

NY-143

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC (100-107111)(42) DATE: July 26, 1967  
 FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7c  
 SUBJECT: Sobell Committee  
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On 7-26-67 [REDACTED]  
 Chemical Bank Co. 150 57th Ave NYC

made available to the writer on a confidential basis bank records concerning the above-captioned account.

A review of the records reflected no pertinent activity and the balance as of 7-26-67 \$1,644.32.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena.

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The officer to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED]  
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August 3, 1967

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East Sixty-ninth Street  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I am presently a high school senior at Cliffside Park Senior High School, Cliffside Park, New Jersey. In the last several months I have become very interested in the Rosenberg-Sobell Espionage Case and the movements to secure justice for Morton Sobell and vindicate Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Recently, I have offered my services to the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, located at One fifty Fifth Avenue, New York City.

I would like to know, before I begin any association with this Committee if it has ever been investigated by the Justice Department, and if so, what were the findings of this inquiry.

If you are unable to disclose this information, I would appreciate it if you would merely recommend my action in light of the results of any investigation by your Department and considering that I would not want to align myself with any group originated with any group associated with Communist Party, USA.

Thank you,  
Cordially,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

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*Defense Committee for Mr. Sobell*  
100-4278  
N.Y.  
*Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell*  
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*Veroy copy sent to Newark 8/8/67 with copy of letter of acknowledgment*

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201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York, 10021  
August 8, 1967

[REDACTED] b7d  
Cliffside Park, New Jersey

Dear Mr. [REDACTED] b7d

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 3, 1967, in which you make certain inquiries.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is confidential and available for official use only. Your attention is called to the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character and integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policy in this regard and will not infer either that we do, or that we do not, have the information you request.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

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*Recd. 10/18/65*

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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-15241)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C, ISA, 1950  
(OO:NY)

Baltimore is requested to submit current  
characterizations for [REDACTED] and

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8/10/67

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TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (100-25474)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (P)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON  
SOBELL  
IS-C, ISA, 1950  
(OO:NY)

On 8/4/67, [REDACTED] <sup>b7d</sup> who has furnished reliable information in the past, indicated DON GUREWITZ was working during the summer for captioned committee at 150 Fifth Ave., NYC. GUREWITZ stated he was attending Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and is majoring in history. He will be in his senior year in September. He hopes to get a Masters Degree specializing in Latin American Affairs.

Informant stated he believes GUREWITZ is the son of HELEN SOBELL's former husband, CASEY or CLARENCE GUREWITZ and is from Washington, D.C.

DON GUREWITZ described as white, male, age 21, 5'10", 170 lbs., wears glasses.

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WASHINGTON FIELD AND CLEVELAND. Will provide NYO with any available characterization for DON GUREWITZ.

- 2 - Washington Field (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (100-20243) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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SUBJECT Rosenberg/Sobell Committee

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100-10771-1 67-53  
(8/21/67)

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

"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' co-defendant. 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 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 name "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In August, 1966, the name "Committee to Free Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on March 20, 1967, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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TO: SAC (100-147111) 42      DATE: 8-29-67

FROM: SA [REDACTED] #42) b7c

SUBJECT: Sobell Committee  
IS-C

On 8-29-67 [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] Cheney, Wm. (p. 1 of 5 - line 14)  
 made available to the writer on a confidential basis bank records concerning the above-captioned account.

A review of the records reflected no pertinent activity and the balance as of 8-29-67 \$ 3,000.00.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena.

The officer to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Wm. Frank Robinson

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Date: 8/14/67

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-15241) RUC  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C, ISA, 1950  
(OO: NY)

Re New York airtel to Baltimore, 8/10/67.

JULIA SAMUELS and HENRY GREENBERG are current  
members of the Communist Party per [redacted] to SA [redacted]  
[redacted] 8/14/67.

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1 - Baltimore  
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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 8-18-67

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-20243) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C; ISA - 1950

OO: NEW YORK

Re New York Airtel to Washington Field Office,  
carbon copy to Cleveland, 8-10-67.

DON GUREWITZ is a security index subject of  
the Cleveland Office.

[REDACTED] reported on June 19, 1967, that  
GUREWITZ was a current member of the Young Socialist  
Alliance in Cleveland, Ohio, at that time, and has been  
active in anti-war activities. b7d

Cleveland files reflect that GUREWITZ was born  
on May 7, 1946, at Washington D.C., and is the son  
of HELEN and CLARENCE GUREWITZ, Silver Springs, Maryland,  
who have been identified as members of the Communist Party.

As of May 8, 1967, GUREWITZ was residing at  
1914 East 101st Street, Cleveland, and was a student at  
Western Reserve University, (now Case Western Reserve  
University), Cleveland, Ohio.

Inasmuch as GUREWITZ is in New York City  
temporarily, and is expected to return to Cleveland shortly  
to resume studies at Case Western Reserve University,  
FD-128 is not being submitted.

- ② - New York (RM)
- (1 - 100- DON GUREWITZ)
- 1 - Washington Field Office (Info)(RM)
- 2 - Cleveland
- (1 - 100-27022)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-~~107111~~)

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-43583) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DONALD GUREWITZ  
SM - C  
(OO:CV)

DATE: 8/28/67

Re NY airtel to WFO captioned "COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL, IS - C, ISA 1950, (OO:NY)". Re Cleveland letter to NY, dated 8/18/67 captioned as above.

Cleveland letter of 8/18/67 sets forth current information re DON GUREWITZ. Nothing additional WFO.

- (2) - New York (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-27022) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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Via IRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL (CFMS)  
IS - C; ISA, 1950  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Reurairtel 3/29/67.

Please be advised that there is no current  
characterization of [redacted] available at Boston. b7c

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (42)

DATE: 9/11/67

FROM : *[Signature]* WFO (100-46829) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN PIERRE JOHNSON  
SM-C  
(OO:WFO)

Re NYlet to Albany dated [REDACTED] b7d

On page 5 and 6 of referenced letter it was mentioned that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

For information of New York the following is set forth:

Records of Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and U. S. Park Police, Washington, D. C., as reviewed on 8/11/67 reflect no information identifiable with JOHNSON.

A check with the License Bureau, Washington, D. C., on 8/17/67 revealed negative results.

Records of Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D. C., as searched 8/28/67 revealed negative results.

(2) New York (100-107111) (RM)  
1- WFO



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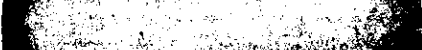
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Police Departments of Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax, Virginia, as reviewed 8/28/67 revealed negative results.


The following security informants, covering Communist Party (CP) and related activities could furnish no information concerning JOHNSON:

 <sup>b7d</sup> contacted 8/31/67 by  <sup>b7c</sup>  
 contacted 8/30/67 by   
 contacted 8/31/67 by 

Washington, D. C. Telephone Directory, 1967 edition, including Maryland and Virginia Suburbs reflect no listing for JOHN PIERRE or JOHN P. JOHNSON.

Current City Director, 1967 edition, reflect two JOHN P. JOHNSONS residing in Washington, D. C. area, but a suitable pretext made on 8/31/67 disclosed neither has a middle name of PIERRE nor is either a moderator or minister in a Presbyterian Church.

In view of the fact Washington, D. C. area has an indefinite number of Presbyterian churches it is deemed inappropriate at this time to attempt to contact all in an effort to determine if any one by the name as used in the title is a moderator.

In view of the fact WFO is unable to identify subject in this matter this case is considered closed. If, however, New York is able to obtain more inclusive information concerning JOHNSON from  instant case will <sup>b7d</sup> be reopened and further investigation conducted.





FILE DESCRIPTION

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SUBJECT Rosenberg/Sobell  
Committee

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File No: 100-107111Re: SOBELL COMMITTEEDate: 1/78  
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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
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6421	9-19-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	—	
6421A	6-18-61	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE / TIMES	3	3	
6422	9-22-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	—	
6423	10-6-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	—	
6424	10-5-67	AL LETTER TO NY	1	1	
6425		MISSING	—	—	
6426	10-9-67	CG LETTER TO BUREAU	1	1	
6427		MISSING	—	—	
6428	10-18-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	Process 9-27-78 #4268 <del>SEE NY FILE 100-107849</del>
6429	10-18-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6430	10-18-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	—	
6431	10-20-67	LA REPORT	27	21	

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6431A	10-31-67	SF REPORT	10	10	
6432		MISSING	1	1	
6433		MISSING	1	1	
6434	10-30-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
6435	11-9-67	NY AIRTEL TO BUREAU	2	2	
6436	11-7-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6437	11-25-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	
6438	11-30-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6439	11-30-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6440	12-3-67	THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE/WORKER	1	1	
6441	12-5-67	NY LETTER TO AL	1	1	
6442	12-7-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	SEE NY FILE 100-37158

File No: 100-102111

Re: SOBELL COMMITTEE

Date: 1/78

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6443	11-13-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	
6444	12-7-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
6445	12-7-67	NY LETTER TO SA	2	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6446	12-15-67	NY LETTER TO SA	7	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6447		MISSING			
6448	12-21-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6449		MISSING			
6450	1-2-68	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	
6451		MISSING			
6452	1-10-68	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	1	
6453	12-21-67	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6454	1-16-68	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE/TIMES	1	1	

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6457	1-18-68	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
6458	1-16-68	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6459	1-11-68	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	Process 9-21-78 F1268 <del>SEE NY FILE 100-37158</del>
6460	1-18-68	PHOTOSTAT TO SERIAL 6461	1	1	
6461	1-16-68	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
6462	1-16-68	SA MEMO TO SAC LA	3	-	
6463	1-18-68	LA SA MEMO TO SAC LA	3	-	
6464	1-19-68	NY LETTER TO WFO	7	0	F1268 -2563 SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6465	1-20-68	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE / NATIONAL GUARDIAN	1	1	
6466	1-21-68	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE / WORKER	1	1	

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6467	2-2-68	SB MEMO TO FILE	1	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6468		MISSING			
6469		MISSING			
6470		MISSING			
6471	2-6-68	SB MEMO TO FILE	3	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6472	2-20-68	SB MEMO TO FILE	2	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6473	2-26-68	SB MEMO TO FILE	1	0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6474	2-25-68	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE/WORKER	1	+	
6475		MISSING			
6476	2-24-68	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE/GENERAL	1	+	
6477		DESTROYED			
6478		DESTROYED			

