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| 1205 | NEWSPAPER | | | PUBLIC SOURCE CUMBERSOME TO ✓ REPRODUCE |
| 1206 | PHOTO | ✓ | | |
| 1207 | NEWSPAPER | | | PUBLIC SOURCE CUMBERSOME TO ✓ REPRODUCE |
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| 1209 | ENVELOPE | ✓ | | |
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| 1211 | LETTER | ✓ | | |
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- 1150. [redacted] Reprint of editorial "Clemency for MORTON SOBELL"
- b 1 1151. [redacted]
- 1152. [redacted]
- 1153. [redacted]
- 1154. Reprint from "New Republic" of 12/5/60 re MORTON SOBELL.
- NOTE: [redacted] b1
- 1155. [redacted]
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1163. [REDACTED]
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1166. [REDACTED]

1167. [REDACTED]

1168. Booklet, "The Case of Morton Sobell" a sermon by Rabbi Philip Horowitz, Cleveland, Ohio.

1169. [REDACTED]

1170. [REDACTED]

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Letter from CSJMS signed by Rose Sobell and Helen Sobell.
Brochure on Sobell.
Business reply envelope with return address to Mrs. Morton Sobell.

1 leaflet 4 pages "Petition for Executive Clemency for Morton Sobell".

1 reprint from NY Post of 6/7/61 captioned "Love Story" by Murray Kempton.

Flyer entitled "Cry out with Us for Freedom" issued by Sobell Committee.

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- 1186. [REDACTED]
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- 1188. [REDACTED]
- 1189. [REDACTED]
- 1190. [REDACTED]
- 1191. [REDACTED]
- 1192. [REDACTED] Leaflet, undated from REV. PETER MC CORMICK handed out during picketing of Pres. on 11/2/61 at 77th & Madison, N.Y.C. Rec'd 11/2/61 by SA [REDACTED]
- 1193. [REDACTED] Throwaway entitled "3 Poems by MRS. MORTON SOBELL", handed out during picketing of the Pres. on 11/2/61 at 77th & Madison, N.Y.C. Rec'd 11/2/61 by SA [REDACTED]

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b11194. [REDACTED]

1195. [REDACTED] Album of photographs 11/2/61 in vicinity of Hotel Carlyle N.Y.C. of picketing during visit of PRES. KENNEDY. Rec'd [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

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1197. [REDACTED]

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NOTE [REDACTED]

1200. [REDACTED] Copy of the ltr. of Rev. Peter McCormack, which ltr was passed out at the picket line of Comm. to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell at the White House on 10/16/61.

1201. [REDACTED] Throwaway "Cry Out With Us for Freedom" signed by Rose & Helen Sobell by SA [REDACTED]

1202. [REDACTED] Newspaper type throwaway published by CSJMS "Give A Day of Your Life". [REDACTED]

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- 1203. [REDACTED]
- 1204. [REDACTED] Pamphlet "The Case of Morton Sobell" by RABBI PHILIP HOROWITZ.
- NOTE: [REDACTED]
- 1205. [REDACTED] Newspaper "GIVE A DAY OF YOUR LIFE"
- 1206. [REDACTED] 1 photo of James David Andrews.
- 1207. [REDACTED] "Give a day of your Life" issue of Nov. 1961.
- 1208. [REDACTED] Picture Folder re 12/16-17/61 picketing.
- 1209. [REDACTED] Sobell Committee green "Pledge" envelope.
- Note [REDACTED]
- 1210. [REDACTED] 2 Leaflets secured by [REDACTED] (at Wash D.C. from picket line.
- 1211. [REDACTED] 1 letter obtained at demonstration of Subj organization 11/16/61..
- 1212. [REDACTED] 1 Press Release obtained at demonstration of Subj organization 11/16/61.
- 1213. [REDACTED]
- Note [REDACTED]
- 1214. [REDACTED] Throwaway re speech by Helen Sobell at CCHY.
- 1215. [REDACTED] "Give A Day of Your Life" issue 11/61.
- NOTE: [REDACTED]

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1216. [REDACTED] Throwaway of Sobell Committee. [REDACTED]

b11217. [REDACTED]

b11218. [REDACTED]

1219. Mimeo letter re appeal for "Christmas Amnesty".

1220. Mimeo letter to "Editors throughout the U.S." on behalf of SOBELL.

b11221. [REDACTED]

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1222. [redacted] "Clergy Presidential Appeal Petitions". alc

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1223. [redacted] Clergy Petitions to President in Behalf of Morton Sobell. Rec'd [redacted] by SA [redacted] See ser 4662.
1224. [redacted] Clergy Petitions for Appeal to President in Behalf of Morton Sobell. Rec'd [redacted] by SA [redacted]. See ser. 4663.
1225. [redacted] Sobell Clemency Petitions to Pardon Attorney of U.S. Dept. of Justice. Rec'd [redacted] by SA [redacted] See ser. 4668. alc

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1226. [REDACTED] Newspaper - "Give a day of Your Life" published by CSJMS
1/62 edition. *b1*

1227. [REDACTED]
1228. [REDACTED] *b1*
NOTE: [REDACTED]

1229. [REDACTED] Reprint of article on Sobell which appeared in Columbia "U"
Spectator on 12/15/61 issued by CSJMS. [REDACTED]

1230. [REDACTED]
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CLEMENCY FOR MORTON SOBELL

Success in the pursuit of legal justice is uncertain under the best of circumstances. But in the climate of hysteria that prevailed at the time of the Julius and Ethel Rosenberg espionage trials a decade ago the prospects for a calm and dispassionate dispensing of justice were gravely diminished. Surely one of the more pitiable victims of that tragic era is Morton Sobell, now serving the eleventh year of a thirty-year sentence on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage.

Almost every aspect of the Sobell case lies under a cloud of doubt. He was tried with the Rosenbergs, although there was no evidence to link him to the atom bomb spy conspiracy involving the Rosenbergs and David Greenglass. At least one Federal Judge, the late Jerome Frank, considered this not only extremely prejudicial, but illegal. A number of distinguished Americans, including theologian Reinhold Niebuhr and New York University law professor Edmund Cahn, who have studied the record, have concluded that Sobell was convicted on evidence "vague in content and slender in proof". Some who plead for clemency for Sobell, like Dr. Sidney Hook, assume Sobell to be guilty as charged; others, including Reverend Peter McCormack, who was chaplain at Alcatraz when Sobell was there, are firmly convinced that Sobell is innocent.

But whatever the differences regarding Sobell's innocence or guilt, or the manner in which he was tried, there is almost unanimous agreement that his thirty-year sentence was harsh to the point of constituting "cruel and unusual punishment." We share this view, along with the dean of civil libertarians, Roger Baldwin, whose concern is not only the injustice to the individual man, but the implications for our constitutional freedoms and safeguards of due process.

