

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)
FROM : SA RICHARD F. HOMAN
SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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DATE: 4/2/59

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA J. WAYNE PARRISH by mail with a copy of the January, 1959, [redacted] letter on the letterhead of the Chicago Sobell Committee, addressed to Dear Friend and signed by DAVID L. SOLTNER. B7D

This material is maintained in 100-25530-1Ba (363).

The letter relates that it is the first opportunity the writer has had in 1959 to extend wishes for a happy New Year and to express the desire that 59 will see MORTON SOBELL free and with his family and friends. The letter relates that on the "Appeal to the President" almost 100 eminent Chicagoans signed the appeal which was bound in a handsome volume with a letter from STEPHEN LOVE to President EISENHOWER, December 15, 1958. The letter relates that a copy of this material was sent to United States Pardon Attorney Mr. REED COZART with whom HELEN and ROSE SOBELL and Attorney MARSHALL PERLIN had an unprecedented and unexpected meeting. The letter recites that press releases were printed in several hundred newspapers and ads were placed in two Chicago community newspapers.

- ④ - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (MORTON SOBELL)
 - 1 - 100- (ROSE SOBELL)
 - 1 - 100- (HELEN SOBELL)
 - 1 - 100- (MARSHALL PERLIN)
- 1 - Washington Field Office (RM)
- 1 - 100- [redacted]
- 4 - Chicago [redacted]

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The letter relates that the Chicago Sobell Committee assisted and cooperated in every respect with the original sponsors of the appeal and it shares a deep satisfaction that this appeal, together with others, will eventually make it impossible to continue to deny MORTON SOBELL his just freedom.

The letter concludes with an appeal for funds.

Recommendations

No action necessary.

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

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DATE: 4-7-59

FROM : SA RICHARD F. HOMAN

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA RICHARD F. HOMAN by mail with an eight-page handwritten report, dated [redacted] relating to an affair given by the Chicago Sobell Committee at the home of Mr. and Mrs. ERWIN (BUD) SALK, at 819 West Gunnison. *B7D*

The report [redacted] is maintained in *B7D* [redacted] and is as follows:

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- 1 - Albany (RM)
 - 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Atlanta (RM) (Info)
 - 1 - 100-0 (Sobell Committee)
- 3 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (HELEN SOBELL)-
 - 1 - 100- (MORION SOBELL)-
 - 1 - 100- (National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case)-
- 1 - San Francisco (RM)
 - 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Washington Field (RM)(Info)
 - 1 - 100-0 (Sobell Committee)
- 32 - Chicago
 - [redacted]
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[REDACTED] reported that entertainment was furnished by guest artist EARL ROBINSON and the speaker at this affair was Mrs. HELEN SOBELL.

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[REDACTED] reported that HELEN SOBELL, in her talk, stated the following:

So many people are getting aroused that the picture looks hopeful. When her husband, MORTON SOBELL, transferred to Atlanta they could think of only one friend in Atlanta, a Professor-Scientist in a University who has arranged for HELEN to speak there on April 3 and will also arrange for her to speak at Spellman University. HELEN SOBELL stated there are five Universities and she hopes to appear at each one. She added that a large group of prominent people in Atlanta have formed a committee of inquiry to study the entire case and give their opinion, and similar committees are forming in many other cities.

HELEN SOBELL stated that a testimonial dinner is to be given in the near future in San Francisco for the former Chaplain at Alcatraz and Dr. HAROLD UREY will speak at this dinner.

HELEN SOBELL commented that through the T.V. hearings the public learned the truth about JOSEPH MC CARTHY and his lies and false statements, and lies of ROY COHN, which was the beginning of the end for JOSEPH MC CARTHY. She added that similarly J. EDGAR HOOVER's unsubstantiated statements about MORTON SOBELL are now coming to light and will be the beginning of the end of our police state.

HELEN SOBELL announced that the National Committee has lawyers in Washington talking to the Congressmen and she held up a photostat of a letter on the letterhead of a newly elected Congressman from Vermont, WILLIAM MEYER. This

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letter, addressed to a Sobell Committee Attorney, suggested that while he, MEYER, was of the opinion that SOBELL was innocent, he was not familiar with all details of the case and could be wrong. He felt a committee should study the whole case and give an opinion. HELEN SOBELL described this letter as "guarded". She stated that the committee has two lawyers in England at present doing research, and that while they have not written anything definite, they have written that "there may be developments" and have had to stay longer than anticipated, which is costing the National Committee a lot of money.

BORIS BRAIL, in his collection speech, stated that the real reason the two lawyers are still in England is because the Sobell Committee sent them over with one-way fare and the committee does not have the money for their return trip.

HELEN SOBELL stated that she had heard of Congressman MEYER's son, CARL MEYER, a dissident Catholic and a courageous crusader.

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SAC, (100-25530)

April 8, 1959

SA RICHARD F. HUMAN

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On February 26, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA RICHARD F. HUMAN in person with the reprint of a "Washington Post" Monday, January 12, 1959, page A10, "Letters to the Editor" column consisting of a letter from Mrs. MORTON SOBELL headed "When Society Kills."

This material is maintained in 100-25530-1A12.

The leaflet furnished by [redacted] contains a notation at the bottom of the page as follows:

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"Reprinted as a public service by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, NYC, AL 4-9983,"

The letter relates "If out of suffering of nine years imprisonment of my husband, and from the question and doubts on his behalf, and on behalf of the ROSENBERGs could come a re-examination of the use of capital punishment, some good would have been derived. Certainly history will prove their innocence. What then?"