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Date: 1/78

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6484	3-21-68	ASA MEMO TO SAC LA	3 0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6485		DESTROYED		
6486		DESTROYED		
6487	4-9-68	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE/WALKER	1 1	
6488	4-11-68	LETTER TO LA N4 BUREAU	4 0	SEE NY FILE 100-37158
6489	4-15-68	CG REPORT	21 21	
6490		DESTROYED		

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6491	4-27-68	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE / NATIONAL GUARDIAN	1	1	
6492	5-2-68	BUREAU LETTER TO CG	1	1	
6493	4-30-68	SF REPORT	7	7	
6494	5-1-68	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE / DAILY NEWS	1	1	
6495		DESTROYED			
6496	4-8-68	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	Process 9-27-78 #1268 <del>SEE NY FILE 100-109849</del>
6497	5-13-68	SA MEMO TO FILE	3	0	Process 9-27-78 #1268 <del>SEE NY FILE 100-109849</del>
6498	5-3-68	BUREAU LETTER TO NY	1	1	
6499	5-9-68	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	#1268 9-27-78 Process <del>SEE NY FILE 100-109849</del>
6500	5-16-68	NEWSPAPER ARTICLE / GLOS LONDON	2	2	1 imp
6501	5-13-68	DE LETTER TO NY	1	1	
NR	11-21-68	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	



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# The Rosenbergs

*Did it do any good  
to take their lives?*

4/11/64  
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14 years ago tomorrow, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, parents of two small children, died in the electric chair in Sing-Sing.

The charge against them: "conspiring to commit espionage." It was claimed they "stole the secret of the atom-bomb."

From the moment of their arrest, the Rosenbergs and their co-defendant Morton Sobell insisted on their innocence. Millions throughout the world, doubting their guilt or troubled by the harshness of the sentence, pleaded for their lives to be spared.

But the Administration rebuffed all pleas—even intervention by the Pope and the President of France. The Rosenbergs went to their death on June 19, 1953. Sobell was sentenced to 30 years in jail, and is still behind bars today.

## Were the doubts stilled by their execution?

Many warned, even then, that death would not quiet the doubts in the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

Today, those doubts are more troubling than ever.

In 1965, a 467-page book, "Invitation to an Inquest", published by Doubleday, subjected the entire case to rigorous examination. Authors Miriam and Walter Schneir, conducting independent investigations, came up with evidence of perjury by a key prosecution witness, and forgery of a critical document by agents of the F.B.I. They concluded there was no case against Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell.

*The Washington Star* commented: "... it is difficult to read the book without coming to the conclusion that, at the least, it is unlikely that the Rosenbergs and Sobell were guilty..."

*The Chicago Daily News* reviewer wrote: "This book ... troubles my conscience. It should be of concern to all Americans. . . . An inquest is needed."

Last year, the scientific basis of the prosecution's case was sharply undermined. A copy of the atom-bomb sketch the Rosenbergs were accused of transmitting to the Russians was un-impounded from the original trial testimony. Dr. Henry Linschitz and Dr. Philip Morrison—nuclear physicists who worked on the original atom-bomb—were asked to evaluate it. In sworn affidavits, both scientists pronounced the sketch worthless, charged it was "not factually correct . . . confused and imprecise . . . incorrect and misleading," and emphasized that there was no simple "secret" of the atom-bomb that could have been stolen and transmitted as claimed.

Yet trial Judge Kaufman was led to justify the death sentence on the grounds that the Rosenbergs had transmitted the A-bomb secret to the Russians,

thereby causing the Korean War "with the resultant casualties exceeding 50,000 . . ." (The Rosenbergs denied transmitting anything.)

Said Dr. Linschitz: "The statement made by Judge Kaufman . . . has no foundation in fact."

## Isn't it time the facts were heard?

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg are dead. Nothing can bring them back to life.

But Morton Sobell—imprisoned at 33, now 50 years old—is still in jail.

On the basis of new evidence, attorneys for Sobell have gone into court charging the knowing use of fraud, perjury and forgery to obtain convictions. They have asked for a full and open hearing on the charges.

But the Department of Justice has opposed any re-opening of the case, and a lower court has so far upheld the government's position.

Therefore Sobell's attorneys are carrying the appeal to higher courts. And we are bringing the facts in the case to your attention.

We do not ask you to agree with us that Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell were innocent.

We ask only that you agree the interests of justice require a hearing to be granted where charges of such gravity are made.

It is as much in the interest of the United States as of Morton Sobell to see to it that justice is done and that injustice is rectified, even when it is committed by the government. The bitter truth is that, despite years of litigation, the Supreme Court has never reviewed the evidence on which the Rosenbergs and Sobell were convicted nor passed on the fairness of the trial.

A full and open hearing can do no harm to the people or the institutions of the United States. But it can do much to dispel the lingering doubts in the case. It may even vindicate the Rosenbergs and end the long agony of Morton Sobell. Most of all, it will redeem the honor of our nation.

*If you agree that a hearing should be held, won't you help? One thing you can do is to write to Attorney General Clark, Washington, D.C., asking him to withdraw objection to a hearing and to release Sobell on bail until it is held. The Committee is also in urgent need of funds to press the appeal, and welcomes contributions. Additional information on the case is available at cost (see below.)*



# Morton Sobell— Shouldn't he be free?

*These Nobel laureates have asked for Morton Sobell's freedom:*  
Emily Greene Balch d. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Dr. Linus Pauling Salvatore Quasimodo Dr. Harold C. Urey  
Lord Bertrand Russell Jean-Paul Sartre

National Committee to Free Morton Sobell,\* (Mrs. Rose Sobell and Mrs. Morton Sobell, chairmen)  
150 — 5th Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10011

I should like to help obtain a hearing for Morton Sobell.

Enclosed find my contribution for the work of the Committee.

I am writing Attorney General Clark asking him to agree to a hearing.

I should like more information on the case. Enclosed find my check for:

Record of the original trial. (\$6.00, Student rate \$4.00)

A copy of the legal brief requesting a new hearing, including complete text of the scientists' affidavits. (\$1.00)

A copy of "Invitation to an Inquest" (Doubleday, 467 pages) \$5.95.

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# Memorandum

SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: 10/5/67

SAC, Albany (100-13260)

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
ISA, 1950

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 9/18/67  
at New York.

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Informant observed that the Syracuse Sobell Committee continues to be dormant and that no meetings have been held in many months. There was no indication that there would be a revitalization of this group in the Syracuse area.

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2-Albany [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

10/9/67

SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530) (P\*)

COMMITTEE TO FREE  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C  
ISA, 1950

Re Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/11/67,  
at Chicago. **b7c**

A thorough review of this matter discloses that during the past six month period the activities of the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) an affiliate of captioned organization, has been of so little consequences as not to warrant the preparation of a report at this time, and this matter is being closely followed and a report will be submitted by April 11, 1968.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC (100-107111) (42)

DATE: 10/18/67

FROM: SA [REDACTED] (42)

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SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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The information on the attached FD-302 was furnished on a confidential basis. The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained. The source has furnished reliable information in the past.

The information on the FD-302 was made available by:

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Chemical Bank New York Trust Co.,  
154 5th Avenue, NYC

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The original longhand of the FD 302 is maintained as an attachment to this memorandum in captioned case file, serial (42)

- 1-100-89559 (MARSHALL PERLIN) (45)
- 1-100-109849 (HELEN SOBELL) (42)
- 1-100-115836 (EVELYN HARAP) (45)
- 1-100-128869 (ROSE SOBELL) (46)
- 1-100-132801 (LEAH SCHNEIDER) (47)

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Date Sept 27 1967

A review of the account Sabell Committee  
reflected the following Abstracts among the  
drawings:

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank
6100	8-31-67	Marshall T. King		Bank of America
6108	9-7-67	"	\$100.00	Bank of America
6116	9-14-67	"	"	"
6119	9-21-67	"	"	"
6093	8-28-67	Moses Mailberg	"	"
6111	9-8-67	"	139.98	Pittsburgh
6101	9-11-67	Helen Sabell	100.00	"
6097	8-29-67	Evolution Starap	30.20	Chemical Bank
6113	9-12-67	Rose Sabell	18.90	Union Bank
6117	9-21-67	Cash	141.00	Helen Sabell
		The balance as of 9-28-67	\$ 3,156.72	Leah Scherer

This information is not to be made  
public without the consent of the undersigned  
Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
West Dept, Chemical New York 100, 150 5th Ave NYC

On 9-28-67 at New York

by [Redacted Signature]

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Date dictated 9-27-67

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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Also, (b)(7)(D) | information contained in  
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whom an expressed promise of confidentiality  
has been given. This information includes  
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to the informant and/or information from these  
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organizations, disclosure of which would reveal  
his identity.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>10/20/67</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/26/67 - 10/16/67</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL, aka Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell</b>		REPORT MADE BY 	TYPED BY <b>mfg</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - C; ISA, 1950</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 4/5/67  
at Los Angeles

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ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons named in this report as members of the Communist Party (CP) are listed in the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office or are informants.

This report is classified confidential because data furnished by LA T-1, LA T-4, LA T-12, and LA T-15 through LA T-21 could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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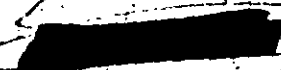
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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report the activities of the Los Angeles Committee to Free Morton Sobell on a six-month basis.

One copy each of this report is being furnished to Chicago, San Diego and San Francisco for their information since it has been established there is a close alliance between the Los Angeles Committee to Free Morton Sobell (CFMS) and the Sobell Committee of those areas.

INFORMANTS

SOURCE

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LACFMS bank account (instant report, page 6).

Security First National Bank, 215 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles (by request)

LA T-6  
LA 3469-S\*

Secondary documentation,  
EVELYN BURKETT FREEMAN

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Report of: [REDACTED] b7c

Date: 10/20/67

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: 100-41648

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

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DETAILS:

For the purpose of consistency and brevity the Committee to Free Morton Sobell will be abbreviated as the CFMS, and the Los Angeles Committee to Free Morton Sobell as the LACFMS in this report.

