

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE:

12/9/63

FROM :

SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT:

MORTON SOBELL

ESP - R

NY file 100-37158

Subject is on SI and last investigative report was dated 12/11/62. An annual investigative report will be due.

Case is PK and assigned to SA [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] b7C

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TO: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

FROM: SA [REDACTED] B-7C

SUBJECT: CSJMS
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Dictated 2/10/64 ^{Date} to [REDACTED] B7C
Transcribed 2/10/64
Authenticated by Informant 2/14/64

Date of Report

2/10/64

Date(s) of activity

2/8/64

Brief description of activity or material

REPORT re CSJMS

File where original is located if not attached

[REDACTED]

Remarks: This informant has furnished reliable information in the past.

21- WFO

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(3- NEW YORK (RM)

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100- Morton Sobell
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"February 10, 1964

"On Saturday, February 8, 1964, there was a fund-raising meeting at the home of Dr. Irving and Mrs. Helen Winik. Helen Sobell was the speaker at this meeting and made a plea for funds to help secure a full release for her husband, Morton Sobell, because of his innocence.

"In her speech, Helen Sobell talked about the changing political climate in the world and pointed out that her husband is innocent and does not wish to settle for anything less than a full pardon. She stated new facts have come out which show that he and the Rosenbergs are innocent. She said they were setting up citizens committees in different cities and that such a committee would be worked up in Washington, D.C., because this is the Nation's capital. No definite plans have been made yet, but it is hoped that a mass meeting will be held in June, 1964, in Washington, D.C. with people from all over the United States and the rest of the world attending. She stated a new generation has grown up since Morton Sobell went to prison and they must work on new plans to get other people interested in a pardon for Sobell. In line with this, Doubleday Doran is to publish a book with the facts therein, indicating Sobell and the Rosenbergs are innocent.

"Helen Sobell also talked about her visit to foreign countries and the interest there is abroad in getting Morton Sobell freed.

"During the plea for funds, they started their request for \$50 and [REDACTED]

Among the forty to fifty people present were the following:

[REDACTED]

This memorandum has been compared with the original statement and it is correct in substance.

All necessary action which should be taken in connection with this information has been taken.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/22/64

FROM : SUP. [REDACTED] #33 b7C

SUBJECT : MORTON SOBELL
ESP-R

Bureau teletype dated 4/13/64 instructed that a letterhead memorandum be disseminated to Secret Service on all Security Index cases. Captioned subject is listed on the Security Index by virtue of previous Espionage or Internal Security-R connections. Accordingly, a letterhead memorandum must be prepared on this subject.

The Agent to whom this matter is assigned will review the instructions of Supervisor [REDACTED] dated 4/20/64, which is available on the Section 33 Supervisor's desk, and will thereafter conduct such file review and investigation as may be necessary and rough draft an appropriate letterhead memorandum. b7C

Since this entire project must be completed within 30 days, each Agent should complete his assignment within 10 working days of the date of this memorandum.

5/7/64
OPEN (OR REOPEN) CASE
ORIGIN NY DATE 5-4-64
SUPV [REDACTED] SECT 332

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY (100-37158)

DATE: 6/26/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 332 (P*)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R

Re Kansas City airtel, 5/4/64.

Referenced airtel advised that subject remained confined to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo., that there had been no change in his condition, and that there were no plans to transfer him to another institution.

The airtel further advised that on or about 8/1/64 a recheck of the Medical Center records would be made for current status of subject.

An annual investigative report was submitted in this case on 1/15/64, and there is no investigation to be conducted by the NYO at this time.

It is suggested that this case be placed in a pending inactive status until further information is received from KC re subject's status.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY (100-37158) *b7c*

FROM : SA [REDACTED], 332

SUBJECT: MOPTON SOBELL
ESP-R

DATE: 9/25/64

Re my memo 6/26/64, (Serial 2153).

This case was placed in a Pending Inactive status to await review of records at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo., by the Kansas City Office. This investigation has been conducted, and the results set forth in Kansas City airtel of 8/24/65.

The subject is on the Security Index of the NYO, and an annual investigative report will be due 1/15/65.

Since no further investigation remains to be conducted at the present time, it is suggested that this case be closed.

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SUBJECT MORTON SOBELL

SERIAL 2156 DATE 10.5.64

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SAC, SEATTLE

10-21-64

SAC, KANSAS CITY (65-1311) RUC

MORTON SOBELL, aka;
ESPIONAGE - R

(oo New York)

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The indices of the Kansas City Division contain no information identifiable with ENGELS.

- *2 Seattle (RM)
- *2 New York (100-37158) (RM)
- 1 Kansas City

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(5) OPEN (C) [REDACTED] CASE

ORIGIN N.Y.

SUBV [REDACTED]

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1015 East Aloha St.
Seattle, Washington

Carl
Pls check
Engels out
through Seattle
10/27

B7C

KC 65-1311

The above is being furnished office of origin,
New York, and the Seattle Office for their information in
the event New York desires to conduct further investigation
of this matter.

100-37158-2157

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Date _____

10/27/64

WILBUR R. ENGELS

Address 1015 East Aloha St.

☐ Female☐ Restrict to Locality of _____

Remarks

Walter Engels

b7C

W. Engels

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W. R. Engels

Walbur R. Engles

[REDACTED] b7C

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158) (P)

MORTON SOBELL
ESP-R
(OO: New York)

Re Kansas City let to Seattle of 10/21/64,
captioned as above, advising that W. R. ENGLES attempted
to obtain permission to visit subject at the Medical
Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri.
It is noted that ENGLES was subsequently identified by
[REDACTED] of the Claridge Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri,
as WILBUR R. ENGLES who left as his forwarding address
1015 East Aloha Street, Seattle, Washington. B7D

Indices of the NYO have been reviewed and no
information identifiable with ENGLES was located.

Seattle is requested to identify WILBUR R.
ENGLES through established sources and to review indices
concerning him.

2-Seattle (RM)
1-New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SUPERVISOR 337

DATE 11/6/64

FROM : BULKY EXHIBITS SECTION (FILE 100-37158)

SUBJECT: EXHIBITS MAINTAINED IN RED ROPE
FOLDERS IN BULKY EXHIBIT VAULT

The Bulky Exhibit Section has instituted a project to have above captioned exhibits thoroughly reviewed for disposal or retention.

Attached are first and last sections of file referring to exhibits in question. The first section contains the green sheets listing the exhibits.