Now, more than twelve hundred clergymen have appealed to President Eisenhower to grant Sobell a new trial or commute his sentence to the time served. There is a tradition of sorts that the Holiday Season is an appropriate occasion for acts of clemency. We hope President Eisenhower will respond affirmatively to this simple, humane plea, and help remove the cloud of injustice that hangs over not only Morton Sobell, but over all of us.

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DECEMBER 5, 1960

Morton Sobell

The horror of the Rosenberg atom-spy case brushed against the front pages again recently, when David Greenglass, Ethel Rosenberg's brother who confessed, was released after nearly ten years in jail. He had been sentenced to fifteen. Still in prison, on a sentence double that of Greenglass, is Morton Sobell, in any view of the case its most marginal and pitiable figure.

The jury found Sobell guilty - and quite probably he was - of something or other having to do with spying for the Russians. The evidence was meager, but there was at any rate none to link him with the atom bomb spying conspiracy in which the Rosenbergs and Greenglass were involved. Hence it was exceedingly prejudicial, and, as at least one judge, the late Jerome Frank, thought, illegal to try Sobell together with the Rosenbergs. Be that as it may, the gravely nagging sense of injustice left behind by the whole sorry affair was generated not by the verdict but by the sentences. These were brutal and erratic. There is no way for society to expiate the ghastly fact that the Rosenbergs were electrocuted. But Sobell's sentence - as barbaric in its fashion, considering the nature of the case against him - can be commuted to time served. This the President has been asked to do. We hope he will. It is a question not merely of humane feelings, but of a measure of justice.

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The Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell
940 Broadway, N. Y. C. AL 4-9983

An Appeal to President Kennedy

Morton Sobell's appeal for freedom is now
before our new President, John F. Kennedy.

There is every hope that the President, in
keeping with his Administration's policy of
thoroughly reviewing matters important to
our country, will act to free Morton Sobell.

Your letter to the President urging freedom
for Morton Sobell, or an inquiry into the
facts, will be of the utmost importance. It
will let him know of your support for
positive action that he decides to take.

Please write your letter today to:

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Committee to Secure Justice
For Morton Sobell
940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

- I have written to President Kennedy on the
Sobell case.
- Please send me more information on the case.
Enclosed find a contribution of \$..... to
carry on the work in Morton Sobell's behalf.

Name

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The Case of Morton Sobell

A Sermon by
RABBI PHILIP HOROWITZ
Congregation Brith Emeth
Cleveland, Ohio

Sabbath Evening Service

December 23, 1960

Tonight we speak of the case against Morton Sobell. I believe that this case will take its place in the history of the United States of America as one of the greatest miscarriages of justice that has ever occurred in our legal system, ranking with the Sacco-Vanzetti and the Scottsboro cases. My interest in this matter stems back almost to the time of its inception in 1950. This was a time of great fear and great hysteria. I ought to remind you that in the autumn of 1949 we learned that the Russians could make the atomic bomb. In the winter which followed we believed, amid much hysterical discussion, excitement and fear, that Russia had sufficient information to create the hydrogen bomb. This was a time which followed closely upon the disclosures of espionage on the part of Klaus Fuchs, a British National, of high reputation and standing in the world of physics, who had delivered information to the Russians for purposes of manufacturing such a bomb. This was a time when McCarthyism was rearing its ugly head in these United States of America and when all sorts of organizations were accused, some correctly and some otherwise, of being Communist front organizations. This was a time when loyalty purges were beginning to take

place, when great fears were expressed for the safety of individuals who were in the government service.

It was at such a time when Morton Sobell was indicted—in October of 1950, together with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg—for conspiring to commit espionage. It was charged that they had transmitted information relating to the defense of the United States to a foreign power—the Soviet Union. The trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and Morton Sobell took place in March of 1951. All of them were convicted. The Rosenbergs were sentenced to death and were subsequently executed, and Morton Sobell was sentenced to thirty years in prison. Until 1958 he served his sentence at Alcatraz, and since then he has been serving in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta. Please remember that on February the 9th of 1950, the late Senator McCarthy made his first speech at Wheeling, W. Va., holding in his hand the list of 205 alleged members of the Communist party serving in the Federal Government. While the trial began on March 6th of 1951, it is good to remember that on March the 8th of 1951, the Committee on Un-American Activities opened its famous hearing on Hollywood and the Motion Picture Industry. This was hardly a time for calm reflection or considered judgment. It was a time of fear-ridden panic, of chaotic and intemperate action. I think most of us have become very ashamed of the many things we did during that time. We have become very ashamed of what we had permitted others to do at that time.

About two and one-half years ago, a Unitarian minister traveling from Washington to California, stopped off in Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. Gaede came to see me at the Fairmount Temple in an attempt to enlist the interest of local rabbis and ministers in this case. A national committee had formed to

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Sobell Victim of His Times, Rabbi Holds

Morton Sobell, convicted in 1951 of conspiracy to pass atomic secrets to Russia, was a victim of what seems to be a vicious form of anti-Semitism compounded by Jews, Rabbi Philip Horowitz said last night in his sermon.

The rabbi, who has studied the Sobell case for 2½ years and who last month presented petitions to the government asking clemency or a new trial for Sobell, told his Brith Emeth congregation:

"I can see that you want secure justice for Morton Sobell. Some of the great luminaries who lent their names and their efforts to this enterprise were Reinhold Niebuhr, the famous theologian, Malcolm Sharp, Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, Bertrand Russell, Martin Buber of Israel, Prof. Thomas Emerson of the Yale University Law School, Dr. Herta Kallen, Research Professor of Philosophy at the New School for Social Research, Dr. Paul Tillich, distinguished theologian of the Harvard Divinity School, Dr. Gardner Murphy of the famed Menninger Foundation at Topeka, Kansas, and many, many others too numerous to mention.

I was sufficiently interested by what Dr. Gaede had to say that I called upon several colleagues in the Reform Rabbinate here in

Cleveland. All of them responded most generously and enthusiastically. Please understand that at that time I was far from convinced of Sobell's innocence. The only basis upon which I considered my intervention in this matter was on the question of mercy and clemency. But though I assumed Sobell's guilt, I was perfectly willing to go ahead with the assumption that such a case warranted a review by some presidential board with the end in mind of a possible pardon. I do not vindicate myself by this statement. I refer to this story as an odyssey of one man's conscience. I suspect it was typical, and it is typical of many people in the United States. Most of us had only some vague knowledge. We might remember the petitions which were issued at the time preceding the Rosenberg executions asking for clemency. We had some vague idea about Morton Sobell being involved in some kind of atomic espionage. Many of us were convinced and are convinced that it's too hot a potato to handle and so we sat on the sidelines.