Recommendations

No additional action necessary.

- 3 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)
 - 1 - 100- (MORTON SOBELL)
 - 1 - 100- (HELEN SOBELL)
- 2 - Chicago - [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

DATE: 5-1-59

FROM : SA RICHARD F. HOMAN

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA RICHARD F. HOMAN in person with a one page Chicago Sobell Committee newsletter dated [redacted] addressed to Dear Friend and signed by DAVID L. SOLTNER. This newsletter is printed on the letterhead stationery of the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC), whose offices are listed as 20 West Jackson Boulevard Room 1301, Chicago 4, Illinois, phone WEBster 9-5992.

Material furnished [redacted] is maintained in 100-25530-1B2 (370).

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The letter refers to a party held by the CSC recently which was addressed by HELEN SOBELL who reported on activity in widely separated parts of America. The letter relates that according to HELEN SOBELL, Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, now a California resident, was scheduled to speak March 13 at a dinner in San Francisco honoring Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, former Chaplain of Alcatraz Penitentiary.

- 1 - Atlanta (100-
- 1 - Buffalo (100-
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HELEN SOBELL (RM)
Buffalo Sobell Committee (RM)

National Committee to Secure Justice
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HELEN SOBELL
MORTON SOBELL
JULIUS ROSENBERG
ETHEL ROSENBERG

- 1 - San Diego (100- [redacted] (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco [redacted]
- 1-100- [redacted]
- 1-100- [redacted]
- 3 - Chicago [redacted]

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The letter relates that MC CORMACK after meeting MORTON SOBELL became convinced of SOBELL's innocence. It caused him to be dismissed from his position by the United States Bureau of Prisons.

The newsletter relates that the Chicago appeal was recently published in two neighborhood newspapers and was most favorably received.

The newsletter relates that as a result of visits to her husband in the penitentiary in Atlanta, several important groups at Atlanta have scheduled HELEN to speak for them in April. The letter also reports that a new committee has sprung up in Buffalo, New York.

This newsletter reports that an independent letter signed by a group of eminent Americans is being sent to noted individuals throughout the country asking that they participate in a Commission of Inquiry to study objectively the Rosenberg - Sobell Case.

This newsletter discloses a request made to the U.S. Senate on February 13 to recommend new legislation reversing a Supreme Court ruling of 1886 which has been interpreted to mean that a person could be put on trial in the United States if kidnapped from another country. The newsletter relates that the memo describes the antagonism created in Mexico by evidence that SOBELL had been kidnapped from Mexico in violation of that country's sovereignty.

The letter concludes with an invitation to attend a performance of "Sand Hog", a folk opera at Northwestern University.

Recommendation

No additional action necessary.

It is noted that this information was previously furnished and has previously been channelized.

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 5/7/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-137542)

SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
IS - C

- 1 - Los Angeles
- 1 - Chicago
- 1 - San Francisco
- 1 - New York
- 1 - New York
- 1 - New York (100-6393) (NEW WORLD REVIEW) (#41)
- 1 - New York (100-97167) (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-89571) (MASSES AND MAINSTREAM) (#41)
- 1 - New York
- 1 - New York (100-20730) (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) (#422)
- 1 - New York
- 1 - New York (100-57221) (NEW YORK GUARDIAN) (#41)
- 1 - New York (100-57221) (MORNING STAR)
- 1 - New York
- 1 - New York (100-57221) (WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON, 4/18/59) (#41)
- 1 - New York
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- 1 - New York (100-137542) (#414)

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Identity of Source	[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal) b7d
Description of Info	Celebration of International Women's Day held at Steinway Concert Hall, 113 West 57th Street, NYC, 3/22/59
Date Received	4/14/59
Received By	SA CHARLES MARTEL HALE (written)
Original Located	[REDACTED] b7d

A copy of informant's report follows:

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- 1 - New York (97-169)(PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)(#415)

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3-22-59.

On Sunday March 22, 1959, International Women's Day was celebrated at Steinway Concert Hall, 113 West 57 Street, N.Y.C., on the 3rd floor. It was scheduled to start at 2 P.M., but the meeting was called to order at 3 P.M. There were about 200 people present which included approximately 15 men, and about 10 negro women. This was a mixed group of Jews and gentiles, some very well dressed and attractive looking women.

On the invitation is printed "Reception and Exhibit - in honor of Women in Action" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In the anteroom a gentleman served coffee and cookies. Another gentleman was in charge of the "literature" table- such booklets as "The New World Review", "Political Affairs", "Main Stream", ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN's autobiography, "I Speak My Own Piece"; "In Battle for Peace" by Dr. DU BOIS, etc. As the people alighted from the elevator a young man was distributing free of charge, copies of the "Workers World"- March 1959. One lady refused the copy stating "They never give up, do they"- indicating there are two factions of communists. The exhibition consisted of newspaper clippings on a large sized bulletin board. The clippings were articles and pictures of people like Mrs. Bass in her campaigns; ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN; "Mother Floor"-etc. In the back of the room were chairs turned upside down with various types of pamphlets and books, on display. The display disappeared as the chairs were needed.