Each supervisor receiving a copy of this memorandum is requested to have the pertinent exhibits reviewed and fill in the spaces listed below. This memorandum is to be returned to the Bulky Exhibit Section by 11-13-64

EXHIBITS TO BE DESTROYED: _____
_____ none _____

EXHIBITS TO BE RETAINED: _____
_____ all _____

REASON FOR RETENTION: _____
Subject's conviction may be subject to
further legal attack. _____

EMPLOYEE REVIEWING EXHIBIT _____

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

DATE: 12/21/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

B7C

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE (LASC)
IS-C

SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
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[REDACTED] b7D	Sobell Committee luncheon on 12/5/64.	[REDACTED] b7D	Writer	[REDACTED] (WR) b7D
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Informant's report is quoted as follows:

CC: 2 - New York (REGISTERED)
100-109849 (HELEN SOBELL)
100- (MORTON SOBELL)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (SI)

(SI)

100-41016 (CCPAF)
62-1664 (HUAC)
100-31229 (UUFST)

100-31730 (HUNGARIAN HALL)
65-5082 (MORTON SOBELL)
100-45973 (HELEN SOBELL)

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LA 100-41648

"December 6, 1964

"Date: Dec. 5, 1964

"Place: 1251 So. St. Andrews Pl., Los Angeles,
Calif.

"Activity: Luncheon, sponsored by the Sobel Committee.

"About eighty-five people were present, among whom
were:

ROSE SOBEL
[REDACTED]

B7D

"NAT TURNER, about 5'10", 160 lbs, caucasian, prominent white hair, wearing glasses acted as chairman. He has just returned from 8 to 10 months travel abroad - France, Spain, Italy, etc. He stated that an appeal in behalf of MORTON SOBEL was being prepared to present to President KENNEDY, and since his death it has taken almost a year to formulate the current appeal. Many volums of filled petitions are prepared, and their presentation to President JOHNSON by MORTON SOBEL's wife and/or mother and other members of the Committee is planned to be timed just before Christmas. Prominent appeals to the general public are scheduled to be released at the same time, i.e. an ad in the New York Times, the St. Louis Post Dispatch, the San Francisco Chronicle, and Los Angeles Times, and other papers across the country are scheduled to carry the Morton Sobel story at this time. The Los Angeles Times wants one thousand dollars to carry the short publicity release, and an effort was made to raise that much money at the luncheon, or it was suggested the committee might

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"try to borrow enough for the ad from some member, and pay it back later. [REDACTED] b7D

"The chairman said a book will be published in January by Doubleday, and many more people need to know about and care about the Sobel case.

"In her talk ROSE reported that the committee has hired new and more expensive attorneys. The case is known the world over, and supported by prominent men in other countries. In fact, according to the chairman, representatives from every other major country would be happy to form an international conference of jurists to act on the Sobel case, but they cannot get a prominent representative from United States to support the story of MORTON SOBELL.

"The Committee plans a rummage sale January 16, 1965, somewhere in Burbank. Save stuff, Phone SOPHIE DAVIDSON at NO 3-7889 or IDA PASTERNAK at NO 4-3722 to have it picked up. ROSE SOBELL expects to be here about 10 more days.

"The Citizen's Committee to Preserve American Freedoms is preparing a 36000 mailing, hoping the new Congress will deny funds to the House Un-American Activities Committee. They now have a paid lobby, and men in Congress not afraid to stand up and be counted against H.U.A.C. They need help with the mailing."

ACTION:

Informant orally advised [REDACTED] that letters to the President requesting peace and a return of the boys from South Vietnam were passed out at the meeting. These letters were prepared by the Peace Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for Social Justice, Los Angeles Chapter, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles. [REDACTED]

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All necessary action in connection with this memo
has been taken by the writer.

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ROSE SOBELL

[REDACTED] B7D
[REDACTED]

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on May 12, 1964, that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee is the Los Angeles, California affiliate of captioned organization.

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

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

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

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 16, 1963, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

SOURCES:

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"Guide to Subversive Organizations"

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APPENDIX

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

DATE: 12/23/64

FROM : *gsm* SAC, SEATTLE (65-3111) (P)

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R
OO: NEW YORK

Re New York letter to Seattle, 11/3/64.

Seattle indices are negative concerning WILBUR R. ENGLES also under spelling of ENGELS.

On November 9, 1964 [REDACTED] furnished a record pertaining to one W. R. ENGLES, wife WINNIFRED, nee JOSEPHSON. They have been on file since 1943. In August, 1959 they resided at 1903 Queen Anne Avenue and she was listed as being with the Olympic Hotel laundry. In May, 1944 he was employed at Seattle-Tacoma Ship Yards and they resided at 6617 Schaeffer South. In May, 1945 he was with Todd Ship Yard and in March, 1954 as a laborer with the Austin Construction Company. In September, 1960 he was a laborer with General Construction Company. In August, 1957 she was with Troy Laundry and in October, 1963 was employed by WILLIAM G. SHEPARD as a practical nurse. b7D

The ENGLES have resided at 13 different addresses since 1943. It was indicated they married on February 20, 1943 and his age was given as 35 and hers as 38, date not shown. A news article in the Seattle Times, December 2, 1960, indicated ENGLES had been arrested and found guilty of driving while under influence of liquor and was fined \$200.

No record was found in the files of the Seattle Police Department or the King County Sheriff's Office on November 27, 1964 other than that mentioned above.

On December 17, 1964 [REDACTED] Voters Office, Seattle, produced a card dated October, 1962 b7D

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indicating WILBUR R. ENGLES was born February. 23, 1910 at Seattle, Washington, residing at 1015 East Aloha Street as of October, 1962 and his occupation was a laborer. A registration for his wife in 1948 gave her age as 43, indicating she was born in Iowa and was a practical nurse.

LEAD

SEATTLE DIVISION
At Seattle, Washington

Will attempt to obtain further information concerning the background and activities of WILBUR R. ENGLES, unless advised to the contrary by New York.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

12/23/64

SAC, SEATTLE (65-3111) (P)

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SAC, SEATTLE (65-3111)

12/31/64

SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158) (P)

MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R
(OO- NY)

Re Seattle letter, 12/23/64.

Inasmuch as the subject is a convicted espionage subject, it is requested that additional investigation concerning WUBUP ENIGIES be conducted by the Seattle Office to determine if he is known to security informants of that office, to verify his birth in the United States, and to attempt to ascertain the reason for his attempted visit to subject at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri.

2 - Seattle (PM)
1 - New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-49691)

DATE: 12/24/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED] B7C

SUBJECT: ^MEMA LAZARUS CLUB
IS - C

DOCUMENTATION:

[REDACTED] Luncheon and Meeting
of EMA LAZARUS Club,
1028 Balboa Street,
San Francisco,
California, 11/28/64

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SA [REDACTED]

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Set forth verbatim on subsequent pages is a report by

[REDACTED] has been thoroughly questioned concerning the
above, but could furnish no additional pertinent information.

RECOMMENDATION: All necessary action has been taken.

21 - San Francisco (100-49691)

cc:

1 - Los Angeles (RM)

2 - New York (RM)

(1 -)

(1 -)

(MORTON SOBELL)
(ROSE SOBELL)

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Read by: [REDACTED]

Reviewed by: [REDACTED]

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100-42374 (ROSE SOBELL)

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(MORTON SOBELL)

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San Francisco, California
December 2, 1964

11/23/64, Home of MAY ZOMBAS,
1028 Balboa Street, San
Francisco, California

Purpose: Luncheon and meeting of EMA LAZARUS Club,
\$1.50, advertised by mail

Guest of Honor: "Mother" ROSE SOBELL who talked about the SOBELL case. Pitch for SOBELL by ESTHER SCLAR.