Last March or April I saw Rev. Gaede again. At that time I mentioned to him my hope to bring this matter before the forthcoming Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, that is the national organization of Reform rabbis. In all fairness to such a presentation I thought that I ought to prepare myself in some detail with the matters which I was about to present. I therefore acquired and read the 8 volumes of the Court Record on the matter of Morton Sobell, pamphlet material relating to it, and two books, one by John Wexley entitled: "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," running to some 670 pages, the other, far more instructive, by Prof. Malcolm Sharp, with an introduction by Harold C. Urey, the distinguished nuclear physicist, entitled: "Was Justice Done? The Rosenberg-Sobell Case." Suffice it to say that I was gradually convinced that the

very least that could be done at such a point would be for the leading rabbinical organization in the world to request the passage of a resolution pleading for a presidential hearing and review of this case. I am proud to be associated with the Central Conference of American Rabbis and its resolution of June, 1960, passed in Detroit, requesting such a review of the Sobell Case.

Here are some of the very serious objections that helped me form my conviction. I should like to share with you the terrible qualms of conscience which have plagued me these last months. All of what I have to say to you is the distillation of information which I have read, particularly in the eight volumes of the Court Record. While I am not by training a lawyer, may I remind you that this was the court record put before a jury whose function it was to judge the credibility of what had been admitted before it.

1) It came as a shock to me to discover that Morton Sobell was never implicated by anyone with atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted.

2) The United States Supreme Court has never reviewed the case nor passed upon the merits of the trial.

3) Judge Jerome Frank of the United States Court of Appeals stated that Morton Sobell should have had a new trial because his case should have been separated from the atomic espionage conspiracy accusations against the Rosenbergs.

4) Only one witness gave any testimony connecting Morton Sobell with the conspiracy to commit espionage and this witness, Max Elitcher, a self-confessed perjurer, tainted, admitted on the stand that the FBI knew about his perjury; that he was testifying in hopes that he would not be prosecuted. By the way, he never was. Besides which, his

was accomplice testimony, always believed to be weak and suspect, and according to Jewish jurisprudence, never admissible in a properly constituted court of law.

It is also true that there are many states in the Union that will not admit accomplice testimony. However, it is important to keep in mind that in Federal cases accomplice testimony is permissible provided that the presiding judge properly instructs the jury as to the weakness of such testimony. This witness's testimony, that of Max Elitcher, was uncorroborated, and replete with contradictions, inconsistencies, and implausibilities.

5) There were no specific overt acts listed against Sobell in the indictment. The complaint on which he was arrested listed five dates on which "Morton Sobell had conversation with Julius Rosenberg."

6) The prosecution never claimed at the trial that Sobell gave or received any classified information.

7) The Appeals court at one point alluded to the "wholly reprehensible" conduct of the prosecution and indicated that a new trial would have been justified had the defense objected in time.

And underlying all of these preceding points I must remind you of the hysteria of that time which was so burdensome upon Morton Sobell and his attorneys. I was shocked in reading the record to discover that the attorneys could not learn what Morton Sobell was accused of doing in order to prepare a defense. At the trial itself, the attorneys, faced with the choice of putting Sobell on the stand in an inflamed atmosphere or resting on his plea of innocence according to Constitutional guarantees preferred the latter and so Sobell did not take the stand. To this day that infamous McCarthy aide, Roy Cohn, a member of the prosecution team, holds that not taking the stand indicated Sobell's guilt. What a terrible commentary on

the right of an individual to use a Constitutional guarantee. What a terrible commentary on the misinterpretation of such rightful exercises in moments of extreme tension. Even if his guilt is assumed, the sentence against Morton Sobell, the thirty year sentence, is far out of proportion. Klaus Fuchs, a self-confessed spy was sentenced to fourteen years, of which he served only nine, and is free today. Allan Nunn May was sentenced to ten years of which he served only six years and eight months. Both of these were convicted under British law. David Greenglass, another self-confessed conspirator who testified against his sister and brother-in-law, was convicted to fifteen years, served a little over nine and was just recently set free. But Morton Sobell continues to serve. Even persons accused of treason in war time, acting on behalf of enemy powers, have been accorded far less severe sentences. Might I remind you that at the time of some of these acts of conspiracy, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was an ally on the side of these United States in a war against Naziism. The judge, Irving Kaufman, based his hard sentence on the premise that Russia had been able to obtain the atomic bomb because of this kind of espionage. No reputable scientist today, even conceding the help which this espionage may have given, will accept the truth of this statement. They claim it is a distortion and a harmful illusion that prevented our country from having a true picture of Russia's scientific capabilities. Besides, Morton Sobell was not even accused of atomic espionage. He was only victimized by the attitudes of the time. And though today the atmosphere has changed, he remains a prisoner of that infamous epoch of American McCarthyism. All the law journals which have studied this case have indicated that Sobell did not receive justice. No law review has yet held that Sobell's sentence was a proper one.

One of the side occurrences connected with

this case was the manner in which Morton Sobell and his family were abducted when he went to Mexico to live in an apartment under his own name arranging for diaper service and milk service for his infant child, under his his own name. The Mexican Secret Service police, in plain clothes, entered the apartment one night, siezed Sobell, took him out to a car, beat him into unconsciousness and drove him to the border of the United States and there turned him over to the agents of our government who were ready and waiting for him. It became abundantly clear that the abduction was instigated and arranged by the FBI. Although they have had an opportunity to deny this, they have not done so. The action is as illegal as it was outrageous, the behavior of a police state unworthy of the government of our United States. This was an action which was highly prejudicial to the trial of Morton Sobell because it precluded the possibility of his returning voluntarily. When it was presented to jury, it was dramatized as an indication that Morton Sobell had a guilty conscience and was attempting to flee. Subsequent events have completely disproven this premise.

The entire case against Morton Sobell rested upon Max Elitcher's testimony. The one overt action to which he testified was that one night, when he drove in with his wife and child from Washington to the home of Morton Sobell, he believed that he was followed by agents of the FBI. And when he related such information to Sobell, Morton took what Elitcher believed to be a 35 mm film can, and together they drove the ten miles from Flushing, L.I. to Knickerbocker Village in the city of New York to deliver this can to Julius Rosenberg, apparently oblivious of any possibility that the FBI might be following. By the way, the contents of this can were never disclosed, nor was there

any testimony to prove that there was anything in such a can, indeed that such a can existed.

This then, dear friends, is the case against Morton Sobell.

