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] (ROSE SOBELL) (7-6)
- 1 - NY 100-37158 (MORTON SOBELL) (sect. 6)
- 1 - NY 100-102842 (HELEN SOBELL) (sect. 6)
- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
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**ATTACK ON F. B. I. HIT**

**U. S. Professor Accuses Lord Russell of Distortion**

LONDON, March 31 (Reuters) —An American professor today accused Earl Russell, British philosopher, of "McCarthyism in reverse" because of a letter he wrote to The Manchester Guardian in support of Morton Sobell, jailed in the United States for passing secrets to Russia.

Prof. Bradford Perkins, Assistant Professor of History at the University of California, in a letter to the liberal newspaper, declared:

"That the sentences given in this case were harsh, not that the verdicts were wrong, is the utmost that I think informed non-Communist liberals in America would admit."

The professor, who wrote from a London address, said he "absolutely denied the phantasmagoria" of an indictment by Lord Russell of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Lord Russell compared F. B. I. technique with that of "other police states such as Nazi Germany and Stalin's Russia."

"Lord Russell's shrill and distorted protest can only please those who welcome Anglo-American discord," the professor wrote.

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Memo

Re: Norton Sobell, was  
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WFO airtel, 4/5/56, captioned, National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, aka, 15-C, ISA of 1950, advised that information was received from WF 822-S\* who has supplied reliable information in the past, reporting that Emily Aluman contacted Sylvia Bernstein on 4-5-56, that Aluman informed Bernstein that Norton Sobell's father, Louis Sobell died on 4/1/56 in NYC; efforts will be made to gain permission for Norton Sobell to attend funeral; if permission granted, funeral will be held Sunday 4/8/56 and funds will have to be raised to provide passage for Norton Sobell by air from West Coast and return plus fare for 2 guards.

Aluman advised permission not yet received but if request denied, the funeral will be held Friday morning, 4/6/56.

Aluman said if permission is denied, a large amount of publicity will be given the denial by the Government. She also mentioned that, Rose Sobell, wife of Louis, was in Paris and is

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SA EDWARD M. ANCIN

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE  
ROSENBERG CASE  
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[REDACTED] (protect), who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to SA EDWARD M. ANCIN on 4/4/56 a four page leaflet entitled "Innocent". The cover also contained pictures of Mr. and Mrs. MORTON SOBELL and a plea from Mrs. SOBELL proclaiming her husband's innocence.

The article inside entitled "Convicted without evidence!" by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL briefly decried the case against her husband by pointing out there was no evidence proving espionage by her husband. Only one witness - MAX ELITCHER appeared against her husband and according to her he admitted under oath that he hoped to escape prosecution by appearing against her husband.

The fourth page asked people to request Senator THOMAS C. HENNING, JR., Chairman, Sub-Committee on Constitutional Rights, to include SOBELL case on their agenda.

Contributions were urgently requested to be mailed with a clipped coupon portion addressed to Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, NYC, NY.

The informant obtained this folder at a Smith Act Rally, Carnegie Hall 3/28/56, sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee which has been made the subject of a separate memo.

This folder is being made a portion of captioned case  
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- 1 - NY (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL) (6)
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April 26, 1956

Honorable Paul W. Williams  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York  
United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York Re: Morton Sobell

Dear Mr. Williams: Attention of Silvio J. Mollo  
Assistant United States Attorney

Pursuant to your inquiry, the following listing was compiled of the property of Morton Sobell maintained in the New York FBI office after forwarding to the San Francisco FBI office for return to Sobell in September 1954, the balance of his property taken from him at the time of his arrest:

- ✓ 1. Mexican tourist card for Morton Sobell, #070538, dated 6/22/50, New York, N.Y.
- ✓ 2. Mexican tourist card for Helen L. Sobell, #070544, dated 6/22/50, New York, N.Y.
- ✓ 3. Certificate of vaccination for Sidney Sobell
- ✓ 4. Mexican tourist visa for Mary Sobell dated 6/23/50, at Mexico, D.F.
- ✓ 5. Mexican tourist visa for Sidney Sobell dated 6/23/50, at Mexico, D.F.
- ✓ 6. Certificate of vaccination for Morton Sobell dated 8/8/50, at Mexico, D.F.
- ✓ 7. Certificate of vaccination for Helen L. Sobell dated 8/11/50, at Mexico, D.F.
- ✓ 8. Schedule of the Home Lines "SS Argentina" Central-American-European Service, Provisional East Bound Trip, June 1951 (revised)