Chairman: SARA BRODY

Persons present: 33

ROSE SOBELL

RUTH ORLOFF read a report from a national committee member which in part condemned racism, discrimination, the United States interference in the Congo, and South Vietnam.

ROSE SOBELL said MORTON has engaged lawyer KUNSTLER to represent him in his case for full pardon. She spoke in a soft tone of a mother whose son has been unjustly accused but using that tone to work up sympathy.

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Luncheon and Meeting of EIA
LAZARUS Club, 11/26/64

ESTHER SCLAR:

"Lawyer KUNSTLER is of the firm Kunstler and Kunstler of New York City and is connected with the Civil Liberties Union.

Random House is to publish a book by a man (whose name I did not get) on the SOBELL case which I hope will be greatly publicized and read, particularly by the youth to form a different opinion of the case.

SOBELL must be pardoned now."

Remarks:

Writer read in the "San Francisco Chronicle," December 2, 1964, "Dixie Clash - Negroes vs. FBI" that WILLIAM N. KUNSTLER is counsel to MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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^{BID}
Leaflets re this meeting attached
to original report *js*.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 12/30/64
FROM: SA [REDACTED] B7C
SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE (LASC)
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100- (ROSE SOBELL)

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65-5082 (MORTON SOBELL)

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 12/31/64
FROM: SA [REDACTED] B7C
SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE (LASC)
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100- (RCSE SOBELL)

100-46699 (ROSE SOBELL)

65-5062 (MONTON SOBELL)
100-34730 (HUNGARIAN HALL)

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"12/7/64

"On Saturday, December 5th 1964 I attended a luncheon at 1251 South St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles, Calif.

"The following persons were present:


ROSE SOBELL

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"The luncheon was sponsored by the Los Angeles Morton Sobell Committee to honor his mother ROSE SOBELL and to hear a latest report on MORTON's case. A donation of \$1.50 for the luncheon was asked. They served from 12:30 P.M. until 2:P.M..

"Mr. NAT CORNER introduced himself and said he would be chairman for the affair. He told of traveling to European countries trying to arouse people to the injustice the United States has imposed on MORTON SOBELL the fact that he was framed from the beginning. He said we are not going to speak too long. He then introduced a young man a guitarist by the name of STANLEY HUGHS to entertain with songs.

"CORNER came on again to introduce a very courageous person by the name of ROSE SOBELL.

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"ROSE SOBELL thanked everyone for the luncheon and other people from the committee who have been helping her in her struggle and effort to free her son MORTON SOBELL from prison. She said she had some good news from the lawyers the fact that they will take the case and an estimate fee of twenty five hundred dollars. She told of how JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG had paid with their lives for a crime they had not committed, and how her son a brave man has stood ground by not div (alleging) the names of other persons. She said MORTON had said no more injustice will be done on my account. Had the ROSENBERGS lived they would have told the truth. ROSE SOBELL told of how she and HELEN SOBELL separately had gone to Europe and talked at meetings telling the people of her son and how the United States has framed him. ROSE SOBELL said these people are shocked they had not heard the truth before. ROSE SOBELL read a letter she said was from MORTY. The letter contained criticism of the United States on all the racial news and killing and bombing of churches and Negro children. MORTON felt the United States had reached a very weak point and was a country composed of all kinds of hatred. He found himself very much depressed to hear about all those tragic news. ROSE SOBELL went on to say that a book would be published by Doubleday publishers and it will be interesting reading for those who don't know the truth about MORTON. She said it will take some time as the book is very bold and the lawyers are going through the manuscript for approval. ROSE SOBELL told a story about a scientist named GADY and his interest in MORTON how GADY had circulated a petition with names of professional people to free MORTON SOBELL in his care but this claim had been denied. ROSE SOBELL said that adds were being placed in newspapers in many towns asking President JOHNSON (Mr. President don't you care). She said the add in Los Angeles would run costly about one thousand dollars. She said a petition would be circulated for signatures to be taken to Washington to be presented to President JOHNSON as a Christmas amnesty. This they planned to do just before Christmas. ROSE SOBELL said all these activities cost money so I felt that if everyone can donate ten dollars its not too much to ask, or call a friend to call another friend if you feel its too much on your part. ROSE SOBELL was appealing for funds and started off by asking if anyone could donate one thousand dollars in support of MORTON SOBELL. In between the appeal ROSE SOBELL

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"called for volunteers to help in the office at 555 Western Ave. She also told of a rumage sale to be held January 16th 1965 in the Burbank area. BETTY ROTTGER interrupted the appeal to ask for help at the office. At ten minutes after three the appeal for funds in motion but persons had began to leave."

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-37158)

DATE:

1/15/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

MORTON SOBELL

ESP-R

Subject is on SI and an annual report is due.

Case is Pending and assigned to SA [REDACTED] 100-37158-2172

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

2/25/65

SAC, SEATTLE (65-3111) (P)

MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R
OO: NEW YORK

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At Portland, Oregon

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At San Francisco, California

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Memorandum

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WIFE STILL SEEKS SOBELL FREEDOM

She Puts Cost of 15-Year
Fight at a Million

By PETER KIHSS

One of the most massive efforts ever made to free any prisoner has been going on for nearly 15 years on behalf of Morton Sobell, convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. His wife, Helen, says it has cost probably \$1 million thus far.

The most recent Government statement has been a Department of Justice reply to an appeal by Mrs. Sobell to Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson.

In this, Reed Cozart, pardon attorney, wrote that if Sobell filed a clemency petition "based on his belief that his sentence was excessive, based on his institutional adjustment, etc., we would be glad to give it consideration."

But Mr. Cozart's letter, dated Feb. 5, said "there would be no basis for acting favorably upon a petition predicated upon his plea of innocence primarily," and the Government was "bound by the local adjudication of his guilt in this case."

Sentenced in 1951

Sobell, who will be 48 April 13, has been in custody since Aug. 18, 1950. He was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment April 5, 1951, in the same case in which Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed June 19, 1953.

Since January, he has been in Lewisburg, Pa., penitentiary, after five and a half years in Alcatraz and the rest of his term in Atlanta and Springfield, Mo., Prison Medical Center.

Mrs. Sobell, a petite, black-haired former physicist, is chairman, with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Rose Sobell, of a Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, successor to a similar group named for the Rosenbergs.

For the last decade, she says this has worked on a budget of about \$50,000 a year, with offices currently here at 150 Fifth Avenue, at 20th Street, and in other cities.

In the last year, she has been teaching in a private school "to find something to me perspective" after denying herself completely to the world since 1950. The Sobells have a son, Mark, 15.



FREEDOM SOUGHT: Morton Sobell, who was convicted in atom spying case.