The reason for his conviction, a self-confessed ex-Communist perjurer, self-confessed liar, and betrayer. For myself, I do not trust Communists, and I do not trust any ex-Communists, who in the excess of the pious wish to cleanse themselves of their previous sins, are perfectly willing to throw blackbats and accusations helter and skelter, in the hope of finding salvation for themselves.

I believe that Morton Sobell was a victim of a vicious form of self-hatred, of negative anti-Semitism. Irving Kaufman the judge, was a Jew; Irving Soypol, the prosecutor was a Jew; Roy Cohn, the assistant to the prosecutor, was a Jew and I suspect all of the reactions stem from the fact that they wanted to prove to the world around them that they would take care of this Jew who was a source of embarrassment to them.

I believe that this case has proven to be of great embarrassment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to others of our government agencies, because Morton Sobell would not testify against Julius Rosenberg as they would have wished him to testify. This, then, was the form of his punishment, to languish in jail and to feel the full effect of those who refused to cooperate with a government agency.

I wonder if the reason for the recent disclosure of the arrest of Dr. Soblen of New York, and radio and newspaper announcements of his relationship to a brother who is in the penitentiary, was an attempt to confuse the American public about Morton Sobell, whose appeals were being conducted in Washington. The Dr. Soblen, who was arrested is no relation whatever to Morton Sobell.

nor is Jack Soble who is presently a convicted spy, any relation to Morton Sobell.

I believe with all my heart that this is an opportunity before this great democratic country, following its Judaeo-Christian ethic, to right a great wrong, and I appeal to each and everyone of you, to write your letter to your Senators, and particularly to the President, to correct what has been a great miscarriage of what is right.

"Let Justice rise up as the waters, and Mercy like a mighty stream."

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Dear Friend,

"Oh what a moment" sing the hero and heroine in Beethoven's great opera "Fidelio", as he is led forward into liberation. Truth and the struggle for man's rights have gained a victory and the world has moved forward.

Even then however, we are reminded of an earlier time when in malicious, vindictive glee the villain sang, "Oh what a moment" as he anticipated death for his prisoner.

We who remember the moment of anguish await now the moment of freedom for Morton. We work as we wait, for the cause of human freedom and dignity can only triumph through never ending sacrifice.

Our case is now being reviewed by the Justice Department. Those influential and renown friends of justice who have joined before in appealing for Morton's freedom have once again written personally to the President.

Help us now to attain the moment of liberation. We can only continue with your support. "Fidelio" is your story as it is ours. We ask you to contribute more generously than ever before, and we know that you will.

Faithfully yours,

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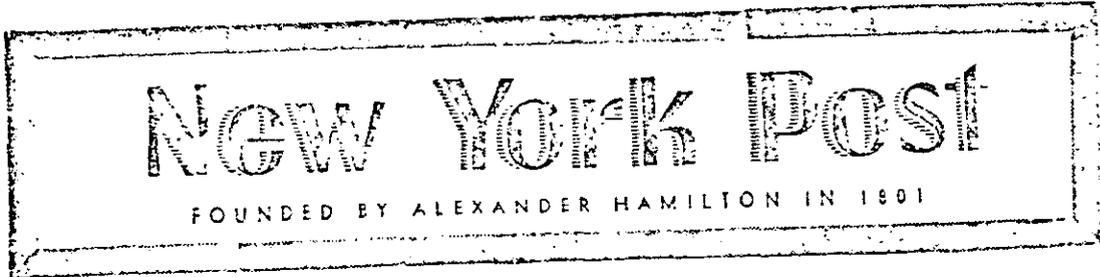
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Love Story

MURRAY KEMPTON

Last April 5 began the eleventh year since Mrs. Helen Sobell sat in Federal Court and heard her husband sentenced to 30 years in prison for the crime of espionage.

Someone recollected the other day that, as she was leaving, a deputy United States Marshal came over to her, in an impulse of kindness, and said, "Look, dearie, take my advice. Forget him. charge your name and find a job somewhere."

Morton Sobell's name and fate are, of course, bound up with that of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who died in Sing Sing at atomic spies. He was tried with the Rosenbergs, but the government never charged him with atomic espionage. His conviction will not be debated here, except to mention the irony that not even the government ever seems to have known just what military secret Morton Sobell stole.

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It may be hard for our children to believe that ten years ago it was a common assumption that the Russians were so primitive in science as to be incapable of developing an atom bomb without stealing it from us.

Still there was a time when society believed that what we had to fear from the Soviets was not scientific competition but technical pilferage. In such an atmosphere the breaking of an unconfessed spy seemed a military necessity. Sobell was sent at once to Alcatraz, the maximum security prison for violent prisoners, and kept there for five years, off and on in solitary confinement. Still he professed himself innocent.

He would, one suspects, have been forgotten there if Helen Sobell accepted the deputy marshal's kindly advice that she forget. Instead, she has spent 10 years struggling for his release.

One of the worst aspects of being a prisoner is that you are cut off from the sight of private men. You communicate only with bureaucracies; you are the subject of regulations. Morton Sobell was in addition a man most of us had never seen. He had also been convicted of espionage which meant that most of the persons Helen Sobell had to approach would rather not think about him. Still she has, with her love and memory, worked a kind of miracle; she has carried his buried face about in public places, and she has touched the conscience of of an extraordinary group of persons, from Max Eastman to Bertrand Russell, from Senator Metcalf to Sidney Hook.

Many of these supporters believe that Morton Sobell must have been guilty of something. But they have all come to share the view that he has been punished past the limit of whatever crime he committed, and that he is now only the object of a vengeance even more cruel because its passion has passed.

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We have a new President and a new Attorney General, and there rises again the hope in Helen Sobell that one of all these different appeals may move them.

That hope has reason to endure. The Sobells have earned it because they have demonstrated inviolable humanity. Not long ago Sobell set down his latest appeal for executive clemency. It was a document of dignity and resignation, and at great variance with the image of a man who could hardly have been handed so heavy a burden if a jury long ago had not believed him a Communist.

"After over a decade of imprisonment, prison has become a way of life for me while the recollections of a past life have become distant visions akin to dreams. Thus, as punishment, prison is without meaning. For, like pain or hunger—or even joy—when continued for long periods it ceases to exist in the commonly understood sense . . . How could I convince—that I only aim to be a useful member of society?"

Yet someone sometime will be convinced, because Morton Sobell came through after 10 years to us as human and not mechanical, a piece of flesh and not a case. And that miracle would not be possible if his wife had not enforced upon us the presence of his face.

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"CRY OUT WITH US FOR FREEDOM!"