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All the meetings and activities reported herein were held in Los Angeles, California, unless otherwise indicated.

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I. SCOPE

LA T-1 (10/2/67)

As of October 2, 1967, the LACFMS was composed solely of the Los Angeles area chapter and is commonly called the LACFMS.

II. CHARACTERIZATION

LA T-1 (10/2/67)

The LACFMS (See CFMS Appendix) is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of the CFMS.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

III. AIMS AND PURPOSES

LA T-1 (10/2/67)

Between March 1967 and late June 1967, the aim and objective of the LACFMS was to work in behalf of MORTON SOBELL and obtain support and publicity for a new court hearing in his behalf, which was held in New York City, New York.

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On June 26, 1967, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit rendered a decision denying MORTON SOBELL's appeal, and affirming the opinion of United States District Judge WEINFELD dated February 26, 1967.

After June 26, 1967, the aim and purpose of the IACFMS was the continuation of fund raising in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

IV. HEADQUARTERS

LA T-1 (10/2/67)

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V. OFFICERS

LA T-1 (10/2/67)

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Informant described the organization as very loose-knit with meetings being held in various residences.

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SOPHIE DAVIDSON

LA T-2 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOPHIE  
DAVIDSON had been dropped from Communist  
Party (CP) membership in about 1953  
[REDACTED]

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NAT CORNER

LA T-1 (5/8/62)

Informant identified photographs of NAT CORNER  
taken while he participated in a picket line  
in front of the Federal Building, Los Angeles,  
protesting House Committee on Un-American  
Activities hearings being held in that building  
between April 24, and April 27, 1962.

LA T-3 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JEAN SINCLAIR

LA T-4 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The PW is a West Coast communist weekly newspaper.

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A. LACFMS STAFF

LA T-1 (10/2/67)

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VI. MEMBERSHIP

LA T-1 (10/2/67)

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VII. FINANCES

LA T-5 (10/2/67)

As of October 2, 1967, "The Sobell Committee" maintained bank account number 13-953 in the Security First National Bank, 253 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. The balance in the account as of this date was \$1,114.70. Informant advised there were no checks in the account at the time of audit, and the persons currently authorized to sign checks on this account were EVELYN FREEMAN and SOPHIE DAVIDSON.

The above information is not to be made public except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to the manager of the above bank.

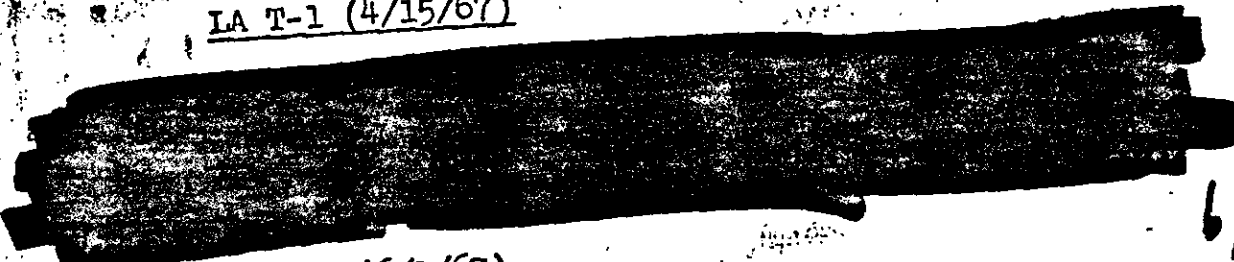
EVELYN LOUISE BURKETT FREEMAN

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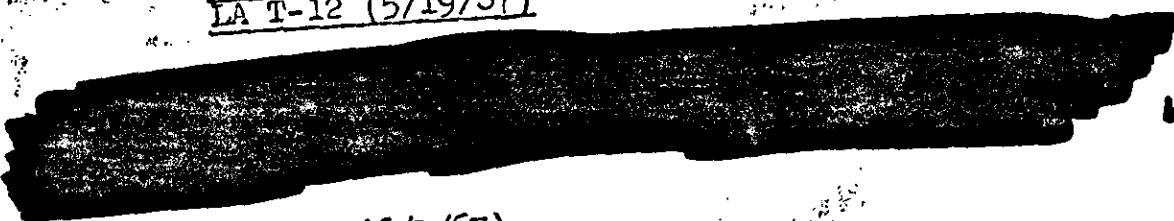
As of January 29, 1950, EVELYN BURKETT was the Executive Secretary of the Music Division, Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council (See Southern

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LA T-1 (4/15/67)



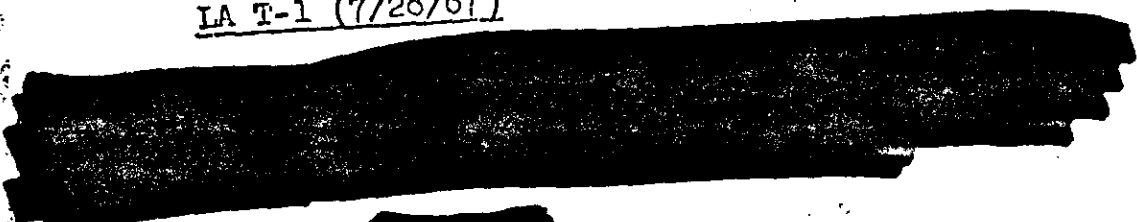
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LA T-12 (5/19/67)



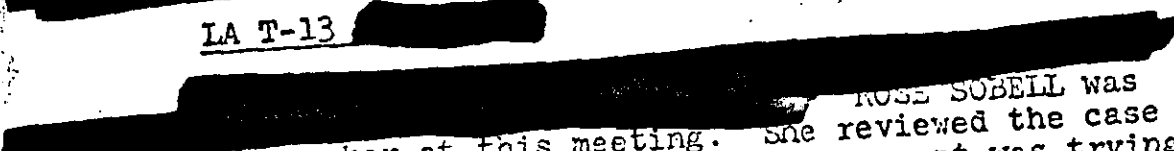
LA T-1 (6/1/67)



LA T-1 (7/28/67)



LA T-13



ROSE SOBELL was the featured speaker at this meeting. She reviewed the case of her son and stated the United States government was trying to destroy his "brilliant mind". She stated her son had requested permission from prison authorities to attend college, but was denied.

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ANNA MANDELMAN

LA T-17 (4/4/67)

As of April 1967, MANDELMAN was a member of the Aaron Johnson Club, MSS, SCDGP.

LA T-15 [REDACTED]

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the denial of a new trial for MORTON SOBELL was again discussed. It was also announced that plans have been made to appeal SOBELL's case all the way to the Supreme Court again. b7D

LA T-17 [REDACTED]

LA T-14 [REDACTED]  
LA T-18 [REDACTED] b7D

LA T-14 [REDACTED]  
LA T-18 [REDACTED] b7D

APPENDIX

AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR AID TO POLISH JEWS  
OF THE AMERICAN ALLIANCE OF JEWISH  
POLISH SOCIETIES, INC., aka., American  
Federation of Polish Jews  
(Los Angeles Branch)

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A source advised on May 22, 1967, that the Los Angeles Branch of the American Federation of Polish Jews (AFPJ) was formed during the mid-1940's and is affiliated with the National Committee of the AFPJ in New York City. It is a currently active non-membership organization, whose purpose is to raise funds for the Reuban Brainin Clinic in Tel Aviv, Israel, and to commemorate annually the 19-3 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Another source advised on May 25, 1967, that the Los Angeles Branch of the AFPJ is one of the organizations utilized by the Communist Party to expand its influence, and CP members are encouraged to support it as part of their mass organizational activity. Affiliation with the AFPJ in Los Angeles does not, of itself, connote membership in or sympathy with the CP.

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COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

"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' co-defendant. 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 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 name "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In August, 1966, the name "Committee to Free Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on March 20, 1967, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS,  
formerly known as Los Angeles Committee for  
Protection of Foreign Born, Los Angeles Committee for  
Defense of the Bill of Rights and Protection of Foreign Born

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

1. "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.)

2. "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'.

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS,  
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"Control of the local organizations \* \* \* was made possible primarily by virtue of the fact that the leaders of the local group 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.

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

The "People's World", a West Coast communist newspaper, issue of 4/23/66, contained an account of results of the 16th Annual Conference of the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights and Protection of Foreign Born which was held 4/16/66. The accomplishments include a change of name for the organization to Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights, inasmuch as Defense of the Bill of Rights is all inclusive.

A source advised on 5/16/67 that the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights, still referred to by many individuals as the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, is currently active in the Los Angeles area.

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MAY DAY COMMITTEE, aka.,  
United May Day Committee

A source advised on May 12, 1967, that the May Day Celebration in Los Angeles, in recent years, (excepting 1958) has been covertly organized by the leadership of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP) using the name May Day Committee, United May Day Committee, "Committee for '75 Years of May Day", or variations thereof. Source advised that no actual committee is formed for this purpose, but an appropriate name is selected for purposes of advertising and sponsorship of the celebration. The actual arrangements for the celebrations have usually been made by BEN DOBBS, Executive Secretary of the SCDCP, with DOBBS and DOROTHY HEALEY, Chairman, SCDCP, sharing responsibility for chairing the celebration and making the "pitch". Funds raised through the rally are usually used by the SCDCP to offset current deficits. In 1958, the May Day Celebration was openly sponsored by the SCDCP.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS,  
SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued by the House Un-American Activities Committee dated December 1, 1951, page 225, contains the following information concerning the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:

1. Cited as "one of the major Communist-dominated propaganda media on the Pacific Coast." It is located at 7410 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1955, pp. 392 and 393; also cited in 1951 Report, p. 263.)

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS TO ABOLISH  
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
COMMITTEE, Also Known As  
Abolition of the House Un-American  
Activities Committee, Citizens Committee  
to Preserve American Freedoms

A source advised on January 25, 1966, that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, (CCPAF), 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, had recently changed its name to Southern Californians for Abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The same source advised on May 11, 1967, that

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Southern  
Californians to Abolish the House Un-American Activities  
Committee. This is now the official name and the letterhead  
of the organization carries the name of "Southern Californians  
to Abolish HUAC".