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PEGGY DENNIS "chaired" the meeting stating there were 80 nationalities celebrating "International Women's Day"- She introduced ESTHER CARROLL, a very attractive Jewish woman, with an accent, who spoke very well in a guarded English. She is a member of Local 22, of the Garment Workers. Her speech was mostly about the progress of women in the garment trade unions. She spoke very excitedly about the Triangle Fire where 154 Puerto Rican women burned to death, stating that this sweatshop where the women worked kept them under lock and key so

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that no union organizer could get in to organize the girls. "They died because they were under lock and key and could not escape." "We must never forget this!" -She spoke of unity on the job and how the Puerto Ricans are being acclimated even though there is a language barrier. She stated that March was a good month and paid tribute to CLARA WARTHOLT and REBECCA LERNER and their fight on the picket lines; also tribute to CLARA LEWELICH SCHEFELSON (or SCHAFERSON) some such name, who appeared to be in the audience and acknowledged the tribute. ESTHER had a large collection of newspaper articles and pictures of the union struggles which she said would be on exhibit but she disappeared with it before the meeting ended.

PEGGY DENNIS paid tribute to BESSIE MITCHELL, who is a great inspiration in her community and had planned to be present but was called away on family affairs. PEGGY paid tribute to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ANNA ROCHESTER, Mrs. ROBESON, Mrs. DU BOIS, also to Puerto Rican and Chinese women.

PEGGY spoke of 400,000 workers out of employment by April 1st; asked if a telegram may be sent to Pres. EISENHOWER to extend unemployment insurance- audience agreed.

In their absence, telegrams were read from ELIZABETH G. FLYNN, SALLY KENT (Mrs. ROCKWELL), HELEN NEARING (Mrs SCOTT), a cablegram from ESLANDA ROBESON in Moscow, a cablegram from Mrs. DU BOIS in Peking, a cablegram from ANNA LOUISE STRONG in Peking. PEGGY spoke about 'prison wives' and spoke of EDITH MARZANI as a 'prison wife' before introducing CARL MARZANI who spoke about the relationship of man and woman- male supremacy. He also spoke about his stay in jail and his poisonous feelings against the negro. He described the play "A Raisin in the Sun". His last statement was that "Women can not get freedom in this society without making everybody free."

PEGGY DENNIS states woman's voice in song is powerful as she introduced ELIZABETH KNIGHT who played the banjo and sang. ELIZABETH has made a new album on woman's suffrage. ELIZABETH gave a short resume about each song. She sang 'Neath the Red,

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White and Blue". She sang a German song about a girl with velvet skin who ambushed a cargo of ammunition. She sang a "Housewife's Lament"; a Russian song about a soldier during the war; a New England folk song "The Old Man in the Wood"; ELIZABETH said that no celebration of women in action could go by without the song "Bread and Roses" which grew out of the Textile strike of 1912 in Lawrence Mass.

PEGGY DENNIS spoke about peace of our nation, peace of the world, and called for a vote to send telegrams to President EISENHOWER in definite terms that we women are opposed to the settlement of the Berlin Crisis by war- we are in favor of negotiations at the summit.

PEGGY presented JESSICA SMITH, editor of the "New World Review" who made apologies for not being prepared, then spoke about her visit to Moscow when she was fresh out of the suffrage movement. JESSICA said that she was tired of writing about the women in the Soviet Union; very hard to think about them apart from the country. Soviet women protected from working at jobs where function of child bearing and rearing would be injurious. Tremendous advance of women in China- communes explained- no thoughts of destroying homes as stated in U.S. press. "During their menstrual periods women in China are protected from getting their feet wet"- JESSICA said that is great thought of human comfort. She also said that 7 year plan ahead of U.S. in living standards - challenge to our country for peaceful competition -getting away from war. Hotheads in Washington screaming for all out hydrogen or nuclear war. Ask women to bring pressures for peaceful negotiations- peace for the world- to hear eloquent words of the women of Russia who have lost a dear one, people should read the "Guardian".

PEGGY DENNIS asks the audience to permit the Women's Committee to send telegrams to President EISENHOWER urging amnesty to political prisoners, GREEN, WINSTON and SOBEL, also to the Governor of Georgia for the immediate release of ROSA LEE INGRAM. Women wholeheartedly in support of youth march to Washington April 18. Telegram to be sent to President EISENHOWER

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to end segregation in the South and also in N.Y. City, also to send cables acknowledging the cabled greetings received. Audience voted agreement.

PEGGY spoke about need for money to keep action alive and asked the ushers to start the sale of spring flowers- (very unhappy looking small sized mums)- Most people gave one dollar- some gave nothing- Announcements- \$10 from a woman, \$25.00 from LYDIA GIBSON MINOR, \$5.00 from guest speaker (female), \$10 from man visitors. At the close of the meeting PEGGY announced they had collected \$150 which would defray all their expenses including the cost of the telegrams and cables. She didn't mention the intake at the entrance.

Mrs. CARLOTTA (CHARLOTTE) BASS was the next speaker- she received a rising ovation. She spoke about her trip to Moscow, her suffrage days and her hopes and "prayers" to get the Negro people, especially the Negro women organized. She didn't like separating white and negro but in this instance she felt it necessary. She said that whenever she started talking to Negro women about socialism and equal rights, the Negro women became frightened, and say they want nothing to do with communism. She said that EISENHOWER and DULLES should stop worrying about uniting Germany and unite Alabama and Mississippi. "If DULLES is not flying around, IKE is playing golf." She said that she was glad that they spit on NIXON in South America, he deserved it. She knows him since he was a lad and a leopard can't change his spots. She spoke about her appearance before the Jack McKenna committee in California and stated that when McKenna asked if she was a communist, she asked him to explain what he meant by communist. If he meant that she wanted equal rights and national representation then she was a communist. She said that she was going back to California for a visit but would return to N.Y. shortly. She talked on and on and ended by saying to the men "Whether you come or not we women are going", as she stomped off the stage with her cane. She had previously suggested that the women march on the governor of Georgia and free ROSA LEE INGRAM themselves.