To Our Dear Friends,

As the mother and wife of Morton Sobell, we are saddened and angry to report to you that the Justice Department has refused Morton's plea for freedom. When the Kennedy Administration took office and said Morton's case would get fresh study, our hopes were high. Now the appeals by thousands of Americans, the urging by some of the most distinguished leaders of our country, have met with a cruel "no."

Simultaneously, in an affront to decency, President Kennedy promoted to the U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Irving Kaufman, whose claim to fame is decreasing death for the Rosenbergs and the 30-year sentence for Morton Sobell. This judge, whose hysteria disgraced our nation, became known as the "hanging judge" throughout the world.

We cannot accept the kind of America which rewards a Kaufman and prolongs the torture of an innocent man now in his 12th year of prison.

As a family, our bodies are weary and our hearts are heavy. Morton is ill and must undergo surgery. We will keep on fighting. This week we picketed the White House. Next week we will picket the UN. We will cry out with all our strength. We will appeal to everyone, everywhere. We will fight day and night. We will be heard in every corner of the earth.

We are sure that you too will never take "no" for an answer. All of our faith in people and friends tells us that we will not be alone. We know that it is only with your help that we can succeed.

At this crucial moment, we implore you: CRY OUT WITH US FOR FREEDOM!....Write President Kennedy, The White House, Washington, D.C., telling him you do not accept a refusal from the Justice Department to free Morton Sobell. You rely on the President to act for justice.

Write or phone our Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York City (PHONE: AL 4-9983). We do need your support for the tremendous national actions we are about to launch. We need your dollars... Hear our plea, for Morton's sake, for our country's sake, and for your own freedom.

Rose Sobell

Helen Sobell

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From The
REVEREND PETER MCCORMACK
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
Former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz

Dear Friend:

During my period of service at Alcatraz, I came into close contact with all of the prisoners. I feel satisfied that I can evaluate human character quite accurately.

Through the years of my association at Alcatraz with Morton Sobell, I became more and more impressed with his innocence. This led me to make a studied investigation of his record at the prison as well as the trial record of the Rosenberg-Sobell case. The more I studied, the more convinced I became of the man's innocence. I feel so keenly about this case, and to state it frankly, somewhat ashamed that the courts of our land could be so influenced by public opinion fed by the hysteria of the McCarthy era, that I have set out in an address under the title "ALCATRAZ WAS MY PARISH" my evaluation of the man and the injustice perpetrated upon him by detaining him still in Atlanta penitentiary.

He is a man of fine intellect, of noble character, healthy-minded, a loyal American, a devoted husband and father, a noble son of humble but noble family. Yet the record still shows that here is a man, falsely accused, cruelly treated, sentenced on the flimsy testimony of a self-confessed perjurer and still suffering within prison walls.

The cry for justice has sounded many times through the centuries from the time of Amos the Prophet down to the present. To me no cry has had such merit to it as the cry for justice for Morton Sobell. I am satisfied if the Clergy of this land, whose mission it is to "seek justice and judgment," would acquaint themselves with this case, the relentless pressure of that segment of public opinion would compel our courts to re-open the case, freeing it from perjury, politics and prejudice, and in the light of honor and truth restore Morton Sobell to his rightful place as an American citizen, a man vindicated by the weight of public opinion and the justice and honor that we are entitled to expect to emanate from the courts of our land.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Peter McCormack
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Please read this testimony to Morton Sobell from his chaplain at Alcatraz. We must match his courage with our courage until justice is granted. Will you join with the hundreds of clergymen from various parts of the country who have signed the enclosed appeal?

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BY MRS. MORTON SOBELL

ALCAVIRAZ

Faith!

Three thousand miles is faith?
It but begins *your journey*.

Over there a boatman scans a list—
And beckons names on board.
Porties them across—

Across the sea of death?
No, not death, not even diving.
Life is there, and loving.

Arrived? Arrived?

Not yet arrived.
When you have passed through the eye,
(The magnetic eye of Alcaviraz which
Warns its master with its ringing.)
Then you must enter
The heat that always lingers,
And hold it from its happening.

The happy ending now?
The sweetest kiss, the embrace
That brushes off the heavy dust
Of ever present yearning?

And hand in hand to live the words
That part the lips and make
Of time and distance, nothing?
Of trial and terror, nothing?

It was not like that.

Kiss the wall and caress the glass.
Feast, after your handsome fast.
Cherish this joy, gather your pleasure.
Engulfness demands it back, full measure.

Here is studied destruction,
Scorched sorrow engulfed by shifting sand.
Madly we fill and empty our cups,
Our moments beyond our command.
We must drink of our love, taste of our truth,
Seconds must be the days, the years, of our youth.

REDEMPTION

Enough of breakthrough, enough of fears,
There has been enough,
Not for thirty, but for ten thousand years,
Good and soon are not crushed with tears.

How long is suffering,
How deep, how wide?
How much grief-fore can be mixed
Tumbled up with grogs of time,
There comes an ending,
A liberating shatter blast.

First the fat years, then the lean,
Now the terror cleansed with death,
Young death, married death, father death,
Mother death, passes now,
Slowly passes now the terror,
Rent now, the web of blackened grief
Heavy hung with tears of fire,
Loosed, the unvoiced screams awake, retire.

Is your brother to suffer as long as Redemption,
As deep, as wide?
His head shall carry high,
His chains will stretch and break,
The cry of ravished truth
Shall cause the very earth to shake.

Who dared to mark him for destruction!
Who is the one who sought to mark him Jesus, Cain,
With the blood of the lamb, has your brother been slain?
Where is his Joseph's coat of many colors,
Whose the decree, that he shall be in Acharaz,
And evil men shall walk free?
Go to the pit where he was thrown,
Erase this Iniquity.

FREE

Come, my glorious brother, laugh with me,
Take my hand, my sister, clasp it joyfully,
Children, come, your father stands here free,
It is the birthday of the world.

With work and hope we have hailed your coming,
Gladly bent our backs to bring you here,
We have built for you a place of beauty,
Let us laugh and cry at your rejoicing.