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- ✓ 9. Schedule for "SS Argentina" itinerary, 1950
- ✓ 10. Sailing schedule of Polish ports issued by Ministry of Shipping
- ✓ 11. "Boletin Economico" issued by agricultural office containing sailing schedules to Rumania, Bulgaria and Poland, and written in Spanish
- ✓ 12. Home Lines schedule for "SS Argentina" issued for Wagons-Lits/Cook
- ✓ 13. Cuban travel folder
- ✓ 14. Pan American World Airways time table June 1950
- ✓ 15. Pamphlet by Air France of schedules and fares, Schedule #32
- ✓ 16. Pamphlet of Cuban Tourist Commission
- ✓ 17. Airlines schedule issued by Salidas de Aviones
- ✓ 18. Sucesos map of Europe and northern Africa
- ✓ 19. Scraps of paper torn from envelope shows Manuel resides at 153-5 Cordova, Mexico
- ✓ 20. Four pieces of paper on which appear several lines in pencil written in Spanish
- ✓ 21. Copies of rough drawing entitled, "Voltage to digital converter," 6/19/50
- ✓ 22. Seven letters found in Sobell's luggage containing some of the aliases he used while he was in Mexico

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. KELLY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 5/2/56

FROM : ASAC WILLIAM G. SIMON (100-37158)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL  
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At 5:11 P.M., 5/1/56, EDWARD RANZAL, of the NY Times, telephonically advised he had overheard a young man, whose identity he did not know but who he believes is active on the COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, indicate at the NY Times office that within several days a motion is being filed in Federal Court for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL on the basis the government used perjured evidence. An attorney named PERLIN in the office of FRANK <sup>BOVAGE</sup> DOWNS, is representing SOBELL. RANZAL said he had no further information but he wanted to pass on the above to this office. I thanked him for this call.

At 5:40 P.M., after conferring with SA Richard T. Hradsky, I spoke to Inspector Carl E. Hennrich, Bureau, and gave him the foregoing information. I told him that, while we had been checking records at the Court House, we would make an additional check on 5/2/56 to determine whether or not any motions had been filed as yet, and we would, thereafter, advise the Bureau. Mr. Hennrich stated this would be satisfactory.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

5-8-56

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 MANIFEST TO SHOW THAT SOBELL WAS VALIDLY DEPORTED PURSUANT TO AUTHORIZED  
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 AS CORROBORATION OF TESTIMONY GIVEN BY AN ADMITTED PERJURER, MAX ELITCHER  
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Approved: JJK  
 Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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TO: SAC  
FROM: SA LLOYD S. GOODROW  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL GUARDIAN  
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INC.  
IS-C; ISA-50

DATE: 11/17 1956

Meeting: MORTON SOBELL dinner,  
sponsored by the National  
Guardian Readers Club,  
Bridgeport, Conn.  
Date: 4/7/56  
Place: 53 Prospect St., Bridgeport,  
Conn.  
Info Received: 4/23/56  
Informant: [REDACTED]  
Furnished to: SA LLOYD S. GOODROW b7d  
Location: [REDACTED]

Information concerning the above meeting was secured from [REDACTED] on 4/23/56.

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[REDACTED] on 4/23/56 advised that the National Guardian Readers Club of Bridgeport, Conn., sponsored a MORTON SOBELL dinner at the home of PAULA MacLEESH, 53 Prospect St., Bridgeport, Conn., on 4/7/56. This dinner was given on behalf of MORTON SOBELL for the purpose of helping him win his case with the government.

The guest speaker for this affair was a SARA HAMING from New York City. Mrs. HAMING, who seems to be a rather active member of the SOBELL committee had the following to say in her brief message.