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A tribute was paid to BETTY GANNETT and from the way PEGGY nodded to a lady the audience, BETTY acknowledged the tribute.

EVE MERRIAM was called upon to read more telegrams and greetings from other committees. EVE is an attractive blonde woman in late 20's or so- about 5'2". EVE read greetings from the National Women's Federation of China, the Vice President of the U.S.S.R. society for Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge, the Secretary of the Italian Women's Union in Rome, from Mme. KOSMO...yanskay - the mother of ZOYA, a young girl who was tortured and murdered by the Nazis; from EUGENIE COTTON, president of the International Women's Democratic Federation in Paris; from Mrs. D. N. PRITT chairman of the National Assembly of Women in London. These cables and telegrams were supposed to have been on display at the end of the meeting but were not.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:15P.M. and refreshments were resumed.

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DATE: 4-15-59

FROM : SA RICHARD F. HOMAN

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On [redacted] who has *B7D* furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA RICHARD F. HOMAN in person with a mimeographed leaflet consisting of the text of a statement on the MORTON SOBELL Case by CARLTON BEALS.

This material is maintained in 100-25530-1A11.

This leaflet describes BEALS as an author, lecturer, authority on Mexico and the Caribbean area and former consultant to the U.S. Government on Mexican affairs. It

- 6 - New York (RM) [redacted] *Rm*
 - 1 - 100- (National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case)
 - 1 - 100- (MORTON SOBELL)
 - 1 - 100- (HELEN SOBELL)
 - 1 - 100- (MAX ELITCHER)
 - 1 - 100- (Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)
- 2 - Chicago [redacted] *B7D*

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states "Mr. BEALS calls SOBELL's conviction a 'brazen denial of elementary rights' and 'so absurd it is incredible' in the following letter to Mrs. MORTON SOBELL."

The leaflet then purports to relate the contents of a letter signed by CARELTON BEALS, addressed to "Dear Mrs. SOBELL:" which relates that the writer has read every word of the 1715 pages of the transcript of the conspiracy trial against Mrs. SOBELL's husband. The letter relates that the prosecution "...by distortion, falsification, and suppression was able to give his trip to Mexico the appearance of flight. There is no doubt SOBELL was laboring under considerable fear, that even had he fled to Mexico illegally, which he did not, this under law does not constitute guilt of any crime".

The letter criticizes the testimony of MAX ELITCHER, who is described as a self-confessed perjurer and liar".

The letter concludes that "In short, no oral, material or even remotely circumstantial evidence was ever presented in court to warrant his conviction or his sentencing. It is so absurd it is incredible. I know of no other instances of miscarriage of justice, or more brazen denial of elementary rights, in the history of jurisprudence in this or any other country."

The letter concludes with a postscript authorizing the use of the letter in any way Mrs. SOBELL sees fit.

Recommendations

No additional action necessary.

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DATE:

5/25/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM :

SAC, NEWARK (65-4108)

SUBJECT:

MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter to Newark dated 5/8/59.

On 5/18/59 [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA ROBERT G. OSBORNE that the records of his department reflect the report of a theft of a safe on 5/4/55 by DONALD and DOROTHY KNOCH, 361 Llewelyn Circle, Englewood, New Jersey. B7D

KNOCH reportedly is the owner of the Metro Heat and Treat Company, 9 Victoria Terrace, Ridgefield, New Jersey. This plant according to investigation was burned out completely approximately two years ago. [redacted] records contain no additional information regarding KNOCH.

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Newark files reflect a current SM-C investigation regarding KNOCH. The results of any investigation reflecting association between KNOCH and the ROSENBERGS or SOBELL will be forwarded to New York under the caption DONALD M. KNOCH, SM-C.

For the information of New York [redacted]

[redacted] advised on 5/10/59 that all the information furnished his department by [redacted] in which they have an interest has been determined to be true. -RUC- B7D

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- 2 - Newark
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DATE:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

5/25/59

FROM :

SAC, NEWARK (65-4108)

SUBJECT:

MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter to Newark dated 5/8/59.

On 5/18/59

[redacted] New Jersey Police Department, advised SA ROBERT G. OSBORNE that the records of his department reflect the report of a theft of a safe on 5/4/55 by DONALD and DOROTHY KNOCH, 361 Llewelyn Circle, Englewood, New Jersey. B7D

KNOCH reportedly is the owner of the Metro Heat and Treat Company, 9 Victoria Terrace, Ridgefield, New Jersey. This plant according to investigation was burned out completely approximately two years ago. (Englewood Police Department records contain no additional information regarding KNOCH.

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named KNOCH as a car-carrying Communist.

Newark files reflect a current SM-C investigation regarding KNOCH. The results of any investigation reflecting association between KNOCH and the ROSENBERGS or SOBELL will be forwarded to New York under the caption DONALD M. KNOCH, SM-C.