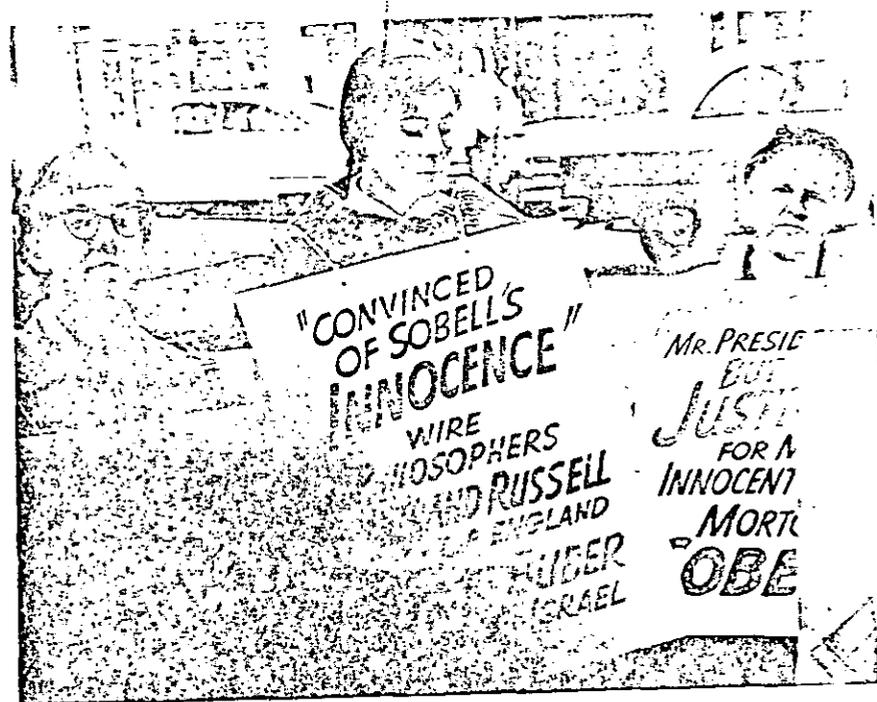
Ours were not the shoulders that were missing,
Ours was not the silent voice unheard,
Together life and we triumphantly,
Salute the birthday of the world.



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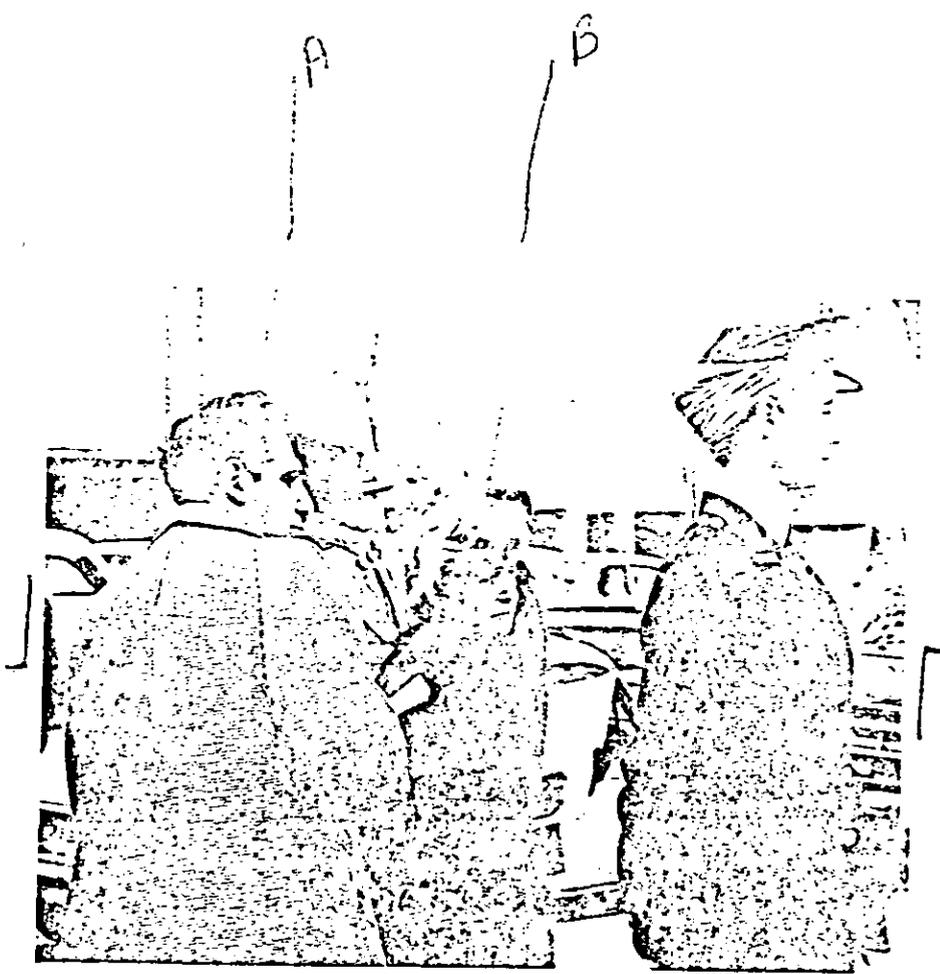




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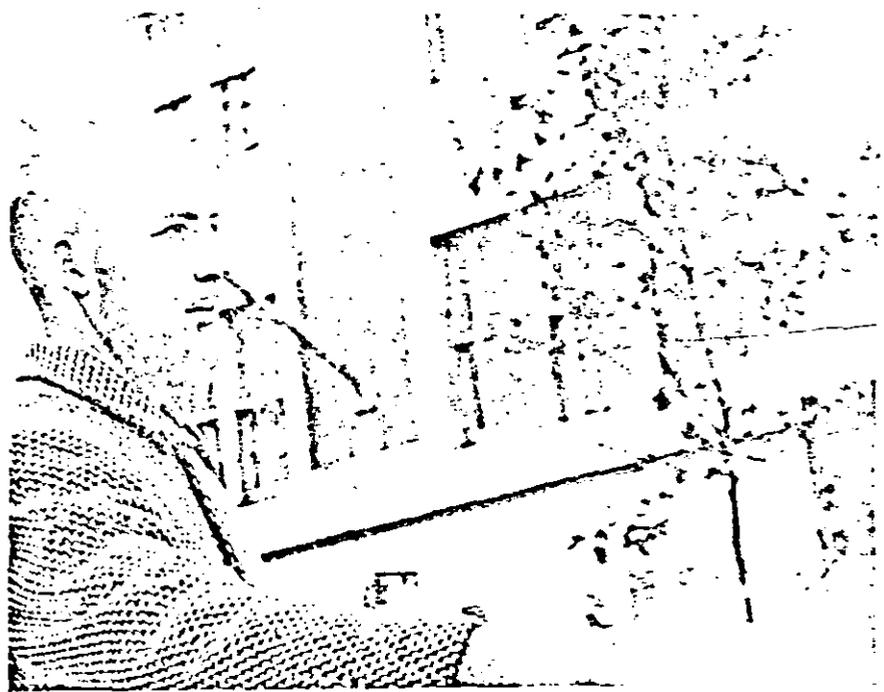
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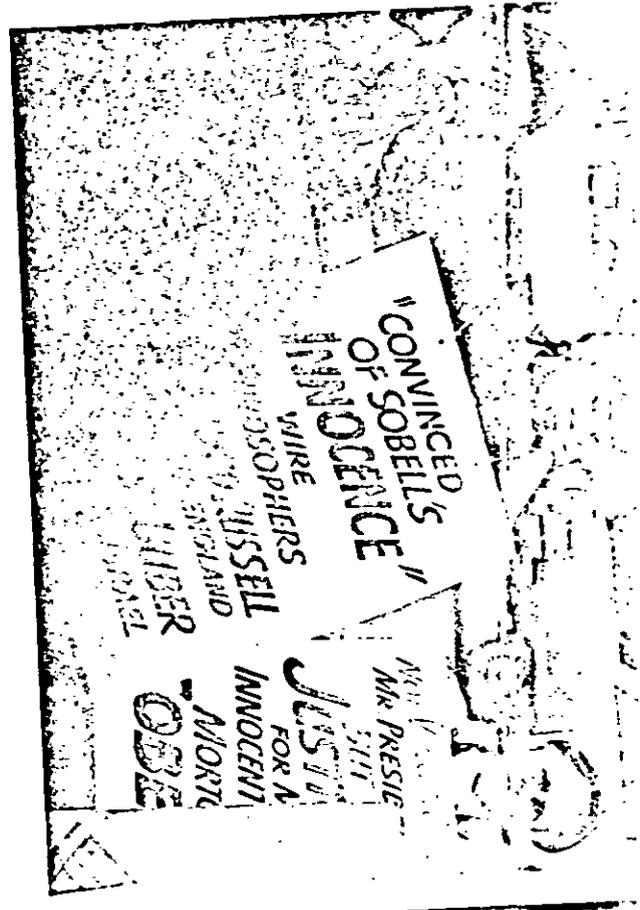