Petition for Pardon

The committee is currently circulating a petition to President Johnson urging a pardon for Sobell. Mrs. Sobell says this has amassed 8,000 signatures in a year from Americans calling her husband innocent, and is to be submitted when 10,000 are gathered.

Also under way is a plan for a new habeas corpus suit in Federal Court, offering what Mrs. Sobell says is still-unrevealed but "important new evidence of the innocence of the Rosenbergs and my husband," to be filed probably about June.

William M. Kunstler, who with Arthur Kinoy has been Sobell's counsel since September, says the Supreme Court has had the case before it six times from 1952 to 1963, but never yet allowed arguments.

Mrs. Sobell says the late President Kennedy, between his 1960 election and 1961 inauguration, told her he would free her husband. Two aides, she says, told her he would set up a committee of law professors on the case, but she thinks right-wing pressures caused delay.

Parole Denied

The Federal Parole Board has annually denied Sobell parole since he first became eligible in July, 1962, although without explanation, Mrs. Sobell says.

She contends he could fulfill needed requirements—a family awaiting him, an offer of full-time employment, and agreement by Rabbi Balfour Brickner, of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to be his parole adviser.

The Sobell committee has produced 8,000 copies of an eight-volume, 1,715-page transcript, selling this now-a-days at \$6 a set, to provide what Mrs. Sobell calls a "complete presentation." She estimates it has distributed 10,000 copies of a 672-page book by John Wexley and 5,000 of a volume by Malcolm Sharp on the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

Mrs. Sobell says she has herself addressed probably 1,000 meetings, at which many of the funds have been raised, including trips in 1962 and 1963 to Western Europe.

Maintaining her husband's innocence, she insists there never was any testimony that he "transmitted or received any secret material."

Testimony of Engineer

Sobell's conviction depended on testimony of a former fellow Navy engineer, Max Elitcher, which Mrs. Sobell contends was uncorroborated. She holds Elitcher was himself liable to perjury prosecution.

of the Communist party.

Persons who have declared faith in her husband's innocence, Mrs. Sobell says, include Dr. Harold C. Urey, Dr. Linus Pauling and Bertrand Russell, Nobel prize winners, and the Rev. Peter McCormack, who lost his post as Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz after taking this stand.

Among persons who consider the case merits review or the sentence excessive, Mrs. Sobell cites Senator Lee Metcalf, Democrat of Montana, as having written Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in 1961 that the conviction was on "very dubious evidence." The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., she says, has called the sentence "cruel and unusual," regardless of guilt or innocence.

At Lewisburg, Sobell is earning 35 cents an hour for a 30-hour week working in a metal cabinet-making factory, Mrs. Sobell says. At Springfield, she says he designed a simulator for training X-ray technicians. In Atlanta, she says he had

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Mr. Elitcher's testimony basically was that (1) Sobell had gotten him to join the Young Communist League in 1939, (2) Rosenberg in 1944 told him Sobell was helping get military information for the Soviet Union, and Sobell became angry at hearing this later, (3) Sobell in 1947 asked if he knew anyone who could be approached for spying, (4) Sobell supported Rosenberg in trying to induce him to stay in the Navy in 1948 for spying, and (5) Sobell in 1948 took a film can from Flushing to Manhattan, saying he had information for Rosenberg.

Sobell did not testify in his own defense. He said this was on advice of his lawyers, who were convinced the prosecution case was weak. But his wife says he has consistently asserted his innocence and has insisted he was never a member

charge of making mail sacks and redesigned equipment to cut down a fire hazard from two or three fires a month to perhaps one a year.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-21)

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MORNING FREIHEIT, INC.
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The following editorial appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of March 16, 1965, on page 4, columns 1-2:

A Pardon For Sobell

A big, paid advertisement, in "The New York Times" of Friday, March 12th, contained the text of an appeal by a number of prominent Americans to President Johnson for a full pardon for Morton Sobell, who has been languishing in jail for 14 years.

It brings to mind the gruesome history of the trial, which was conducted in 1951 against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and against Morton Sobell. It mentions that this was during the period of the poisoned atmosphere of McCarthyism and at the time of the Korean War. The Rosenbergs fell victim to this atmosphere. They were hurred in the electric chair. World-famous jurists maintained that this was an act of judicial lynching. Sobell received a sentence of 30 years in jail. He wasn't even charged with "atomic conspiracy". In the appeal to pardon Sobell - the sentence against him is called "cruel".

Among the signatories are shiring pearls in various fields of social life, among them 8 Nobel Prize winners. Their appeal dare not fall on deaf ears, as has happened in all the years till now.

The above was translated from the Yiddish by
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 1, 1965

[REDACTED] U. S. Public Health Service, advised MORTON SOBELL, U. S. Penitentiary Registry Number 31408-NE, was received U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., on transfer January 30, 1965, and he is currently incarcerated this Institution.

He stated SOBELL has not been hospitalized during this period of time. He stated the Medical History indicates SOBELL has had a liver removed and he has a mild case of Psycho-Physiological gastro intestinal reaction, caused by nervous tension, and he is apparently doing well at this time.

[REDACTED] Psychiatric evaluation of SOBELL is as follows:

SOBELL is a very intelligent individual, with an obsessive compulsive personality. He is not in dire need of psychiatric care but psycho-therapy is indicated.

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On 2/19/65 at U. S. Penitentiary Lewisburg, Pa. File # Philadelphia 65-4372
by SA **[REDACTED]** /djs Date dictated 2/23/65
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SAC, SEATTLE (65-3111)

4/13/65

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65-4228) (RUC)

MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R

OO:NY

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An inquiry conducted by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in 1942 concerning ALLEN ENGELS, wa ALLEN ENGELSTEIN, determined that ENGELS has been employed by the California and Hawaiian Sugar Company, Crockett, California, since 1930. ENGELS was a member of the CIO Warehousemen's Union, Local 16 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. He was born 12/8/03 at New York City. His father's name was MARTIN ENGELS; his mother's name was listed as Mrs. C. ENGELSTEIN.

It is to be noted that the CIO expelled the ILWU in 1949.

Seattle letter to New York dated 12/23/64 in captioned matter lists WILBUR R. ENGLES birth as 2/23/10 in Seattle, Washington.

The spelling of the surname and places of birth tend to indicate WILBUR R. ENGLES and ALLEN ENGELS are not brothers.

SAC, SEATTLE (65-3111)

4/13/65

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An inquiry conducted by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in 1942 concerning ALLEN ENGELS, wa ALLEN ENGELSTEIN, determined that ENGELS has been employed by the California and Hawaiian Sugar Company, Crockett, California, since 1930. ENGELS was a member of the CIO Warehousemen's Union, Local 16 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. He was born 12/8/03 at New York City. His father's name was MARTIN ENGELS; his mother's name was listed as Mrs. C. ENGELSTEIN.

It is to be noted that the CIO expelled the ILWU in 1949.

Seattle letter to New York dated 12/23/64 in captioned matter lists WILBUR R. ENGLES birth as 2/23/10 in Seattle, Washington.