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised  
December 1, 1951, pp. 43-44, describes the CCPAF as follows:

"The Citizens Committee to Preserve American  
Freedoms \* \* \* specializes in propaganda aimed at abolishing  
the Committee on Un-American Activities and discrediting  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Created in Los Angeles  
in 1952, the front organization is run by FRANK WILKINSON,  
an identified Communist who recently resumed the full-time,  
paid post of executive secretary after approximately a  
year's leave of absence to assist in a similar campaign by  
another front in New York City, the Emergency Civil Liberties  
Committee.

"When the Committee on Un-American Activities held  
hearings in Los Angeles, September 2-5, 1958, to inquire  
into the nature of the Party's recent reorganization in  
California, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American  
Freedoms sponsored a series of public meetings to protest  
the hearings and the very existence of the Committee.  
Communists subpoenaed as witnesses were guests of honor.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS TO ABOLISH  
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
COMMITTEE, Also Known As  
Abolition of the House Un-American  
Activities Committee, Citizens Committee  
to Preserve American Freedoms

"At this time, leaders of the Party's Southern California District were mobilizing Communists in the area for participation in an intensified campaign to abolish this committee of Congress. How the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms served the Party in this effort was revealed by (Communist Party) District Chairman DOROTHY HEALEY in a report to the Party's Southern California District Council on September 21, 1958. Mrs. HEALEY declared that the Party preferred public protest meetings to be held by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms rather than under party auspices because Communists could attend without danger of being exposed as members of the Party. She also noted that Communists scheduled as congressional committee witnesses could not appear before and as such Communist rallies without creating the impression that the Party was conspiring with witnesses to withhold information from the committee."

APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

October 20, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-41648

Title COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated and captioned as above  
at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The officers of the Committee to Free Morton Sobell named in this report are listed in the Security Index of the San Francisco Office.

This report is classified confidential because it contains data furnished by SF T-1 through SF T-4, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and thus have an adverse effect upon the national defense of the country.

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Will follow and report the activities of  
captioned organization in the San Francisco area.

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Report of: [REDACTED] b7c

Date: October 31, 1967

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Title: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

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## Synopsis:

As of October, 1967, there was no headquarters for the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), although mail is received by the BACSC at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California. Office equipment of the BACSC is still maintained at 1561 Fillmore Street and 765 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco. WARREN K. BILLINGS and ESTHER LAMPTEL continue as Chairman and Secretary, respectively, for BACSC. A source advised 10/25/67, that the Committee is presently inactive and no formal meetings have been held during the past twelve months. Activities are directed to attempting to obtain funds through the mail to pay attorneys' fees.

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DETAILS:

Characterization for the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), also known as the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, is contained in the appendix...

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Group 1

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downgrading and declassification

BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES

I. HEADQUARTERS

As of October, 1967, there was no headquarters for the BACSC, although mail is still received by the BACSC at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California. Office equipment for the BACSC is maintained at the business offices of Dr. EUGENE EAGLE, 1561 Fillmore Street, and at the residence of ESTHER LAMPEL, 765 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco.

SF T-1, 10/25/67

On August 28, 1946, Dr. EUGENE EAGLE was Club Chairman of the Oakland Branch of the Communist Party (CP) in Oakland, California.

SF T-2, 8/28/46

[REDACTED] informed on February 25, 1952, that ESTHER SKLAR, also known as ESTHER LAMPEL, was CP organizer of Unit 18, City Terrace Los Angeles County CP; that she had joined the CP in 1928, and that, in 1935, she was reported as having been transferred from New York, paying two cents dues a month. [REDACTED] stated SKLAR formerly had been a member of District 2, CP, New York, and, when she first came to Los Angeles, she had been assigned to Unit J-4, Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County CP, and was Dues Secretary of that Unit. b7D

[REDACTED] further stated that in 1938 ESTHER SKLAR, an unemployed millinery worker residing at 2422-1/2 Pomeroy Avenue, Los Angeles, California, who had held an executive position in Cap Makers Local 22, had attended the CP Workers School in Los Angeles, and was in 1938 assigned to the Needle Trades Unit 5, Industrial Section, Los Angeles County CP. b7D

II. OFFICERS

WARREN K. BILLINGS and ESTHER LAMPEL are Chairman and Secretary, respectively, for the BACSC.

SF T-1, 10/25/67

The December 3, 1961, issue of the "People's World" (PW) newspaper identified WARREN K. BILLINGS as the person who was "recently" pardoned for his participation in the 1916 Preparedness Day bombing with TOM MOONEY.

The PW is a West Coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco.

On March 27, 1953, WARREN K. BILLINGS informed Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he was not and had never been a member of the CP, but described himself as a "philosophical anarchist."

III. ACTIVITIES



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A source advised in May, 1950, that SYLVIA STEINGART was the Organizational Secretary of a CP club in San Francisco. In addition she has participated in numerous front group activities up until January 9, 1963.

SF T-4, May, 1950

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM (WILPF)

In a leaflet dated January, 1962, WILPF described itself as follows:

"What is the WILPF?"

"It is the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, an international, interracial organization striving for peace and freedom by non-violent democratic methods. It was founded in 1915, during the first World War, and its first president was JANE ADDAMS, the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

"How Does it Work?"

"It keeps its membership informed on current problems through its legislative office in Washington. It issues its own pamphlets, study kits, fact sheets, and cooperates with like-minded organizations. WILPF has consultative status at the United Nations on a national and international level.

"What Does it Do?"

"WILPF, through its local branches, sponsors public discussion on such topics as disarmament and world law, nuclear testing, civil defense, Berlin, civil rights, etc. Through its Peace Action Committee, WILPF initiates peace walks, vigils, and meetings, as an organization and with other peace groups. Peace education for children is a special concern of WILPF.

"How Is it Set Up?"

"The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has its national headquarters at JANE ADDAMS House, 2006 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., where its monthly paper, FOUR LIGHTS, is published. Its legislative office is at 120 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D. C. International headquarters are in Geneva. The International meets every three years. It conducts summer schools, peace congresses and publishes its magazine, PAX."



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The BACSC has not held any formal meetings during the past twelve months. Any future activities of the Committee are being directed to attempting to obtain funds through the mails to pay attorneys' fees.

SF T-1, 10/25/67

BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES  
aka Committee to Secure Justice for  
Morton Sobell, Northern California  
Council of Sobell Committees

A source advised on October 31, 1955, that the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC) was formed on October 17, 1955, in San Francisco, California, as the local affiliate of the National Sobell Committee, to carry out the policies of the National Committee to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

On May 10, 1967, a second source advised that the headquarters of the BACSC in the San Francisco Bay Area are located at two addresses, 1561 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, and 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco. The BACSC is continuing to function and plan future Sobell affairs.

On December 18, 1959, a third source advised that MARY KRVAR, a member of the Warehouse Club, Communist Party (CP), East Bay Region, Oakland, California, and the paid organizer for the BACSC, has stated that the CP is interested in controlling the BACSC so that the BACSC will continue to follow the line of the National Sobell Committee in attempting to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

"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' co-defendant. 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 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 name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In August, 1966, the name "Committee To Free Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on March 20, 1967, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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San Francisco, California

October 31, 1967

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Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
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TO: SAC (100-107111) (42)

DATE: 11/21/67

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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The information on the attached FD-302 was furnished on a confidential basis. The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained. The source has furnished reliable information in the past.

The information on the FD-302 was made available by:

[REDACTED]  
Chemical Bank NY Co.  
154 Fifth Avenue, NYC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 30, 1967

A review of the account Sobell Committee reflected following checks among those drawn.

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank / Depositor
6122	9-28-67	Marshall Perlin	100.00	Chase Manhattan
6133	10-4-67	Marshall Perlin	150.00	"
6136	10-12-67	"	"	"
6144	10-19-67	"	"	"
6125	9-29-67	William KUNSTLER	200.00	"
6130	10-4-67	150 ESTATES	190.00	"
6142	10-18-67	Cash	128.86	Leah Schneider
6145	10-25-67	"	"	"

The balance as of 10-30-67 \$ 1881.95

This information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. [redacted] Chemical New York Trust Co., 154 5th Ave. New York, N.Y. 670

On 10-30-67 at New York File # 100-107111  
 by [redacted] 67C Date dictated 10-30-67



# Morton Sobell in New Appeal For Hearing by High Court

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court now has in its hands a new appeal by Morton Sobell charging that "his conviction had been fraudulently contrived, in that the government knowingly used false, perjured and forged evidence."

Legal papers asking that the Court accept the Sobell case for review also charged that the government had "suppressed evidence-which would have impeached its case, and that the prosecution falsely characterized and exaggerated the evidence adduced against the defendants."

The high court has never reviewed the case of Morton Sobell, now in the 18th year of a 30-year sentence imposed in his trial with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg on a charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage." Sobell has steadfastly sought to prove his innocence. The Rosenbergs insisted on their innocence prior to execution in 1953 which took place despite world-wide protests.

The latest appeal contends that lower court Judge Edward

Weinfeld acted illegally in denying Sobell a hearing to prove the fraud against him, in that he decided issues of fact without permitting the hearing required by law to determine the truth.

At the core of the Sobell appeal are two-key points:

1. Evidence that the prosecution knowingly presented false testimony and claims to make the court and jury believe that the "secret" of the atomic bomb had been stolen.

2. Evidence that a forged hotel registration card and false testimony were used to prove an alleged espionage meeting that never took place.

Sobell is imprisoned in Lewisburg, Pa., and has been eligible for parole since July, 1962.

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SUBJECT: Committee To Free  
MORTON Sobell  
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"Morning Freiheit" November 13, 1967  
Page 8, columns 4-5

New Appeal To Supreme Court To Free Morton Sobell

In a press release, from the "Committee To Free Morton Sobell", there was a statement that this body has submitted an appeal to the Supreme Court to receive and revise the jail sentence of Morton Sobell.