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MAX ELITCHER

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Even though we have failed in our efforts to save the lives of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, the least that we can do is to get MORTON SOBELL out of jail. Mrs. HANING then went on to tell that MORTON SOBELL was supposed to have been deported from Mexico, even though the Mexican government had no intention of any deportation action against him.

Mrs. HANING stated that SOBELL, ROSENBERG, and ELITCHER ~~REHMAN~~ were classmates, but due to pressure, ELITCHER ~~REHMAN~~ made some damaging statements that contributed to SOBELL's being confined where he is.

SOBELL's father passed away 4/5/56. The family requested that SOBELL be permitted to attend the funeral, but the request was turned down even though they offered to pay all his expenses. The reason given was that it was too long a journey and it would entail increase in administrative activities. Despite the pleading of presidents of the community, ministers, rabbis and even Senator LAUGHER (R) SOBELL's request to attend his father's funeral was still turned down.

Mrs. HANING ended her talk by saying the lawyers and the Committees for MORTON SOBELL feel that the case of MORTON SOBELL is now known to the public. With pressure applied to the right place at the right time, they can get a new trial or possibly his freedom.

Those who attended the SOBELL dinner are as follows:

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 5/8/56

FROM : SA JOHN J. O'BRIEN (100-37158)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL  
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At 12:15 P.M., 5/8/56, after speaking with SA Richard T. Hradsky, the writer telephonically contacted the Bureau and spoke to Inspector Carl E. Hennrich.

Mr. Hennrich was advised that contact by this office with USA Paul Williams reflected that the latter was reviewing the papers filed in connection with the above case. However, Mr. Williams advised that, in substance, the papers reflect that they were a motion for an order to set aside the sentence and judgment or, in the alternative, to grant a new trial, based upon use by the prosecution of false and perjured testimony and of documents reflecting deportation of SOBELL from Mexico, which the government knew were false. Mr. Hennrich was advised that in our contacts with the USA's office, we would secure these papers for photostating and the Bureau would be kept posted as to developments in this matter.

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TO : SAC. New York  
 FROM : SA. R.T. Madisky  
 SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL, was.  
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DATE: May 11, 1956

PHOTOSTATS WERE MADE OF THE PAPERS LISTED IN THE LETTER TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY, PAUL W. WILLIAMS, DATED APRIL 26, 1956, WHICH REFLECTED THE PAPERS RETAINED IN THE NEW YORK FBI OFFICE THAT WERE OBTAINED FROM MORTON SOBELL AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST.

THESE PHOTOSTATS WERE MADE BY PHOTO LABORATORY EMPLOYEE, GORDON CANNEY ON MAY 8, 1956 AND ARE MAINTAINED IN THE CASE FILE EXHIBIT ENVELOPES.

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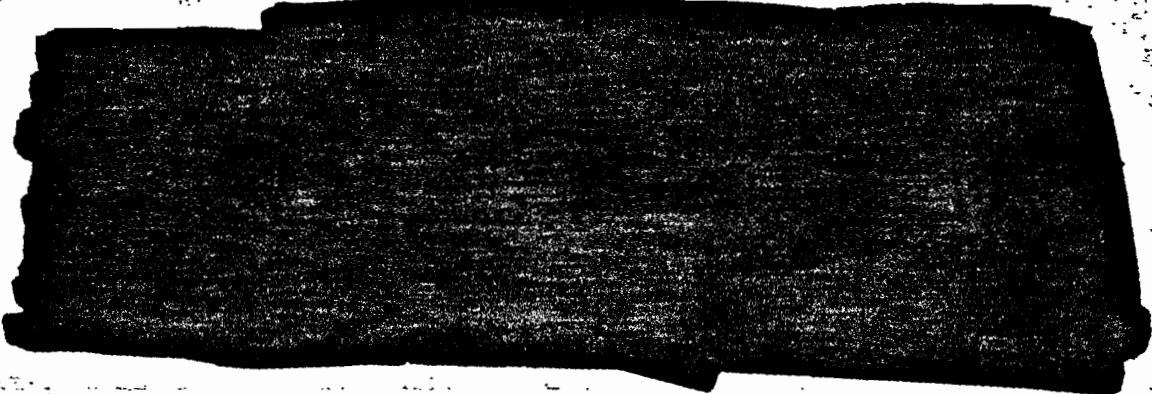


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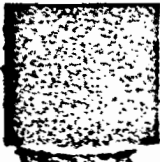
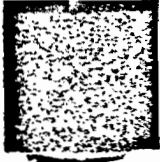
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Date: 5/16/56

Transmit the following message via: AIR-TEL.