The spelling of the surname and places of birth tend to indicate WILBUR R. ENGLES and ALLEN ENGELS are not brothers.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

DATE: 4/28/65

FROM : *JS* SAC, SEATTLE (65-3111) (RUC)SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R
OO: NY

Re New York letter to Seattle, 11/3/64; Seattle letters to New York, 12/23/64 and 2/25/65; San Francisco letter to Seattle, 4/13/65 and New York report, 3/17/65.

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The following additional information was obtained at Seattle on April 20, 1965. The records of the Registrar's Office, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, contained no data concerning ENGLES.

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SAC, PORTLAND (65-2004)(RUC)

MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R
OO: New York

Re Seattle letter to New York, 2/25/65.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

FROM : *CEP* SAC, PORTLAND (65-2004)(RUC)

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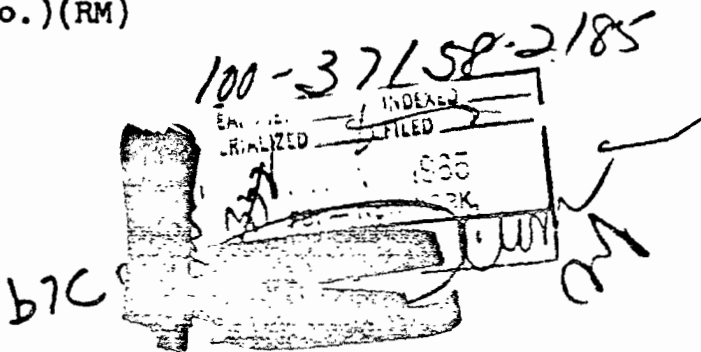
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1783) DATE: 5/3/65
 FROM: SA [REDACTED] B7C
 SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION
 OF FOREIGN BORN (LACFPB)
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	15th Annual Conference of IACFPB held at 118 N. Larchmont Blvd., L.A., 3/27/65.	[REDACTED]	Writer	[REDACTED] B7D

Informant's report is quoted as follows:

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 "15th Annual Conference of the Los Angeles Committee For Protection of Foreign Born, March 27, 1965.

"The 15th Annual Conference of the Los Angeles Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born was held on March 27, 1965, at Larchmont Hall, 118 North Larchmont Blvd., Los Angeles, California, and started at approximately 10:00 a.m.

CC: 1 New York (REGISTERED)
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"A series of speakers appeared before the conference during the 1st or morning session. Included were NATHAN GARFIELD and Dr. EASON MONROE. Both of these individuals spoke briefly on the topic of civil rights.

"ROSE CHERNIN KUSNITZ spoke about the accomplishments of the LACFPB over the years and gave details of some of the more popular cases handled during this 15 year period.

"Approximately 200 individuals attended this 1st session and it was noted that only approximately 12 Negroes and very few people of Mexican extraction were in attendance. KUSNITZ stated that the LACFPB is fighting the Mc Carran Act and the objective is to have the Act repealed but if this is not possible it must be ammended. KUSNITZ was the last speaker of the morning session and when she terminated at approximately 12:30 p.m. it was announced that lunch was being served and that the conference would start again at after 1:00 p.m.

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"A printed resolution was handed out which apparently was given to all three panels. This called for a statute of limitations to be placed on the Walter Mc Carran Act.

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"This resolution was to be rewritten as MAURICIO TERRAZAS wanted a statement included which would honor the Treaty of Guadalupe which would give Mexicans equal rights in language and customs.

"The next resolution dealt with the MORTON SOBELL matter and called for a pardon.

"The next resolution dealt with the Viet Nam war and called for the United States to withdraw from Viet Nam.

"Another resolution called for a speed up of the granting of citizenship for individuals after deportation cases had been dropped against the individual.

"Another resolution called for the continuation of the Nazi war criminal case. This is, however, to be worked to include criminal and murders in human rights.

"The next resolution called for the conference to go on record for equal jobs, housing and educational rights.

"All of these resolutions were adopted without opposition.

"HUGH DE LACY called for a buildup of the assistance for the older people. He pointed out that in California not enough assistance is given to the elderly and it was stated that in this state only 5% goes to welfare and that this should be increased.

"During a discussion of candidates for the municipal election it was mentioned that MARION MILLER was a stool pigeon and that she should not be supported. A letter writing campaign was suggested for supporting the U.S. Supreme Court's concept of the one man one vote decision. They also called for support of the reapportionment of the upper house of the California legislature.

"Approximately 75 persons attended the panel relative to Defense of Civil Rights.

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"The panels completed their work at approximately 4:00 p.m. at which time the persons attending the conference again assembled and the report pertaining to the work of the panels was presented. At this time a song 'We Shall Overcome' was sung."

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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APPENDIX

LCS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised, December 1, 1961, pp. 103-104 describes this committee as follows:

"A 'branch' of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born found to be under the 'actual management, direction and supervision' of Communist Party members. The Los Angeles Committee was reorganized in October, 1950 and reported that it 'shall be affiliated to the national organization known as the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born ***' The American Committee and the 'various area or local committees * * * constitute * * * one organization within the meaning of the * * * statute (Internal Security Act)' under which the Subversive Activities Control Board found the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to be a 'Communist-front organization' and ordered it to register as such with the Attorney General".

(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 109-53, Report and Order with respect to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, June 27, 1960, pp. 41, 8, 12 and 51.)

"Cited as a 'regional' organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and one of its 'most complex affiliates.' 'The Committee on Un-American Activities found that in early publications the local affiliates frankly identified themselves as chapters of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; their representation of themselves as independent groups came only after enactment of the Internal Security Act which would have required them, as affiliates, to register as Communist-front organizations.'

"Control of the local organizations * * * was made possible primarily by virtue of the fact that the leaders of the local groups were Communist Party members and therefore subject to the discipline of the Party. * * * The local affiliates * * * were actually little more than administrative staffs, whose purpose it was to implement the program of the Communist Party in their respective areas.

APPENDIX CONTINUED

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

"The Lamp of January, 1950, reported that the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born had been established on November 29, 1949.' Publicly identified Communist ROSE CHERNIN served as 'the operating head' since the time of its organization.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1182 on Communist Political Subversion, August 16, 1957, pp. 86, 87, 55, 33, 54, 58, and 59; also cited in Annual Report for 1956, House Report #53, February 11, 1957, p. 5.)"

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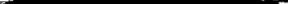
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

DATE: 7/27/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 332 (P#)

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SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL
ESP - R
(OO: NY)

Re Philadelphia letter 6/30/65.

The subject is on the security index of the NYO, and an annual investigative report was submitted 3/17/65. He is currently incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

In accordance with Bureau instructions regarding this case, the Philadelphia Office by relet set out a lead to review health records concerning subject at the Penitentiary within 90 days.

It is suggested that this case be placed in pending inactive status pending receipt of the above information.