The appeal to the Supreme Court states, according to the report, that "the conviction of Sobell was achieved in by means of a swindle. The government, knowingly, used "false proof".

Sobell has been in jail for 18 years of a thirty year sentence. Up to the present time the Supreme Court has never taken up Sobell's conviction, who was sentenced together with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, who were later burned in the electric chair on the charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage".

The Rosenberg's insisted on their innocence until the last moment when they were executed in 1953.

Famous legal authorities in various countries of the world, after acquainting themselves with the charges, have stated that Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were victims of legal murder and that Morton Sobell has been languishing in jail, although he is innocent.

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Sobell's defense lawyers, who submitted the current appeal to the Supreme Court, are: Marshal Perlin, William M. Kunstler, a member of the American Civil Liberties Union; Arthur China (ph), of the law faculty at Rutgers University, Malcolm Sharp, of the law faculty at the University of New Mexico; and Benjamin O.Dreyfus and Vern Countrymen of the law faculty at Yale University.

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**Court Rebuffs Sobell Plea  
For New Trial in Spy Case**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UPI) —The Supreme Court turned down today another appeal by Morton Sobell, who was convicted as a spy along with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in the 1951 atom bomb case.

The Rosenbergs were executed in 1953. Sobell, who was sentenced to 30 years in prison, has been trying to get a new trial.

In this attempt, his sixth, he contended that the Government had used perjured testimony against him.

Federal District Judge Edward Weinfeld of New York rejected the appeal on Feb. 14, 1967. The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed the judgment last June 26.

Soviet Planner Off to Tokyo

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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DATE: 1/18/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] (#42)

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

This case is being made pending for the submission of a semi-annual report.

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SA [REDACTED] *b7c*

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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On 1/3/68, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the writer a written report containing bank account information for the month of December, 1967, for the above captioned organization. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. It should be noted that when using this information, a statement should be made that this information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena tecum directed to [REDACTED] of the bank. The original report is filed in [REDACTED] *b7D*

A photostat of the information furnished is attached to the copies of this memorandum with the exception of the [REDACTED] *b7D*

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- 4 - Chicago *b7D*
- 1 - [REDACTED]
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# Memorandum

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DATE: 1/11/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (# 42)

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [REDACTED] bank records concerning the account named in the attached FD-302 on which pertinent information was recorded.

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Information herein obtained confidentially; source's name is not to be disclosed in report or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely that he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing.

The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained.

The original FD-302 is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Date December 27, 1967

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A review of the account Sobell Committee reflected following checks among those drawn:

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6180	12/4/67	Appeal Reproductions	\$280.68	Chase Manhattan
6181	12/4/67	Marshall Perlin	400.00	Chase Manhattan
6198	12/14/67	Marshall Perlin	500.00	Chase Manhattan
6193	12/8/67	Forer & Rein	500.00	Nat. Bk. Wash, D.C.
6201	12/20/67	Helen Sobell	150.00	Chem NYT Co.
6204	12/20/67	Cash	130.18	Leah Schneider

The balance as of 12/27/67, \$5,357.77.

(u) This information is not to be made public without the issuance of subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. GEORGE L. MAJOR, Assistant Vice-President, Chemical New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

On 12/27/67 at New York, New York File # NY 100-107111

by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 12/27/67

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1928	3500		1000
1929	2800	3500	4000
1930	1500	7500	2500
1931	7771	2100	
1932	7890		
1933	13000		
1934	4800		

Total 1384.88      Total Cr 1528.33      In Use 46.74      Balance 350.00

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## Sobell rejected

Morton Sobell has lost for the sixth time. The Supreme Court turned down without comment Jan. 15 his latest appeal for a new trial.

Sobell is serving a 30-year prison sentence in Lewisburg, Pa. He was convicted as a "spy" together with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in the 1951 atom bomb case. The Rosenbergs were executed in 1953.

In this attempt for a new trial, Sobell contended that the government had used perjured testimony against him.

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# Reject Sobell's Sixth Appeal

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected another appeal by Morton Sobell, convicted on a charge of spying, along with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, in the 1951 atom-bomb case.

In his sixth appeal, Sobell contended the government used perjured testimony against him.

The appeal was denied in Federal District Court last Feb. 14 and in the Second Circuit of Appeals June 26.

Sobell is serving a 30-year sentence.

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Title: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

## Synopsis:

Committee To Free MORTON SOBELL (CFMS) headquarters located at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. HELEN SOBELL and ROSE SOBELL are Co-chairmen, and EVELYN HARAP is Chairman of New York Committee. LEAH SCHNEIDER is Office Manager. CFMS is paying legal costs of MORTON SOBELL. CFMS has raised money through mail requests and through paperback edition of book "Invitation To An Inquest".

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the Committee To Free MORTON SOBELL is included in the Appendix of this report.

For the purpose of brevity, the Committee To Free MORTON SOBELL will be abbreviated by the initials CFMS where appropriate in this report.

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court (USDC), Southern District of New York (SDNY), on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence in the custody of the United States Attorney General.

#### I. LOCATION

CFMS Headquarters and the New York CFMS office are both located in Room 1103, ~~105~~ Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. <sup>150</sup>

NY T-1  
March 8, 1968

#### II. OFFICERS AND KEY PERSONNEL

A letter dated February 28, 1968, on the stationery of CFMS, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, and distributed by CFMS, listed Mrs. MORTON SOBELL (HELEN SOBELL) and Mrs. ROSE SOBELL as Chairmen of CFMS. EVELYN HARAP was listed as the Chairman of the New York CFMS.

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March 8, 1968

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HELEN SOBELL

On February 2, 1944, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified HELEN GORWITZ  
(HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a  
member of the Education and Literature  
Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C.,  
as of February 1, 1944. b7D

ROSE SOBELL

During 1959 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 646 St. Anns Avenue,  
Bronx, New York, advised that the SOBELL  
family had resided at this address from  
about July, 1931, to December, 1940.

[REDACTED] believed  
ROSE SOBELL to be a CP member because of  
this, he could not confirm her as a member  
of the CP or Communist front organization. b7D

EVELYN HARAP

This source advised that EVELYN HARAP  
was a member of the Chelsea-Lincoln  
Square Section of the CP, but that  
she had left the CP following the  
resignation of JOHN GATES in the spring  
of 1958, and had not attended a CP  
meeting since that time.

NY T-2  
January 13, 1959

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LEAH SCHNEIDER

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[REDACTED] advised that LEAH SCHNEIDER had been an active member of the City Branch of the CP in Austin, Texas.

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MARGARET BLAU

MARGARET BLAU was the Organizational Secretary of the Fifth North Section of the Upper West Side Region of the New York State CP at one period of time between 1948 and 1950.

NY T-3  
September 2, 1954

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AARON KATZ

AARON KATZ was a member of the CP for six years and had been transferred into the Waterfront Section of the CP on December 23, 1943. According to the source, AARON KATZ in 1944, held CP Membership Book Number 31250.

NY T-4  
April 27, 1944

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DONALD GUREWITZ

DONALD GUREWITZ is a member of Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) in Cleveland, Ohio, as of June 19, 1967.

NY T-5  
June 19, 1967

A characterization of the YSA appears in the Appendix of this report.

III. FINANCES

The information furnished below by NY T-6, NY T-13 and NY T-14 is not to be made public except in the usual

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proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. These sources have advised that they do not retain custody of the basic documents from which the listed check information was obtained.

In the event information furnished by NY T-6 is used, the person to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company (CBNYT), 154 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. b7D

In the event information furnished by NY T-13 is used, the person to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] Amalgamated Bank of New York, 11-15 Union Square, New York, New York. b7D

In the event information from NY T-14 is used, the person to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois. b7D

The account of CFMS at the CBNYT, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York City, indicated a balance as of September 28, 1967, of \$3,156.72 with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

Date of Check	Payee	Amount
August 31, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$100.00
September 7, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$100.00
September 14, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$100.00
September 21, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$100.00
September 12, 1967	ROSE SOBELL	\$141.00
September 21, 1967	Cash	\$128.86

(Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)

NY T-6  
September 28, 1967



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MARSHALL PERLIN

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The account of CFMS indicated a balance as of October 30, 1967, of \$1,881.95 with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

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<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
September 28, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$100.00
October 4, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	150.00
October 12, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	150.00
October 19, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	150.00
September 29, 1967	WILLIAM KUNSTLER	200.00
October 18, 1967	Cash	128.86 (Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)
October 25, 1967	Cash	128.86 (Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)

NY T-6  
October 30, 1967

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Characterizations of the NYCAHUAC  
and NLG are included in the Appendix  
of this report.

The account of CFMS indicated a balance as of  
November 29, 1967, of \$347.18 with the following checks  
drawn against the account:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 27, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$ 309.13
November 2, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	150.00
November 3, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	1,000.00
November 17, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	275.07
November 3, 1967	HELEN SOBELL	150.00

NY T-6  
November 29, 1967

The account of CFMS indicated a balance as of  
December 27, 1967, of \$5,357.77 with the following  
pertinent checks drawn against the account:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
December 4, 1967	Appeal Reproductions	\$230.68
December 4, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	400.00
December 14, 1967	MARSHALL PERLIN	500.00
December 8, 1967	Forer and Rein	500.00
December 20, 1967	HELEN SOBELL	150.00
December 20, 1967	Cash	130.18
		(Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)

NY T-6  
December 27, 1967

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Forer and Rein is a law firm in  
Washington, D.C.