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka  
IS-C; ISA OF 1950

CINICAL. Rally under sponsorship of National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell held at Carnegie Hall, NYC, on 5/15/56, was attended by SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, NYO. Doors opened at 7:30 p.m. and crowd at 8:00 p.m. numbered, according to Captain of Ushers, at 400. Proceedings delayed to 8:30 p.m. when approximately 1,000 present. Total attendance at 10:15 p.m. was approximately 1110 persons. Gathering was orderly with no picketing and no public distribution of handbills or other literature. Lobby of auditorium featured large display, with public sale, of book entitled, "The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY, author.

Conversation of persons in attendance was down-cast at poor attendance, 3000 minimum had been expected, and at response to "collection" of funds (total not announced). Judge PATRICK O'BRIEN, former Attorney General

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of Michigan, featured speaker from Detroit, did not appear and no announcement concerning his failure to appear made. Arrangements for meeting made by HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, who rented hall, and by TED JACOBS and DAVID ALMAN, leading functionaries in NCSJRC, who supervised arrangements at hall.

Speaker AARON SCHNEIDER, National Organizer for NCSJRC, acted as chairman, giving ten minute opening speech and long introductory speech to each later speaker. SCHNEIDER told gathering that motion for new trial had been filed in USDC, SDNY, and that it was an important document which not only vindicated the ROSENBERGS but would free SOBELL. Speaker Law Professor STEPHEN LOVE of Chicago analyzed case from legal viewpoint for 25 minutes concluding that no witness against SOBELL testified to overt acts of treason, that he was convicted on perjured testimony and that Alcatraz was too cruel a prison in which to confine someone who was not a desperate criminal and his confinement there was solely for purpose of forcing him to confess to acts which he could not confess to and to which the ROSENBERGS could not have confessed to.

Chairman SCHNEIDER then read a special message to the gathering from BERTRAND RUSSELL described as philosopher and mathematician of England who described the verdict as "unjust and the sentence monstrously vindictive" and praised the movement "to secure justice" in the case.

Speaker YURI SUHL, poet and novelist, spoke 10 minutes joining a reading of excerpts from the letters of SOBELL from prison with an emotional appeal to continue the fight.

Speaker ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, spoke 20 minutes, rambling hesitantly about her recent trip to Europe and the encouragement she received there and the numerous functioning committees she found dedicated to secure justice for her son and ended with an attack against the prevalent McCarthyism in the US.

Speaker EMILY ALMAN, East Coast functionary of NCSJRC, was introduced as co-author of a book, "Prisoner On Our

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Conscience" and she plugged the sale of WEXLEY's book and said that proceeds from the sale of this book enabled the Committee to furnish free copies to all important National, State and city governmental officials as well as newspapers and libraries. ALMAN said committee now functioning throughout US and then she launched into a long diatribe against GOLD and GREENGLASS and described their appearance before Senate hearings in Washington, D. C., stating that at no time in their testimony did they mention SOBELL, described both repeatedly as "idiots" and said that the chief desire of the hearing was to also get SOBELL as a "prattling witness." ALMAN made a vehement plea for funds during which a collection was taken.

Speaker JOHN WEXLEY, author, spoke 30 minutes, during which he summarized the points in the motion for a hearing made in the USDC, SDNY, and pointed out the perjured testimony at the trial, illustrating his talk with slides showing the exhibits filed with the motion. WEXLEY emphasized that the government needed to convict SOBELL to help the case against the ROSENBERGS and resorted to testimony which cast doubt on the justice of trial.

Speaker HELEN SOBELL concluded with a 10 minute speech in which she pleaded for continued support and funds for the Committee which would "free MORTY."

Tape recording of all speeches with exception of EMILY ALMAN and HELEN SOBELL being retained NYO. [REDACTED] made transcription of [REDACTED] and furnished recording tape to NYO.

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