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NEW BID PLANNED FOR SOBELL TRIAL

Move in Spy Case Based on
Forthcoming Book

By PETER KIHSS

A new effort in Federal Court to upset the conviction of Morton Sobell on spy conspiracy charges is being planned, based on material gathered in a forthcoming book. The case led ultimately to the electrocution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg as spies in 1953.

In a book being published Aug. 20 by Doubleday & Company, Inc., a husband-and-wife team of New York free-lance writers, Walter and Miriam Schneir, contend that the Rosenbergs and Sobell were "punished for a crime that never occurred."

They assert that "there is not the slightest reason to believe" the key prosecution witnesses, David Greenglass and Harry Gold, "ever met each other prior to their arrests." Both men had testified that Greenglass gave Gold atomic bomb sketches in a crucial act of the Rosenberg spy plot in Albuquerque, N. M., on June 3, 1945.

Motion Being Drafted

The motion for a new trial is being drafted by William M. Kunstler, Arthur Kinoy and Marshall Perlin, co-counsel for Sobell, who will complete half of his 30-year sentence on Aug. 18. Mr. Kunstler said the motion would claim perjury, forgery and suppression of evidence in asserting Sobell's innocence, and would append the book, "Invitation to an Inquest," as partial documentation.

In Washington, the Department of Justice reserved comment on the proposed new move on the ground that its officials had not yet seen the Schneirs book. Other legal experts, however, noted that the courts set rigorous standards for reopening such cases, and expressed doubt about the defense's chances.

Sobell's wife, Helen, declares Sobell's case has never had an actual hearing on evidence since the original trial in 1951, although petitions have gone as high as the Supreme Court 11 times.

Mrs. Sobell, small statured and increasingly drawn, heads a committee on her husband's case, which has sent out 10,000 letters seeking orders for the new \$5.95, 476-page book. She reports 500 return bids in a fortnight. Her group is also helping set up a nationwide lecture tour for the two-woman.

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Credibility Is Target

Mr. Schneir, who is 38 years old, has written in particular for *The Nation* and *The Reporter* magazines. He was news editor of *MD*, a cultural news magazine for physicians; and his wife, who is 32, was a former kindergarten and nursery teacher when they started on their book six years ago.

In an interview, Mr. Schneir said he originally thought it "unlikely" that the Rosenbergs were innocent, although he had been "shocked by the sentence" of death in the electric chair.

Basically, the new book centers fire on the credibility of Greenglass and Gold. Greenglass, brother of Ethel Rosenberg, was released in November, 1960, after serving nine and a half years of his 15-year term in the Rosenberg case. Gold is serving a 30-year sentence for a separate atomic spy plot with Klaus Fuchs, the British physicist.

The Schneirs were allowed by Gold and his court-appointed lawyers, John D. M. Hamilton, a former Republican national chairman, and Augustus S. Ballard, to go through what they call "14 hours of recordings" of Gold's pre-trial interviews with his counsel, along with "hundreds of pages of correspondence."

Statements Contrasted

The author says that Gold's pre-trial statements show:

¶He first told his lawyers that the critical trip to Albuquerque had been set up by Soviet Vice Consul Anatoli A. Yakovlev to see Fuchs as the "paramount" reason but that Yakovlev had added that Gold should try also to meet another man "if it were possible." At the trial, Gold testified he had a Yakovlev "order" to visit Greenglass because an unidentified woman was "unable to make the trip."

¶He made no mention to his lawyers of staying at the Albuquerque Hilton Hotel in June, 1945. At the trial, a hotel registration card with Gold's signature was introduced as documentary support for such a stay. The Schneirs declare their investigation of the card, its printing, inscriptions and time stamp, point to its being "a probable forgery"—and they emphasize that, according to hotel personnel, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents spent days in the hotel files.

¶Gold reported to his lawyers that he had at once told F.B.I. agents "the full story of my relationship with Klaus Fuchs," but "the David Greenglass incident I had actually completely forgotten about." He told him he had his memory gradually refreshed.

¶He related to his lawyers that he had introduced himself to the man in Albuquerque as "Mr. Frank, possibly Raymond Frank." At the trial, Gold testified he introduced himself as "Dave from Pittsburgh," causing Greenglass' wife Ruth to observe that this was also Greenglass first name.

¶He told his lawyers he had a "recognition sign" for the Albuquerque meeting that involved his saying something like "Bob" or "Benny" or "John sent me." At the trial, Gold testified Yakovlev gave him a paper with Greenglass name and a note, "recognition signal. I come from Julius" — the same first name as Rosenberg's.

¶He never recounted to his lawyers the dramatic trial testimony about how Yakovlev gave him a torn piece of cardboard to match a similar piece

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to be produced by Greenglass for ensuring mutual identification.

Reached in Philadelphia, Mr. Ballard said Gold had consented to let the Schneirs see the pre-trial material three to four years ago. This, he said, was after the Schneirs said they planned "an objective book on atomic espionage, with no ax to grind." He said he believed this consent to their access had been "cleared with the F. B. I."

Mr. Ballard added that Gold remained, in his opinion, "a thoroughly repentant man with nothing to hide" and "I am reasonably certain he was telling the truth" in the trial testimony eventually given.

'I Am Shocked'

"If they are trying to make a liar out of Harry, I'm shocked," Mr. Ballard said. He added that he had been "trying to get Harry out of jail a long while" on the parole for which he has been eligible for five years and on a 1963 petition for commuting sentence.

Gold is in Lewisburg (Pa.) Penitentiary, where Sobell has also been imprisoned since last January.

As to Greenglass, the Schneirs quote Benjamin F. Pollack, a Department of Justice attorney who had been assigned in December, 1956, to draw up a still-confidential 95-page report on the Rosenberg-Sobell case for the then Attorney General, Herbert Brownell.

They say they had a two-hour interview with Mr. Pollack on departmental authorization. They assert he told them Greenglass had "no conscience at all," and "if I were a judge, I wouldn't take his testimony too seriously."

Mr. Pollack, through the Justice Department, reserved comment.

Woman Interviewed

In one part of his testimony, Greenglass said he had met a Mrs. Ann Sidorovich in January, 1945, after which Rosenberg told him she was the person likely to go to Albuquerque to get atomic bomb information from him.

The Schneirs report an interview with Mrs. Sidorovich, whom the prosecution had called an "espionage courier," but had never brought in as a witness at the trial.

Mrs. Sidorovich, they write, told them she did not ever remember meeting Greenglass, and had denied his story of her supposed courier trip plan "under oath" before the 1950 Federal grand jury here. She was quoted as saying she and her husband "were under 24-hour surveillance for over a year" by the F. B. I. thereafter.

The Schneirs write that they tried to interview Greenglass

and his wife through the couple's attorney, O. John Rogge, but had been rebuffed. They assert Mr. Rogge "characterized David as the sort who could be easily led."

Asked for comment, Mr. Rogge replied, "I never said that he could be 'easily led' with the implication that he could be made to say things as a witness." Mr. Rogge added he had "no doubt in my mind as to what the facts are," but would not go into the issues again unless a court proceeding arose.