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The account of CFMS indicated a balance as of  
January 31, 1968, of \$1,652.39 with the following pertinent  
checks drawn against the account:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
January 4, 1968	Cash	\$ 270.00 (Endorsed HELEN SOBELL)
January 4, 1968	MARSHALL PERLIN	1,000.00
January 4, 1968	HELEN SOBELL	5,000.00
January 19, 1968	MARSHALL PERLIN	750.00
January 25, 1968	Dell Distributing Company	1,323.00 (Endorsement indicated for 1,000 "Inquests")

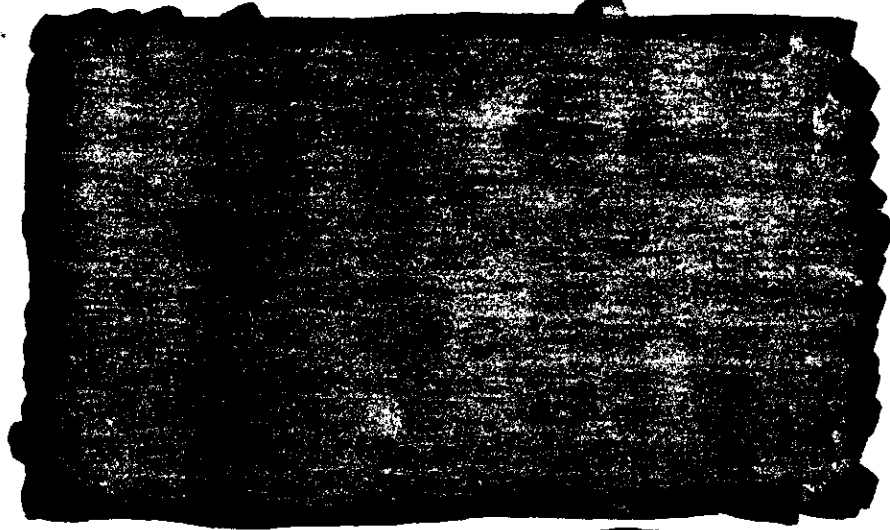
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January 31, 1968

The book "Invitation To An Inquest, A New  
Look At the Rosenberg-Sobell Case" was  
written by WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR.

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HARRY GOLD

HARRY GOLD, who was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage and received 30 years imprisonment, testified as a government witness in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. GOLD served 15 years of his sentence in the custody of the United States Attorney General and was paroled in May, 1966.

The account of  in New York City indicated a check payable to CPMS dated November 6, 1967, for \$25.00.

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NY T-13  
December 5, 1967

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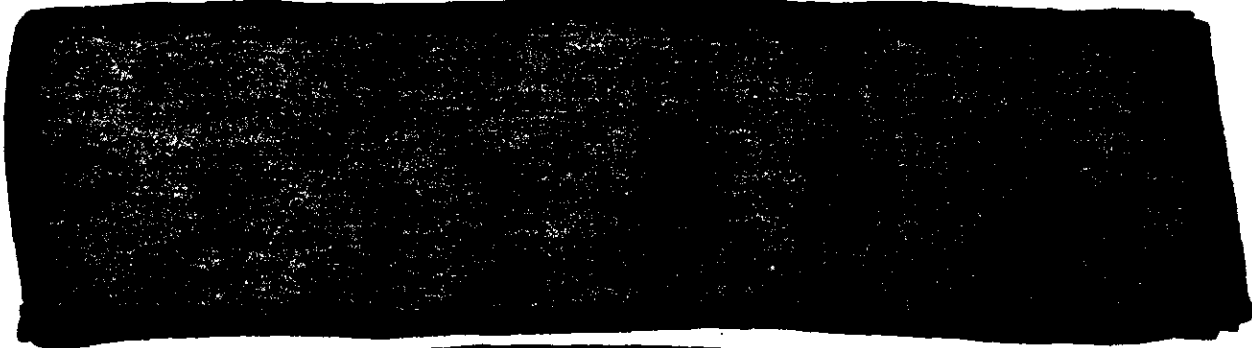


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The Chicago Sobell Committee account indicated a \$1,000.00 check payable to CFMS in New York during December, 1967.

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January 8, 1968

IV. ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS OF CFMS



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This source verified substantially the same information as above.

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September 12, 1967

A characterization of the "National Guardian" is included in the Appendix of this report.

In September CFMS circularized a letter to "Dear Committee Friends" signed by "Helen Sobell for the Committee" in which the recipient was urged to get people to write to the Attorney General requesting that an ombudsman be appointed to "foster an objective inquiry into this case".

NY T-1  
September 26, 1967

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The CFMS believes that if MORTON SOBELL receives credit for the time he spent in prison prior to and during his trial and appeal, he could be released by August, 1968.

NY T-15  
October 4, 1967

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"The Worker" of December 3, 1957, page 11, included an article captioned "Morton Sobell In New Appeal For Hearing By High Court" which indicated the United States Supreme Court had before it the appeal by MORTON SOBELL.

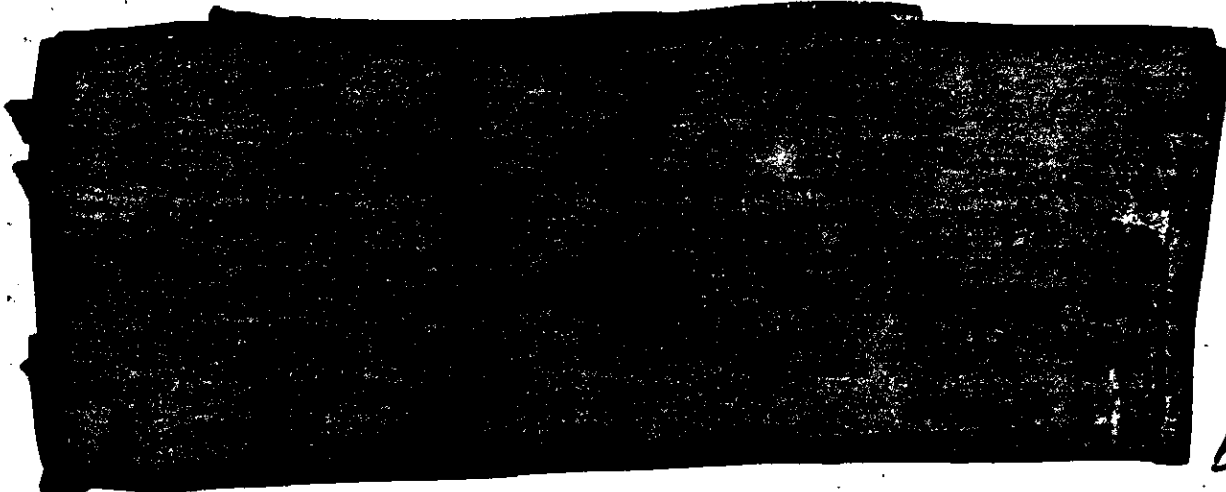


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"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

The "Morning Freiheit" of November 13, 1967, also included an article about the above appeal filed by MORTON SOBELL.

A characterization of the "Morning Freiheit" is included in the Appendix of this report.



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The "New York Times" on January 16, 1968, page 30, contained an article entitled "Court Rebuffs Sobell's Plea For New Trial In Spy Case" which indicated the United States Supreme Court had rejected MORTON SOBELL's latest petition.

The "National Guardian" of January 20, 1968, and "The Worker" of January 21, 1968, also reported the above rejection by the United States Supreme Court.

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The paperback edition of "Invitation To An Inquest" was advertised in "The Worker" of February 25, 1968, and the ad indicated copies were available through CPMS, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at \$2.45 per copy.

APPENDIX

1.

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

"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' co-defendant. 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 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 name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In August, 1966, the name "Committee To Free Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on March 20, 1967, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

APPENDIX

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1964, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

"Morning Freiheit

- "1. The Communist International 'subsidized \* \* \* the founding of the CP, USA's newspaper, Freiheit.'  
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 16, 1956, p. 159.)
- "2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'  
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942. p. 7686.)
- "3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

APPENDIX

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. 'When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

APPENDIX

1. NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE aka

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC). b7D

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[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a member of the Los Angeles County CP as of September, 1952.

A second source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA," (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

A third, fourth and fifth source have advised during March, 1962, that CP members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

A sixth source advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that NYCAHUAC is no longer connected in any way with the NCAHUAC. b7D

APPENDIX (CONTINUED)

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NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE aka (CONT'D)

On April 15, 1966, the sixth source advised that the NYCAHUAC was dissolved on December 15, 1965. The sixth source stated that the NYCAHUAC had turned over all abolition work in the New York City area to the NCAHUAC who had established an organization in New York City known as the New York Friends of the NCAHUAC.



APPENDIXYOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960 issue of the "Young Socialist"(YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles of revolutionary socialism.

On March 10, 1967, a source advised that the YSA was formed during 1957, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The source further advised that the YSA has recently become more open about admitting that it is the youth group of the SWP and that an SWP representative has publicly stated that the YSA is the SWP's youth group.

The headquarters of the YSA are located in Rooms 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of "Young Socialist" is set out separately.



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 15, 1968

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

# Sobell's Birthday This Thursday

THURSDAY, April 11, marks the 51st birthday of Morton Sobell, framed during the McCarthyite persecution which led to the murder of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. Birthday greetings can be sent to him:

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Lewisburgh, Pa. 17837

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TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>	TYPED BY <b>laj</b>
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**REFERENCES:** Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/11/67 at Chicago. Chicago letter to Bureau dated 10/9/67.

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**ENCLOSURES**

**TO BUREAU**

Enclosed are two (2) revised characterizations of Chicago Sobell Committee for Bureau approval.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Will await Bureau approval of revised characterization and continue to follow and report activities of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The attached report has been classified ~~confidential~~ because it contains information of utmost value furnished by CG T-2, and CG T-5 through CG T-7, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of these informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

Copies of this report are being furnished to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Ill., OSI and NISO, locally, because of their continued interest in the organization.

DAVID L. SOLTNER and Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER, who are mentioned in this report as the guiding force behind the Chicago Sobell Committee and who reside in the Chicago area, are Security Index subjects of the Chicago Division.

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Mrs. DAVID L. (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c      Officer: Chicago

Date: April 15, 1968

Field Office File #: 100-25530

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) is an affiliate of the captioned organization. As of April, 1968, the CSC was operating out of Room 714, 192 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. DAVID L. SOLTKER and Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKER ascertained to be the guiding force behind the CSC. CSC finances and activities set out.

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DETAILS:

The following organization mentioned in this report has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The following organizations mentioned in this report have not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

The Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights, formerly known as Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act

Chicago Sobell Committee, also known as the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

Fair Play for Cuba Committee (National)

Fair Play for Cuba Committee (Chicago Chapter)

Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

National Lawyers Guild (National)

National Lawyers Guild (Chicago Chapter)



I. CHARACTERIZATION

The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) (see latter pages) is the Chicago, Illinois, affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (see latter pages).