For the information of New York [redacted] Jersey City, New Jersey, Police Department, advised B7D

on 5/18/59 that all the information furnished his department by [redacted] in which they have an interest has been determined to be true. -RUC-

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- 2 - Newark
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SUBJECT MORTON SOBELL

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

DATE: 6/15/59

FROM: SA RICHARD F. HOMAN

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA J. WAYNE PARRISH by mail a seven page handwritten report dated [redacted] relating to a meeting of the Chicago Sobell Committee held at the home of Dr. LEO GOLDMAN, 706 Forest Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, on May 16, 1959. B7D

The report [redacted] is maintained in [redacted]

- 1 - Albany [redacted] B7D
- 1 - Cleveland (100- [redacted]) (Cleveland Sobell Committee) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (RM) [redacted]
- (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - [redacted])
- 5 - New York (RM) [redacted]
- (1 - 100- [redacted]) (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL) -
- (1 - 100- [redacted]) (MORTON SOBELL) -
- (1 - 100- [redacted]) (THE CATHOLIC WORKER) -
- (1 - [redacted]) [redacted]
- (1 - 100- [redacted]) (DAVID GREENGLASS) -
- 1 - Salt Lake [redacted] (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field [redacted] (INFO) (RM)
- 30- Chicago [redacted] 100-37158-1980

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[REDACTED] reported that this meeting was held to hear Reverend ERWIN A. GAEDE of the Westwood Unitarian Society of Los Angeles, and to listen to Dr. MARVIN ZIPORYN play the violin. *B7D*

[REDACTED] reported that twenty-five persons attended this program including the hosts, Dr. LEO GOLDMAN and Mrs. BETTY GOLDMAN. *B7D*

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It was announced that FRANK WILKINSON would attend the CCDDR "associates" meeting to be held at ROSE TOPERCER's on Tuesday evening and that all were welcome to attend.

[REDACTED] B7D

PHIL BRAIL opened the meeting by stating that there is a great need to educate the people about SOBELL. BRAIL related the stories that in his own temple while the rabbi was very sympathetic to SOBELL, PHIL was called before the board of the temple and told the meeting was called off. After arguing for an hour, BRAIL said that he realized that two of the board members, lawyers, thought he was talking about GREENGLASS.

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[REDACTED] reported that PHIL BRAIL read a letter to the President from Senator MOSS of Utah and one from Congressman WILLIAM MEYER of Vermont.

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[REDACTED] reported that Reverend GAEDE read from MALCOLM SHARPE's book and made comments on the various appeals and articles.

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PHIL BRAIL opened the "Catholic Worker" and made a comment that it had six columns on SOBELL, but he did not read the material.

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In introducing Dr. MARVIN ZIPORYN, Dr. GOLDMAN stated that he, ZIPORYN, for one of a trio of doctors who are musicians and reside next to PHIL BRAIL in Kenwood.

[REDACTED] reported in addition that DAVID SOLTNER deplored the fact that the Committee has no paid representative who could contact the thousands of people in Chicago who must be aroused. He added a comment that they had had such a person when the Committee started. In this connection,

[REDACTED] reported that no mention was made by anyone regarding HAVEN PERKINS and DAVID SOLTNER left the insinuation that the Committee would like a paid representative and not have to depend on present-time volunteers. B7D

In the collection appeal, PHIL BRAIL [REDACTED] stated that the Committee's expenses are high, that the representative in Washington must be paid, and that this representative has suggested persons to be contacted. B7D

Reverend GAEDE stated that the name of REINHOLD NIEBUHR on a petition is enough to obtain the signatures of all ministers.

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Recommendations: No additional action necessary.

SAC, ATLANTA (100-)

7/20/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Identity of Source: [REDACTED]

Description of info:

Rally on behalf of MORTON SOBELL,
5/19/59

Date Received:

6/23/59

Received by:

SA RAYMOND E. SHEPHERD (written)

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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1-New York (100-109349) (MORTON SOBELL) (424)
1-New York (100-128869) (ROSE SOBELL) (424)
1-New York (100-37158) (MORTON SOBELL) (424)

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1-New York (100-107111) () (412)

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June 22, 1953

The Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
940 Broadway
New York City

The meeting held on Friday June 19th at Webster Hall
began approximately at 6:30 PM. There were three principal
speakers including the mother and wife of MORTON SOBELL.
The opening speaker Professor HERTSON stated his speech
giving the reasons why he felt MORTON SOBELL should have his
sentence commuted. He gave the severity of sentence as one
reason, lack of corroboration of the one and only witness as
the second reason and MORTON SOBELL's illegal abduction
from Mexico as the third reason. He then introduced MURRAY
BRANSON as the next speaker. His speech was basically the same
as Prof. HERTSON's except that he brought minorities and
the question of the fact that all the principal people involved
were of one religion. He is a resident of Atlanta and is a
Baptist minister. He is tall, thin and light colored complexion.

The next two speakers were HILLEN and ROSE SOBELL. The mother
and the wife of MORTON SOBELL. They both spoke on their
relationship with him, that they felt that he had done nothing
wrong and that his sentence was too harsh and also that they
intended to seek a commutation of his sentence. Mrs. SOBELL
(the wife) then asked for contributions from the floor and after
a time of more than half an hour over \$2,000 was collected from
the people towards this campaign.

The third speaker was Professor HORACE KALLEN. He spoke on
his relationship originally before he became interested himself
in MORTON SOBELL and how gradually he came to realize the
same three mentioned reasons as to why he felt that MORTON
SOBELL should be released from prison.