He said the Greenglasses had changed their name with court approval, and were unavailable for interviews.

The Schneirs believe they are the first press representatives ever to see any of the four sketches drawn by Greenglass in 1950 and 1951 while he was in custody. These were introduced at the trial as "replicas" of originals he transmitted to Rosenberg and Gold in 1945.

The book reproduces three of these Greenglass sketches, which the authors say they were permitted to photostat from padlocked Federal Court files of the spy trial exhibits.

One had been described by Greenglass as showing a lens mold into which high explosives were poured. The two others, he testified, were replicas of sketches further developing the molds.

The fourth sketch was reputedly of the atom bomb itself, which Greenglass testified he gave Rosenberg in September, 1945. The Schneirs say

Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who presided at the trial and is now a member of the United States Court of Appeals, denied their 1962 request to release this sketch.

The Schneirs assert "Greenglass' three crudely drawn sketches" and "meager explanations" did not appear to them to reveal "matters of earth-shaking importance."

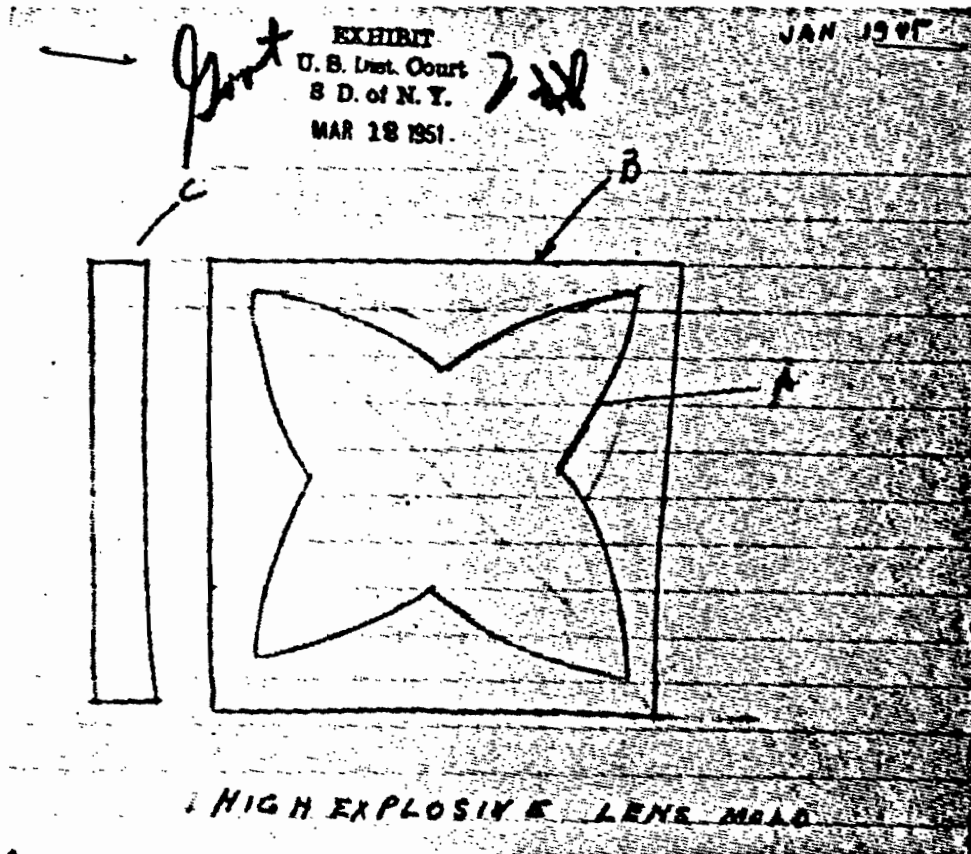
His data, they say, appear "extremely rudimentary, an impression strengthened by his testimony that none of the lens sketches is drawn to scale, that he was incapable of telling which of the many types of lens molds constructed in his shop was an improvement over any other one, and that he did not know the kind, quantity or combination of high explosives from which the lenses were made."

At the trial, Dr. Walter S. Koski, who had been a Los Alamos (N.M.) atomic bomb engineer on implosion research, testified the lens sketches "illustrate the important principle involved."

He described this as "the use of a combination of high explosives of appropriate shape to produce a symmetrical converging detonation wave." In essence, the technique surrounded plutonium with a layer of explosives, and these were exploded inward to compress the fissionable material into a critical mass, touching off a chain reaction and the nuclear blast.

Dr. Koski testified there had been "no information in textbooks or technical journals on this particular subject" as of 1945, and the work had remained secret information until made public at the 1951 trial.

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AN EXHIBIT AT THE SOBELL TRIAL: This is a photocopy of a Government exhibit at the trial of Morton Sobell. It was described as a duplicate of a drawing showing a principle involved in detonation of a bomb, and transmitted to two other defendants in the atom spy case. In their book, Walter and Miriam Scheir query its value.

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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August 31, 1965

We are in the process of preparing a petition under Title 28 U.S.C. § 2255 and would appreciate an early reply to this letter.

Very truly yours

William M. Kunstler

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
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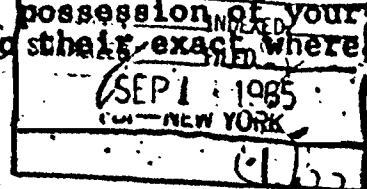
Re: United States v. Morton Sobell

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At the trial of the above-named client of this office which began on March 6, 1951, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the government introduced into evidence as its Exhibit 16 a photostatic copy of what purported to be a registration card of the Albuquerque Hilton Hotel for June 3, 1945, in the name of guest Harry Gold. This card bore on its reverse side, in addition to the hotel's date-time stamp, only the initials "F.L.B."

It is the understanding of this office that agents acting under your supervision visited the Albuquerque Hilton in May of 1950 and procured this card, as well as another, dated September 19, 1945, for the same guest. The latter card bears, in addition to the date-time stamp, the handwritten date "5-23-50", an FBI identification number "65-6" and three sets of initials, "F.I.P.", "A.L." and one that is undecipherable by this office.

Since a serious question has arisen as to the authenticity of the June 3rd card, it is imperative that a handwriting expert for Mr. Sobell examine the original cards. Only photostatic copies were, as has been indicated, introduced in evidence at the trial and the originals are not on file with the court. We respectfully request that our expert be permitted to examine the original cards if they are in the possession of your agency, and, if not, that we be informed as to their exact whereabouts.



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SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE #35-65
(9/29/65)

"Invitation to an Inquisition"
By WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR

Captioned book was published during August, 1965. This book, in substance, sets forth implications and conclusions designed to discredit HARRY GOLD, a

Government witness and implies that the Government's case against JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, executed spies, and MORTON SOBELL was false. Information has been received by the Bureau that the authors will begin a national tour, which will include major cities in the United States and Canada, in an effort to publicize and sell this book. The tour was recently announced in a letter from the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

All investigative personnel should be alert for meetings in our territory, and any inquiries directed to you concerning the authors or the publication should be referred to the Bureau, attention Crime Records Division.