(CG T-1, 2/19/62)

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment on the same date.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence in the custody of the Attorney General.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

As of May 8, 1964, DAVID L. SOLTKER appeared to be the guiding force behind the CSC and is assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTKER, his wife.

(CG T-2, 5/8/64)

On April 2, 1968, [REDACTED]  
Ogden Office Building, 192 West Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that the CSC is an occupant of Room 714, 192 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] the room is rented by DAVID L. SOLTKER.

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On April 2, 1968, it was observed by SA [REDACTED] that the directory in the building at 192 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, reflected the CSC was an occupant of Room 714; also a sign on the door of Room 714 carries the name Chicago Sobell Committee. b7c

DAVID L. SOLTKER

The files of the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed August, 1943, reflected that the name DAVID SOLTKER appeared as a signer to the Communist Party (CP) Election Petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

On October 21, 1960, DAVID SOLTKER was in attendance at a public meeting sponsored by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), entitled, "Report from Cuba" held at Chicago. Featured speakers were ROBERT TABER, former CBS correspondent and Executive Secretary of the National FPCC, and CARLTON BEALS, Chairman of the National FPCC.

(CG T-2, 10/26/60)

Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKER

The files of the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the name of Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKER appeared as a signer of the CP Election Petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

GERTRUDE SOLTKER, as of 1943, was a member of the CP.

(CG T-3, 1943)

On August 2, 1960, GERTRUDE SOLTKER attended the 70th birthday celebration of PEARL M.

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HART, President, National Lawyers Guild (NLG), Chicago Chapter, at Chicago. This affair was sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) and the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR).

(CG T-2, 8/4/60)

### III. FINANCES

The CSC raises funds through sustainers, solicitations and contributions from individuals and the holding of public affairs.

(CG T-1, 2/19/62)

The following information regarding the CSC bank account maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois, was furnished by CG T-4 on the dates indicated. The information furnished by CG T-4 is no longer in his possession and the information is not to be made public except upon subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted] Information concerning checks drawn against the CSC is no longer in possession of CG T-4 or the bank.

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Month	Date of Opening Balance	Amount of Opening Balance	Date of Closing Balance	Amount of Closing Balance	Total Deposits	Total Amount of Withdrawal
Feb. '67	1/31/67	\$408.95	2/29/67	\$342.47	\$ 40.00	\$ 106.48
March	2/29/67	342.47	3/31/67	311.24	0	31.23
April	3/31/67	311.24	4/30/67	284.81	5.00	31.43
May	4/30/67	284.81	5/31/67	514.41	313.83	84.23
	5/31/67	514.41	6/30/67	241.38	58.50	331.53
July	6/30/67	241.38	7/31/67	209.98	0	31.40
August	7/31/67	209.98	8/31/67	178.49	0	31.49
September	8/31/67	178.49	9/30/67	163.14	56.50	71.85
October	9/30/67	163.14	10/31/67	180.31	69.00	51.83
November	10/31/67	180.31	11/30/67	171.52	63.00	71.79
December	11/30/67	171.52	12/29/67	351.65	1513.33	1333.20
Jan. '68	12/29/67	351.65	1/31/67	445.32	125.25	31.48

(CG T-4, 3/17/67 - 2/21/68)

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IV. ACTIVITIES

On May 21, 1967, the Chicago Sobell Committee held a theatre fund raising performance in Chicago, Illinois, at the Columbia School of Drama, 510 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 80 persons attended the performance and no speeches were made.

(CG T-5, 6/7/67)

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APPENDIX

CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) maintains headquarters in Rooms 801-803, 221 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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A second source advised [REDACTED] that the CCDBR was formerly organized on October 26, 1960, with RICHARD CRILEY as Executive Secretary after he motivated organizing the meeting of October 26, 1960.

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A third source advised on May 15, 1967, that the original stated purposes of the CCDBR continue to be adhered to, with CRILEY continuing as the motivating force behind the Committee. The Board of Directors, however, now includes many individuals in the religious, educational and labor fields who are not known as CP members.

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CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS, Formerly known as Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act

A source advised on April 15, 1958, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956.

A second source advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the name of the CJDC was changed to the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR). The purpose of the CCDDR, according to its "Statement of Principles and Organization" was to "...defend and extend the human rights embodied in the Bill of Rights...and to put an end to the political and racial persecution which threaten American democracy today". b7D

The second source further advised on May 18, 1960, that as of May, 1960, the CCDDR continued to function within the framework of its stated principles and that in accordance with its "Statement of Principles and Organization" had a number of "Working Committees" which included the Chicago Smith Act Families Committee, South Side Freedom Committee, and Taft-Hartley Working Committee. The source further stated that as of May, 1960, RICHARD CRILEY was serving as the Executive Secretary of the CCDDR.

This same source advised on February 1, 1961, that the CCDDR continued to operate until October 26, 1960, when the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) was formed and the offices and assets of what was formerly the CCDDR were taken over by the CCDBR. At the October 26, 1960, meeting, a referendum for approval of the above described action was called for, and subsequently votes were solicited from "associates" of the old CCDDR. The source further advised that no formal dissolution meeting of the CCDDR was ever held, but for all intents and purposes, the CCDDR ceased to exist on October 26, 1960, and CRILEY, its Executive Secretary, since that time.

RICHARD CRILEY, according to a third source, was a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, as of February, 1961.

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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

On April 5, 1967, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 192 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) rents Room 714, 192 North Clark Street, Chicago: b7D

A source advised on April 19, 1962, that the CSC, which was also known as the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, since its inception in 1952 had been an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell with headquarters in New York.

In August, 1966, the name "Committee to Free Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee in New York.

A second source advised on May 8, 1964, that DAVID L. SOLTNER appeared to be the guiding force behind this Committee and is assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTNER, his wife.

A third source advised on February 17, 1967, that the CSC maintains a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, and that DAVID SOLTNER is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the CSC.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTNER appear as signers of the Communist Party (CP) Election Petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

A fourth source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTNER as of 1943 was a member of the CP.



APPENDIXCOMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

"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' co-defendant. 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 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 name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In August, 1966, the name "Committee to Free Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on March 20, 1967, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. This source added that during the past year there had been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that their influence as of May, 1963, was negligible.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that VINCENT "TED" LEE, FPCC National Office Director, was then formulating FPCC policy and had indicated that he had no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. This source stated that LEE believed that the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and should support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations. LEE did not advocate supporting the Cuban revolution per se.

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The November 23, 1963, edition of "The New York Times" reported that Senator THOMAS J. DODD of Connecticut had called FPCC "the chief public relations instrument of the Castro network in the United States." It is to be noted that Senator DODD was a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which twice conducted hearings on the FPCC.

The December 27, 1963, edition of "The New York World Telegram and Sun" newspaper stated that the pro-CASTRO FPCC was seeking to go out of business and that its prime activity during its lifetime had been sponsorship of pro-CASTRO street rallies and mass picket lines, and the direction of an anti-propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. In a comparatively brief span of life was attributed to mounting anti-CASTRO American public opinion, the 1962 Congressional hearings which disclosed FPCC financing by CASTRO's United Nations Delegation, and ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin LEE H. OSWALD.

On February 6, 1964, the previously mentioned second source advised that V. T. LEE had recently remarked that the FPCC was dead and that there were no plans to organize another similar organization.

On April 13, 1964, a third source advised that there had not been any FPCC activity in many months and that the FPCC had been dissolved.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE,  
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised in October, 1960, that the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was formed during the summer of 1960 at Chicago, Illinois, under the direct guidance and leadership of RICHARD MILLS, a member of the State Committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois.

A second source in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled "What is Really Happening in Cuba?" distributed by the FPCC in Chicago. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship, and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflet reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of information bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums, providing speakers, movies, and songs for meetings of interested organizations, placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

A third source advised on March 2, 1964, that there has been no activity of the FPCC in Chicago since late November, 1963, and for all intents and purposes the organization is defunct.

The mailing address for the FPCC, Chicago Chapter, is Post Office Box 4474, Chicago 80, Illinois.

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MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR  
PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

A source on December 17, 1965, advised that the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) from March, 1962, to the latter part of 1965 maintained an office in Room 422, 431 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] a member of the Communist Party, USA (CP) [REDACTED] on July 18, 1947, advised that the MCPFB was founded at a conference in Chicago, Illinois, on May 25, 1947, and was to operate as the midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB). b7D

A second source on May 5, 1965, advised that the MCPFB in a "Statement of Principles" issued in April, 1965, noted that "The purpose of the Midwest Committee shall be to seek to perpetuate for the foreign born the fundamental concepts of equality, regardless of race, color, creed, nationality, political belief or place of birth, and to preserve the basic ideals of liberty and hospitality which serve as the guarantees of democracy for all Americans."

According to a third source, as of September, 1965, the MCPFB was still functioning as the midwest organization of the ACPFB but was considering the possibility of dissolution and turning over its work and responsibilities to the United States Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR).

This same source on December 27, 1965, advised that the MCPFB had ceased activity and had turned over its office and responsibilities to the CCDBR and for all intents and purposes was defunct.

The ACPFB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., states as follows on page 121 concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD  
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised on May 9, 1967, that it was his understanding that the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) was formed around 1936 in New York City, and that the Chicago Chapter of the NLG (CCNLG), which is affiliated with the national group in New York, was formed shortly thereafter, possibly in 1937 by a group of liberal progressive lawyers in protest against activities of the American Bar Association which they claimed was a non-liberal, non-progressive organization. The CCNLG has no established headquarters but occasionally uses the return address of its officials in literature.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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In Anticipation of Morton Sobell's Release  
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Reference report of SA [REDACTED] b7C  
4/15/68, captioned as above and the characterization of  
the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) submitted as an enclosure  
to referenced report.

A review of referenced report and captioned file  
at the Bureau indicates that for the most part, referenced  
report contains nothing more than a repetitious reporting  
of ancient history regarding the CSC. Information in this  
report concerning the affiliation of the CSC with captioned  
organization is dated 1962, and information concerning the  
leadership of the CSC is dated 1964, updated only by an  
inference as to current leadership.