The meeting ended shortly before eleven. There were
approximately 900 people by a rough guess. The picket captain
who directed the ushers was a woman of about 40 years old.
Short, stoutly built with glasses and gray hair. [REDACTED]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ATLANTA

DATE: 7/27/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT : NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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1-Atlanta (100-) (MURRAY BRANCH) (RM)

1-Newark (100-) (CAMP MIDVALE) (RM)

1-New Haven [redacted] (RM)

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1-New York (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL) (424)

1-New York (100-128869) (ROSE SOBELL) (424)

1-New York (100-37158) (MORTON SOBELL) (424)

1-New York [redacted] (415)

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1-New York [redacted] (412)

1-New York (100-136410) (NY POC) (416)

1-New York [redacted]

1-New York (100-137309) (WORKERS WORLD PARTY) (413)

1-New York (100-129553) (CAMP MIDVALE) (412)

1-New York (100-3620) (ACPFB) (41)

1-New York (100-133090) (COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY) (414)

1-New York (100-107111) (41)

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Identity of Source: [REDACTED]

Description of info: Meeting of National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL b7d

Date Received: 6/30/59

Received by: SA ROBERT C. BURNS (orally)

Original located: [REDACTED] B7D

The above information was furnished by the informant on 6/30/59 and authenticated on 6/30/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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6-30-59

On 6/19/59 the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL had a large meeting at Webster Hall, 11th Street near Broadway, NYC. Hundreds of people attended.

Speakers included THOMAS EMERSON, MURRAY BRANCH, HELEN and ROSE SOBELL, the wife and the mother of MORTON SOBELL.

All speakers stated that MORTON SOBELL was unjustly convicted. EMERSON said that MORTON was kidnapped from Mexico by Federal agents and beaten by the FBI who seized him at the Mexican border.

BRANCH said he was urged to speak by HELEN SOBELL who had convinced him that MORTON was innocent. BRANCH said that MORTON is wrongfully imprisoned and in solitary confinement.

HELEN said her husband is innocent but is mistreated in prison. She said that in a year she has only a few hours to visit MORTON. She also said that it is very expensive for her to travel to Atlanta, Ga., and then to spend such a short time with him. She said the prison authorities refused to let her stay with MORTON so that they may have more children. She said that one can imagine the suffering a woman goes through by being separated nine years from her husband.

An act from Maxwell Anderson's Winterset was presented. The scene showed the sentencing of an innocent man by a judge.

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One dollar admission contribution was charged. Also a collection was taken inside the hall. [REDACTED]

Quantities of literature were sold and some given free. Included were:

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(1) One circular, mimeographed was issued by the N.Y. Provisional Organizing Committee for the Reconstitution of a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party.

(2) One booklet was entitled "There is a Third Side to the Rosenberg-Sobell Case" by IRWIN EDELMAN, G.P.O. Box 463, New York 1, N.Y.

(3) On the seats were various pieces of literature including the Workers World, of 6-15-59.

(4) A printed sheet was distributed advertising Camp Midvale, Wanaque, New Jersey, which stated that an All Nations Picnic would be held 6/28/59 and tickets were available at American Committee For the Protection of the Foreign Born, 49 East 21st St., NYC.

(5) Outside the hall a mimeographed page issued by the Greenwich Village Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, Apt. 4F, 230 Sullivan Street, tel. SP 7-2078, was distributed.

Item (1), above which pledged all-out support to free MORTON SOBELL, and Item (2) have been filed as exhibits in NY 100-107111-1B969 and 1B970 respectively.

Item (3) has been filed as an exhibit in NY 100-137309.

Item (4) has been filed as an exhibit in NY 100-3620-1A1823.

Item (5) above has been filed as an exhibit in NY 100-133090-1B26 (12).

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SA ROBERT C. BURNS (written)

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- 2-New Haven

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6/22/59

Free MORTON SOBEL meeting

Friday June 19, 8:30 o'clock in the evening a meeting sponsored by New York Provisional Committee to free MORTON SOBEL was held at Webster Hall, 11th St. and Broadway, NYC. This meeting was attended by about 700 people.

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The Chairman of the meeting was THOMAS EMERSON Prof. at Yale. In his remarks he pointed out that the sentence was talk of vengefull people and not justice. He also read a letter from VINCENTINA VANZETI sister of the anarchist who was centencet to death some time ago by a Massachusetts Court, To Mrs. MORTON SOBEL, in which she urged her to go on with her fight to free her husband. Prof. MURRAY GRANT of Moorhead Colledge, Atlanta Ga. Prof. GRANT spoke of percsecution of minorities. He stated that being a negro and knows what it means to be a member of a minority group. SOBEL's mother was then introduced. She told about MORTON's childhood about his school days until he got married. Mrs. MORTON SOBEL then spoke of her life with MORTON. She described how she had to travel to the Coast to visit her husband for two hours, what harship it meant to her.

She said that she hopes that this is going to be his last summer in jail. She said that she asked the authorities to let her stay with MORTON so she can have another baby. Mrs. SOBEL explained that she is reaching the age when she will not be able to have any more children. She then asked for donations to build a fund for the fight to free MORTON SOBEL contributions of \$500.00 were asked for and a number of people contributed two hundred, one hundred and many \$50.00 and lesser contributions were made.

A colection of smaller sums were made by ushers. Some publications auther material was distributed by various organizations outside the meeting hall.

The meeting ended at about 10 o'clock.

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 furnished the following items distributed at the meeting: *B7D*

- (1) Reprint from NY Times, 2/22/59
- (2) Reprint from Intercollegian, April, 1959
- (3) Text of statement by CARLETON BEALS

The above items are being filed as exhibits in NY 100-107111-1B966, 1B967, and 1B968 respectively.

VINCENTINA VANZETTI is a citizen and resident of Italy.

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The April 15, issue of the "Christian Century", a leading Protestant opinion-making magazine, had an editorial asking for clemency for MORTON SOBELL. The April 5, "Oregonian", an independent Republican paper, suggested that it would be a proposal to a review of the SACCO-VANZETTI Case to review the case of SOBELL, MORTON SOBELL.

The "American Jewish Outlook" carried an interview with Mrs. SOBELL. The "Phoenix Jewish News" reprinted the "Oregonian" editorial.