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FROM: [REDACTED] B7C

SUBJECT: WALTER SCHNEIR

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Date(s) of activity

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Reprint of NY Times article 8/1/65

captioned "New Bid Planned for Sobell

Trial" circulated with announcement of

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Remarks: meet the author for Walter Schneir 10/3/65

This informant has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Miriam Schneir

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New York (RM) (INFO.) (copy on request)

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Date(s) of activity

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Announcement of Meet-The-Author Party

featuring Walter Schneir 10/3/65 at

10805 Montrose Ave, Garrett Park, Md.

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101-2316 Morton Sobell

(New York (RM) (copies of announcement will be furnished on request)

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell
Walter Schneir
Morton Sobell

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Date of Report

10/5/65

Date(s) of activity

Brief description of activity or material

Reprint of Book review of WalterSchneir's book in "The Evening Star"8/19/65, circulated with announcement

of meet the author meeting for Walter Schneir 10/3/65.

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Miriam Schneir

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DATE:

SAC, NEW YORK

10/27/65

FROM :

SAC, NEWARK (100-45633)

SUBJECT:

FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM
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On 10/19/65, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a leaflet issued by the FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM reflecting that the first meeting of the current season would be held on Friday, 10/15/65, at the Continental Ballroom, 982 Broad Street, Newark, N.J., and that the featured speaker would be MIRIAM SCHNEIR, described as the co-author of "Invitation to an Inquest" which is described as the basis for a new appeal for freedom for MORTON SOBELL. b7D

The leaflet and envelope in which it was received are being exhibited in Newark file 100-45633-1A.

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PERS^{ON}AL ATTENTION
SAC LETTER 65-60
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

November 2, 1965

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

(A) ROSENBERG - SOBELL CASE - BOOK BY WALTER AND MIRIAM SCHNEIR -- A letter to all Offices dated September 20, 1965, advised of the publication of a book entitled "Invitation to an Inquest" by Walter and Miriam Schneir which implied that the Government's case against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobell was false. In addition, you were informed that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell announced a "national tour" by the Schneirs of major cities in the United States and Canada to publicize and sell the book.

Additional information has been received that in connection with this tour attempts will be made to get the Schneirs on television programs throughout the country. Their main aim is to get on a nationwide television program, thus obtaining major publicity for this book.

All Offices should be alert to any indication of such action and immediately notify the Bureau in the event information is received indicating such an attempt on the part of the authors.

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Meeting of FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM

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Remarks:

12-New York (RM)

1-100-37158 (MORTON SOBELL)
1-100-107111 (SOBELL COMMITTEE)
1-65-15324 (HARRY GOLD)
1-65-15136 (KLAUS FUCHS)
~~1-65-~~ (HARRY LOEB) *16*
1-65-15348 (JULIUS ROSENBERG)
1-65-15336 (DAVID GREENGLASS)

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October 16, 1965

A meeting of the FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM was held at the Continental Ballroom, 982 Broad St., Newark, N.J., on Oct. 15, 1965.

LOTTIE GORDON introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. MIRIAM SCHNEIR, co-author of a book entitled "Invitation to an Inquest". "The facts" as presented in it are being used as a basis for a new appeal for MORTON SOBELL, the convicted spy. Renewed public interest has been given the case by a lengthy review of the book by the N.Y. Times. Other papers, too, have recently expressed doubt of SOBELL's guilt, said Mrs. SCHNEIR.

She reviewed the evidence presented at his trial and pointed out how originally vague statements made by witnesses before the trial were eventually offered as clear, pointed facts in court. Twisting or undue influence was obviously used here, she felt.

The circumstance of HARRY GOLD, too, was mentioned. After having been assigned an attorney, a Mr. HAMILTON, a corporation lawyer of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he made statements prejudicial to SOBELL. This, however, was only after he had spent 400 hours with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Undoubtedly he had been brain-washed, she said.

Referring to KLAUS FUCHS, the ex-German scientist who had worked for the British Government; HARRY HOBB, the Russian spy; JULIUS ROSENBERG; DAVID GREENGLASS - she said because one of them had spoken to one of the others, who in turn had spoken to another, and so on, forming a chain, and because one of them was guilty of a crime, all were held guilty. This was guilt by association, and was typical of the era which was "Mc Carthyism".

During the questions and answers period, in reply to the question of what other evidence would be presented when asking for a new trial for SOBELL, Mrs. SCHNEIR said that the FBI had presented false witnesses, and had suppressed evidence favorable to the defendant. Add to this the fact that, as much more truth is being hidden by the Government, in order to avoid the risk of any such disclosures and a scandal of world-wide importance, it is quite possible, she said, that a parole might be given SOBELL. In that case, the Government would probably use delaying tactics to give him time to serve two-thirds of his

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sentence and thus become eligible with "time off" for good conduct, as a matter of course.

On the platform, too, was AARON SCHNEIDER, who was asked to make a "sales pitch" for the book. In introducing him, LOTTIE GORDON said that he had debated this subject many times on radio, once with ROY COHEN, formerly a legal assistant to Senator JOE MC CARTHY.

LOTTIE announced there would be buses leaving Newark for Trenton the next morning, carrying passengers to the State Capitol to demonstrate against our military policy in Vietnam. She urged all present to make the trip and join the parade.

The next meeting of the forum will be November 19, 1965, when the Rev. Dr. WILLIAM HOWARD MELLISH will be the featured speaker. Then comes ABRAHAM ISSERMAN, de-barred lawyer, but now re-admitted.

About 45 people attended. The general admission was 99 cents. Refreshments were served.

Among those present were:

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SA GERHARD P. HUNDT
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REPORT RE FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM MEETING

HELD 10/15/65 AT NEWARK, N.J.

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October 16, 1965

A meeting of the FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM was held on October 15, 1965 at the Continental Ballroom, 982 Broad St., Newark, N.J.

About 50 persons were present.

Chairman of the evening was LOTTIE GORDON.

The speaker was MIRIAM SCHNEIR, author of the book, "Invitation to an Inquest".

She spoke on her interest in the ROSENBERG case and freedom for MORTON SOBELL. She gave a review of her book and how she uncovered new evidence that tends to prove SOBELL innocent. SOBELL's lawyers are seeking a retrial and her book will be part of the exhibit for the new trial. She believes that rather than have a retrial SOBELL will be pardoned so that the government and the FBI will not lose face at this miscarriage of justice. Because of the fact the FBI had suppressed evidence in the SOBELL trial that could have freed him.

The next meeting of the Forum will be held on the third Friday in November. Among the speakers for the future will be HERBERT APTEHEKER and TRUMAN NELSON. The speaker at the next meeting will be Rev. MINISCH.

Announcement that buses for the anti-Vietnamese demonstration will leave from Clinton Ave. and Hunterdon St. Saturday for Trenton. The committee's headquarters are located at this place.

Also at the meeting were [REDACTED]

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