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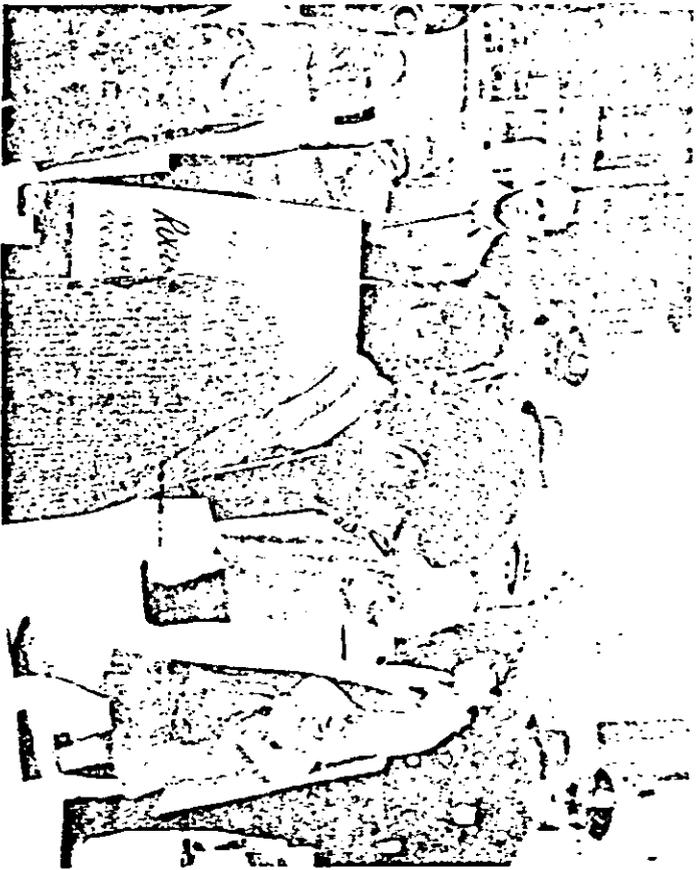