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week. He spoke to 200 CIO Delegates. He also spoke on the campus of McAllister University, and then on the radio program "Nightbeat".

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 8/30/59

FROM : SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE (100-37158)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL

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Subject on SI. Last report dated 6-18-58. Annual investigative report should be prepared and submitted.

Chief Clerk: [Signature]
 Re-open Case [Signature]
 Origin [Signature]
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

DATE: 6/16/59

CEW
FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (65-1361)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL, Aka.
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(OO: NEW YORK)

On 6/5/59, [REDACTED] United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, made available to Special Agent ALDEN F. MILLER a thermofax copy of a letter addressed to MORTON SOBELL apparently from his wife, HELLEN SOBELL, dated June 1, 1959, and in view of the numerous names mentioned therein and proposed plans of HELEN SOBELL, this letter is being forwarded to the New York Office for any action deemed necessary.

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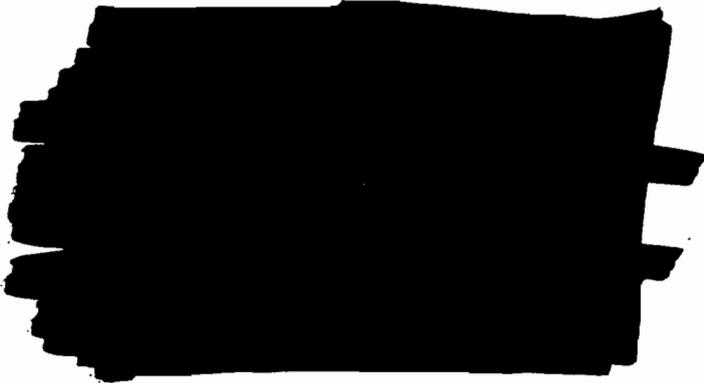
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Chicago, Illinois
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On Sunday evening May 24th, 1959, at 7:30 P.M. a meeting sponsored by the Freedom of the Press Committee was held in the Music Room of the Fine Arts Building at 410 South Michigan Avenue. 180 people were present at this meeting.



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The master of ceremonies was SAMUEL KUSHNER and the guest speaker was JAMES JACKSON.

Before Mr. KUSHNER made his speech of welcome and introduced the guest speaker, KARL HALL sang a few songs of freedom which were joined in by the audience.

After the singing Mr. KUSHNER welcomed the audience to the meeting and told how the worker subscriptions are increasing and what a great service the paper is doing to help the working people gain their freedom from capitalist oppression. Mr. KUSHNER cited the fact that petitions are being signed, thruout the country for the release of WINSTON, GREENE and SOBEL who are languishing in prison.

Mr. KUSHNER spoke against GEORGE MEANY and the AF of L-CIO for being against the Communist Party and for siding with the Un-American Activities Committee in its investigations.

Mr. KUSHNER also expressed his hatred for the FBI for not taking action in the lynching case of MACK PARKER and urged everyone in the audience to write Mr. EISENHOWER and demand an investigation. Mr. KUSHNER said that Mr. MEANY is afraid that the Communists will do for the Worker what he has promised but not done.

He strongly urged the complete support of the Communist Party by the people in order that there will be complete freedom in this country for whites and Negroes alike.

After his speech, Mr. KUSHNER introduced JAMES JACKSON who spoke on his participation in the 21st Congress of the Russian Communist Party. He was the first American ever invited to participate at such a vital and important function and it was indeed a great honor.

Mr. JACKSON did not spare any praise for the Soviet nor did he spare any condemnation of the United States Government. He spoke of his participation in the 21st Congress of the Russian Communist Party and how warmly he was received by KHRUSHCHEV and the delegates from all parts of the Soviet Union.

Mr. JACKSON spoke glowingly of the seven year plan in which the Russians say they will surpass the United States in production and will have the highest standard of living in the world. Mr. JACKSON quoted production statistics for various commodities such as steel to prove that the Soviet Union means to overtake us in everything and said that in seven years the entire world will be Communist thereby insuring peace thruout the world.

Mr. JACKSON said that in the Soviet Union there is no anti-semitism and no discrimination and that people there have a genuine interest in one another.

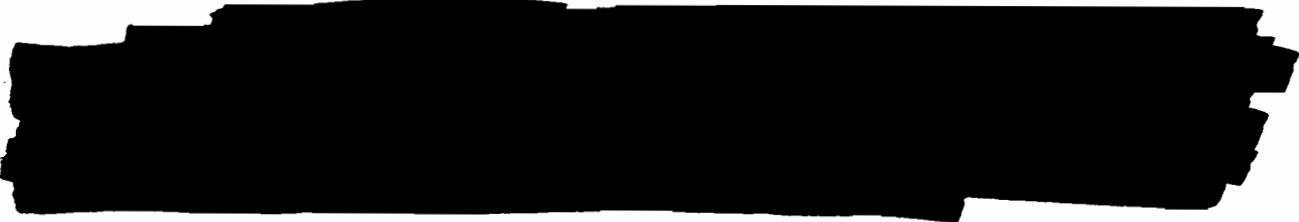
Mr. JACKSON also stated that every worker in the Soviet Union is a member of a trade union and everyone is active in the trade union movement.

Mr. JACKSON said that by 1970 the Soviet Union will have complete Communism and that everyone will have everything he needs and that money will no longer be important. He said that people will be paid according to their needs and ability to work and that there will be no such thing as a depression or unemployment. Mr. JACKSON said that each day the Communist movement in the United States is gaining strength and that when the people finally realize that they are tools of imperialism and rise up against it we will be free just as the people in the Soviet Union and he urged those present at the meeting to continue their militancy in fighting for the rights of the Communist Party under the rights of Civil liberties in the United States.