It is desired that a more aggressive approach  
be undertaken by personnel of your office regarding  
investigation of the CSC in order that you may be assuredly  
aware of the leadership, activities and affiliation of this  
organization. In this regard, the development of current  
sources and the use of well-conceived pretexts should not be  
overlooked. Surep results of your investigation in this  
matter to reach the Bureau within 45 days of the date appearing  
on this letter.

In view of the above, no action has been taken  
by the Bureau with regard to referenced characterization  
of the CSC. At the time of submission of the above-requested  
report you should likewise submit an up-to-date characterization  
of this organization.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The officers of the Committee to Free Horton Sobell named in this report are listed in the Security Index of the San Francisco Office.

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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

## Synopsis:

The Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC) continues to receive mail at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California. There is no official headquarters for the BACSC. WAPREN BILLINGS and ESTHER LAMPEL continue as Chairman and Secretary, respectively, for the BACSC. A source advised on April 10, 1968, that there had been no formal meetings of the committee for the past twelve months.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), also known as the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, is contained in the Appendix of this report.

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BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES

I. HEADQUARTERS

As of April, 1968, there was no formal headquarters for the BACSC although mail is still received by the BACSC at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California.

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II. OFFICERS

WARREN K. BILLINGS and ESTHER LANPEL are Chairman and Secretary, respectively, for the BACSC.

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[REDACTED] informed on February 10, 1967, that ESTHER SKLAR, also known as ESTHER LANPEL, was Communist Party (CP) organizer of Unit 18, City Terrace Los Angeles County CP; that she had joined the CP in 1926, and that, in 1935, she was reported as having been transferred from New York, paying two cents dues a month. [REDACTED] stated SKLAR formerly had been a member of District 2, CP, New York, and, when she first came to Los Angeles, she had been assigned to Unit J-4, Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County CP, and was Dues Secretary of that Unit. b7D

[REDACTED] further stated that in 1938 ESTHER SKLAR, an unemployed millinery worker residing at 2422-1/2 Pomeroy Avenue, Los Angeles, California, who had held an executive position in Cap Makers Local 22, had attended the CP Workers School in Los Angeles, and was in 1938 assigned to the Needle Trades Unit 5, Industrial Section, Los Angeles County CP. b7D

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The December 3, 1961 issue of the "People's World" (PW) newspaper identified WARREN K. BILLINGS as the person who was "recently" pardoned for his participation in the 1916 Preparedness Day bombing with TOM MCONEY.

The PW is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

On March 27, 1953, WARREN K. BILLINGS informed Special Agents of the FBI that he was not and had never been a member of the CP, but described himself as a "philosophical anarchist."

### III. ACTIVITIES

The BACSC has not held any formal meetings during the past twelve months.

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BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES  
aka Committee to Secure Justice for  
Morton Sobell, Northern California  
Council of Sobell Committees

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A source advised on October 31, 1955, that the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC) was formed on October 17, 1955, in San Francisco, California, as the local affiliate of the National Sobell Committee to carry out the policies of the National Committee to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

On May 10, 1967, a second source advised that the headquarters of the BACSC in the San Francisco Bay Area are located at two addresses, 1561 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, and 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco. The BACSC is continuing to function and plan future Sobell affairs.

On December 18, 1959, a third source advised that MARY KRVAR, a member of the Warehouse Club, Communist Party (CP), East Bay Region, Oakland, California, and the paid organizer for the BACSC, has stated that the CP is interested in controlling the BACSC so that the BACSC will continue to follow the line of the National Sobell Committee in attempting to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Francisco, California

April 30, 1968

TITLE COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

CHARACTER INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

REFERENCE Report of Special Agent [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], dated and captioned as above,  
at San Francisco, California.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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# Sobell Seeking Parole in July

Lewisburg, Pa., April 30 (UPI) — Merton Sobell, 51, sentenced to 30 years in prison after he was convicted in the same atom spy trial that condemned Julius and Ethel Rosenberg to death, filed a

petition in federal court today seeking his release on parole July 28. Sobell was arrested on Aug. 18, 1950, but was not sent to the penitentiary here until November, 1952. If his petition is denied, he would not be eligible for parole until April 3, 1970. The Rosenbergs were executed in Sing Sing in June, 1953.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED] b7d

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (42) b7c

CI  SI  R (Prob)

PCI  PSI  R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7d

Dates of Contact

3/29/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted


Purpose and results of contact

- NEGATIVE
- POSITIVE
- STATISTIC

1-100-107111 (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (42)  
 1-100-57695 (YSOBEL SANDLER) (45)  
 1-100-89559 (MARSHALL PERLIN) (45)  
 1-100-109849 (HELEN SOBELL) (42)  
 1-100-132801 (LEAH SCHNEIDER) (47)  
 AEC: rcl

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Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

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[REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [REDACTED] bank records concerning the account named in the attached FD-302 on which pertinent information was recorded. b7d b7c

Information herein obtained confidentially; source's name is not to be disclosed in report or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely that he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing.

The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained.

The original FD-302 is maintained in [REDACTED] b7d

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 4/8/68

The following checks were among those drawn against the bank account of Sobell Committee:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser</u>
6271	2/28/68	YSOBEL SANDLER	\$1118.70	Chase Man.
6288	3/12/68	YSOBEL SANDLER	92.06	Chase Man.
6278	3/1/68	MARSHALL PERLIN	250.00	Chase Man.
(u) 6298	3/21/68	MARSHALL PERLIN	250.00	Chase Man.
6277	3/1/68	FORER and REIN	425.37	The Nat'l Bk, Wash., D.C.
6295	3/18/68	FORER and REIN	451.54	The Nat'l Bk, Wash., D.C.
6291	3/12/68	Cash	80.00	HELEN SOBELL
6297	3/20/68	Cash	84.00	LEAH SCHNEIDER
6299	3/21/68	Carnegie Hall Corp.	145.00	(Rental 6/19/68 Meeting)

The balance as of 3/29/68, \$709.84.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The officer to me subpoenaed is Mr. GEORGE MAJOR, Assistant Vice-President, Chemical New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

On 3/29/68 at Chemical New York Trust Co. 154 Fifth Avenue File # NY 100-107111


by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 4/4/68

FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT Rosenberg / Sobell Comm.

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information which would disclose an intelligence  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL  
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The "Guardian" issue of April 27, 1968, on page 19 in the classified section contains an advertisement indicating that captioned organization is sponsoring, on June 19, 1968, at Carnegie Recital Hall in New York City, an affair in memory of the Rosenbergs and in anticipation of Morton Sobell's release in 1969.

Insure that this affair is afforded appropriate coverage and that pertinent results are promptly furnished the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] (# 42)

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *b7c*

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Date May 9, 19681.

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6310	4/3/68	Cash	\$ 100.00	Leah Schneider
6317	4/10/68	Cash	284.00	Leah Schneider
6306	4/1/68	Wellwood Cemetery	500.00	Chase Manhattan (Perpetual Care Ethel Rosenberg Grave & Julius Rosenberg Grave)
6314	4/8/68	150 Estates	190.00	Chase Manhattan (April rent)
6318	4/11/68	Ysobel Sandler	84.60	Chase Manhattan
6320	4/16/68	Ysobel Sandler	1998.68	Chase Manhattan
6327	4/19/68	Cash	100.00	Helen Sabell

The balance as of 4/30/68, \$3,771.03.

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## Notables File With Supreme Court In Sobell's Appeal

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The brief was filed in conjunction with Sobell's current appeal to the high court. Sobell, condemned to 30 years in the trial with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg on a charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage", is now in his 18th year of imprisonment. He is at Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary.

Maintaining his innocence, as he has done at all times, his appeal charges perjury, forgery and fraud, and the manufacture of a false scientific "aura" at the trial.

It is this point which the scientists deal with. Joining in the appeal are Charles Coryell, professor of chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bernard T. Falk, professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Seth Neddermeyer, professor of physics at Washington University, William Higinbotham, head of the Instrumentation Division of Brookhaven National Laboratory and Past Chairman of the Federation of American Scientists, Eugene Rabinowitch, professor at the University of Illinois, co-founder of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists and its editor since its inception.

The scientists' brief strikes at the prosecution claim in the trial, and the judge's acceptance of the claim, that the "very secret of the atomic bomb itself" had been stolen. Subsequent statements by scientists refute this contention, and Sobell charges that the prosecution knew the claim was a hoax. The Rosenbergs went to their death maintaining their innocence of any espionage. While Sobell was absolved of connection with the atomic project, he was sentenced as part of the overall conspiracy trial.

The scientists state: "The amicus here are members of that special community of sci-

entists who study those branches of science relevant to atomic energy. As scientists it has been their fate to play roles in the historic development of the atomic bomb by the United States and in the analysis of its impact on American policy.

"As scientists and as citizens they have had a deep interest in the implications for national policy of the discovery of methods for releasing nuclear energy. They have had a special concern with the problems of communicating to the public and to the government the nature of the discovery of atomic energy. They have had a concern, too, with the appropriate methods of handling classified information in the area of science; they recognize a need for safeguarding certain scientific information but are sensitive to the consequences to the scientific community, and to the public at large, of such procedures.

"It is in their role as scientist-citizens that they have a special interest in and concern with the case.

The full text of the Amicus Curiae brief is available from the Committee to Free Morton Sobell, 150 Fifth Ave., Room 1103, New York City, N.Y. 10011.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-1549 Sub A)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE  
MORTON SOBELL  
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X The 1/13/68 issue of the "Glos Ludowy", page 17, column 4-5 of the English section, contained an article having information pertaining to individuals or organizations within your jurisdiction.

X A photostat of the article is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action you deem necessary.

       The attached is a translation/or summary of information translated from the Polish section of the "Glos Ludowy" issue dated \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_, column(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

       The data which pertains to individuals or organizations within your division is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action you deem necessary.

A characterization of the "Glos Ludowy" is contained in the Bureau approved "Appendix Pages" furnished to all field offices.

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