Following Mr. JACKSON's speech Mr. KUSHNER made an appeal for funds for the support of the Worker and the collection amounted to \$52.00 for which Mr. KUSHNER thanked the audience. After this KARL HALL sang a few more songs of freedom and then there was a question period.

Mr. JACKSON stated during the question period that women are playing a tremendous part in the development of the Soviet Union and that everyone is hungry for knowledge and the opportunity for learning in the Soviet Union is unlimited and that education on all levels is free to everyone without regard to race, creed or color.

Everyone in the audience was very enthusiastic and applauded vigorously.

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The meeting broke up at 10:45 p.m. and many people were seen congratulating Mr. JACKSON on his fine speech.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: MAR 1959

FROM : CYRIL J. RYAN, SUPERVISOR, #42

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX TABULATION

In accordance with Bureau instructions, a review has been made of Security Index cases to tabulate the occupation of the subject and the product produced by the employer. The information obtained on stapled Photostat below was furnished to the Bureau by letter dated 8/3/59..

*SOBELL, MORTON
unemployed
Federal prisoner*

*WPM 4/11/57 101-2483 PRV
U.S. Penitentiary
Atlanta, Ga. 100-37158*

This Photostat is being placed in the file for ready reference.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

8/25/59

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

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On August 13, 1959, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be concealed, furnished a written report concerning the subject organization to SA SAM J. SHOFMAKER, which is contained in Los Angeles file [REDACTED]

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On August 21, 1959, SA THEODORE J. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7E
ascertained that ~~FED NIST/SL~~ is ~~THEODORA~~ ~~MINESTEEL~~,
and that after September 1, 1959, she will have the address
of 1269 Topoka Avenue, Topoka, Kansas.

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Appendix pages for the Los Angeles Sobell Case
are being furnished the New York Office and Kansas City
Office as enclosures to this letter. The above information
is being furnished the Bureau and interested offices for
information.

APPENDIX

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,
aka Los Angeles Sobell Committee, Los Angeles Committee to
Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Los Angeles Rosenberg-
Sobell Committee

A source advised on May 6, 1959 that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was also referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities report dated August 25, 1956, pages 66 and 67, as "A local auxiliary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. 'Next to New York and Washington the area of greatest focus in the Rosenberg campaign was Los Angeles *** The Los Angeles campaign was under the direction of SOPHIE DAVIDSON, Chairman of the Los Angeles Committee ***.'"

Source advised that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell adopted that name in the fall of 1954. The avowed purpose of this committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were from their inception dominated and controlled by the Communist party through the assignment of Communist party members to direct the activities of the committees.

Another source advised on July 27, 1953, that SOPHIE DAVIDSON was then a Communist party member.

Another source advised on May 8, 1959 that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is currently active.

APPENDIX

at 11:15 am - 871-195

APPENDIX

Sources for Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell appendix:

b7d [REDACTED] to SA ROMNEY STEWART

[REDACTED] to SA PAUL W. GIBBS

b1 [REDACTED] to SA SAM J. SHOEMAKER

The above informants have furnished reliable
information in the past and their identities are to be
concealed.

APPENDIX

SAC, Chicago

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SAC, Atlanta

ROBERT THOMPSON
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MORTON SOBELL, AKA
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(N. Y. ORIGIN)

On 8/6/59

[REDACTED], made available to SA ALDEN F. MILLER two Father's Day Greeting Cards with envelopes, both of which were postmarked June 29, 1959, at Chicago, Ill., one of which was addressed to ROBERT THOMPSON, and the other addressed to MORTON SOBELL. These Greeting Cards were signed by JACK and SUE KLING and family. Return address noted on the envelopes was KLING, 4307 N. Troy St., Chicago 18, Illinois.
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Enclosed herewith for the Chicago Office are these two greeting cards, which Associate Warden BRELAND made available, and does not desire that they be returned as the correspondents are not on the approved mailing list for either inmate THOMPSON or inmate SOBELL.

2 - Chicago RM (2 Encls.)

2 - New York RM
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2 - Atlanta [REDACTED] b7c
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SA DONALD A. RIVERS, Complaints

~~ERNEST MITLER~~

Shelton Towers

515 Lexington Ave., *TR 9-4340*

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

The above-captioned individual telephonically contacted the NYO this date at approximately 10:20 AM and advised the following:

He is an attorney and formerly served as a counsel for a Senate Committee regarding Juvenile Delinquency. Recently he authored an article concerning families of prisoners that appeared in the publication, "Parade", a Sunday newspaper supplement. He stated that he received a telephone call this date from Mrs. SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL. She stated that she had read his article and from her conversation she attempted to obtain his support regarding her desire to live with her husband in prison for the purpose of having a child. He stated that he did not tell anything and did not take a position on her problem. He added that he did not wish to be mixed up in any matter dealing with the SOBELL case and was furnishing this information to the NYO in the event his name is used without his knowledge to further the aims of the SOBELLs.

Mr. MITLER was thanked for bringing the above information to the attention of the NYO.

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This is to record that on the afternoon of 10/23/59, ROY COHN called and hurriedly advised he was in the process of going on a radio program and needed the aliases that SOBELL used in Mexico.

I advised him that this would be checked out.

After conferring with Mr DE LOACH at the Bureau, when COHN called back I advised him that the file was out and that I would not be able to furnish him with the desired information in time for his radio broadcast.

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