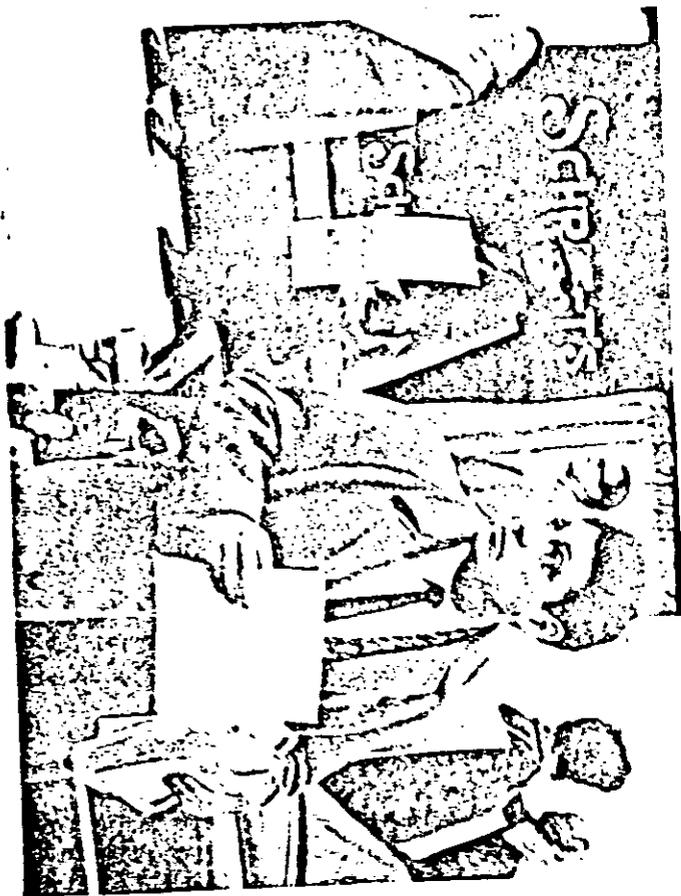
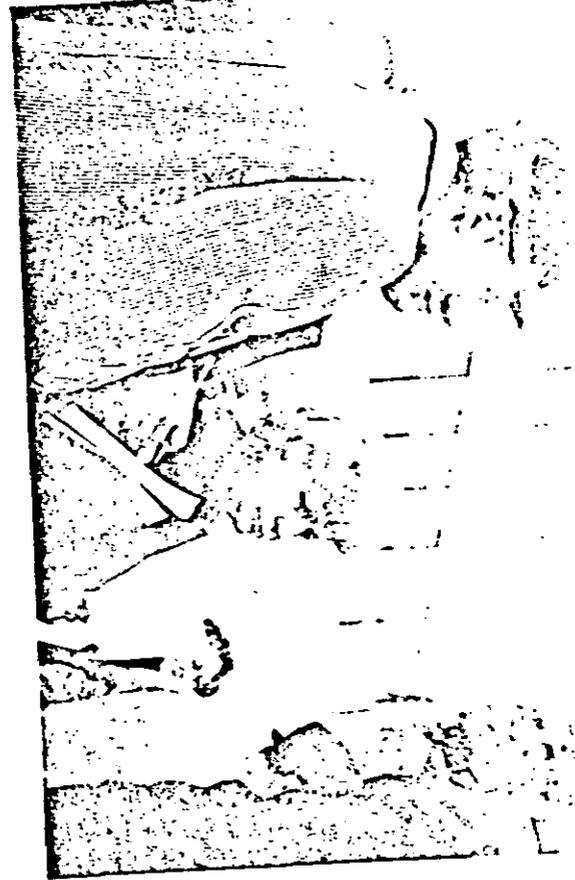
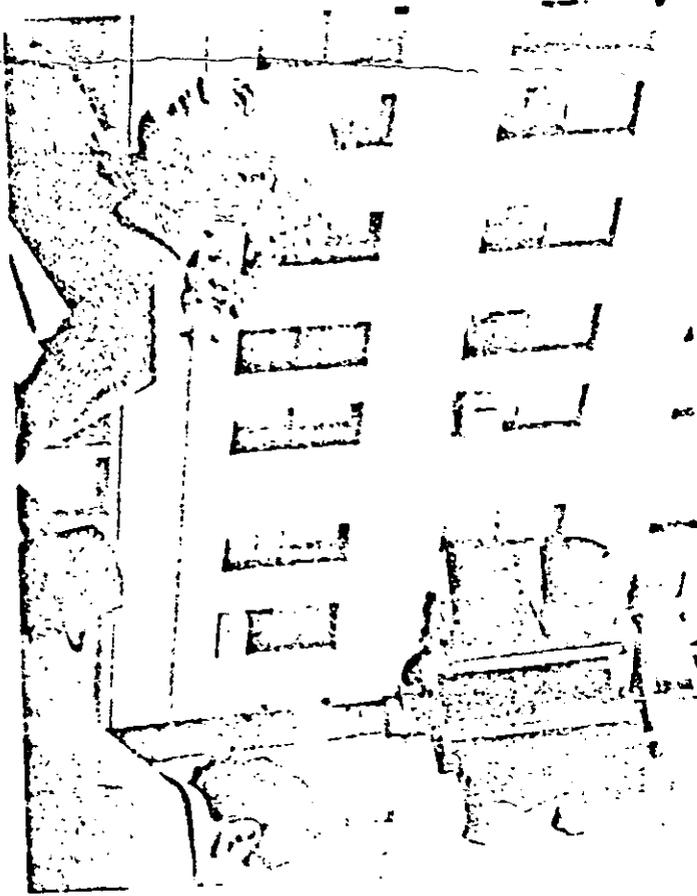
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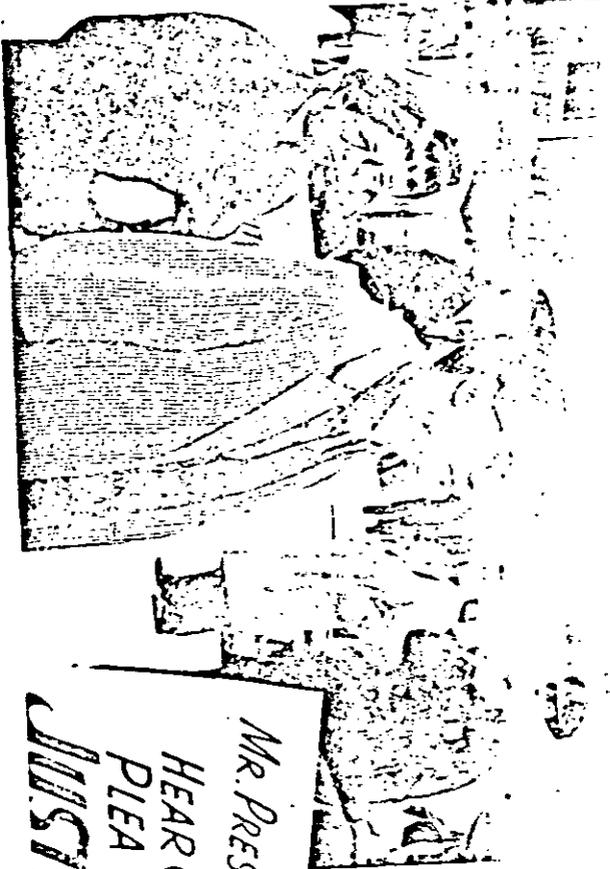




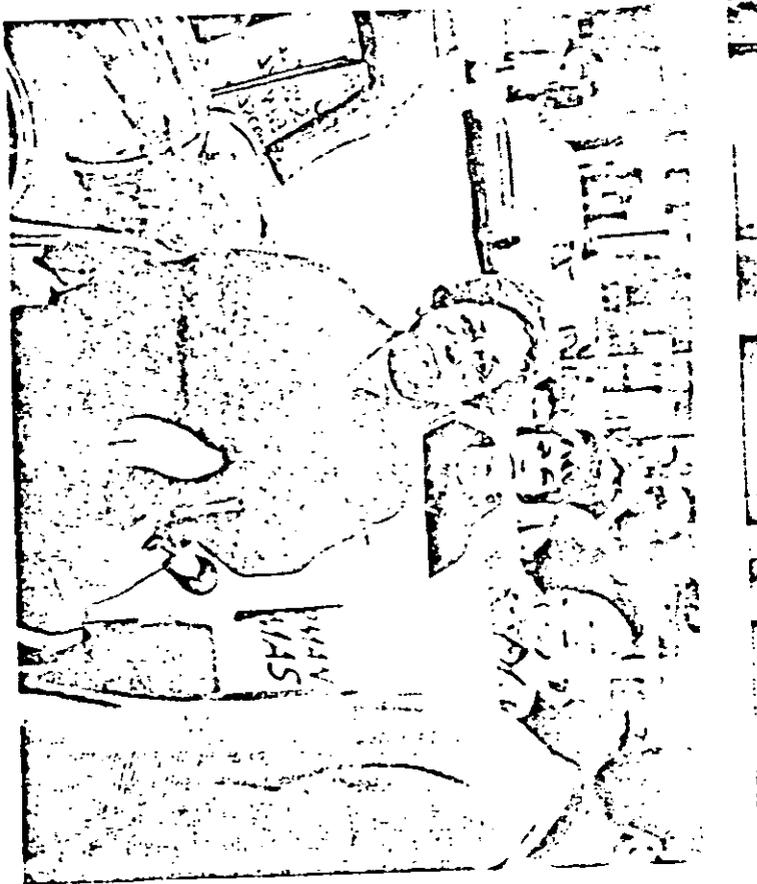
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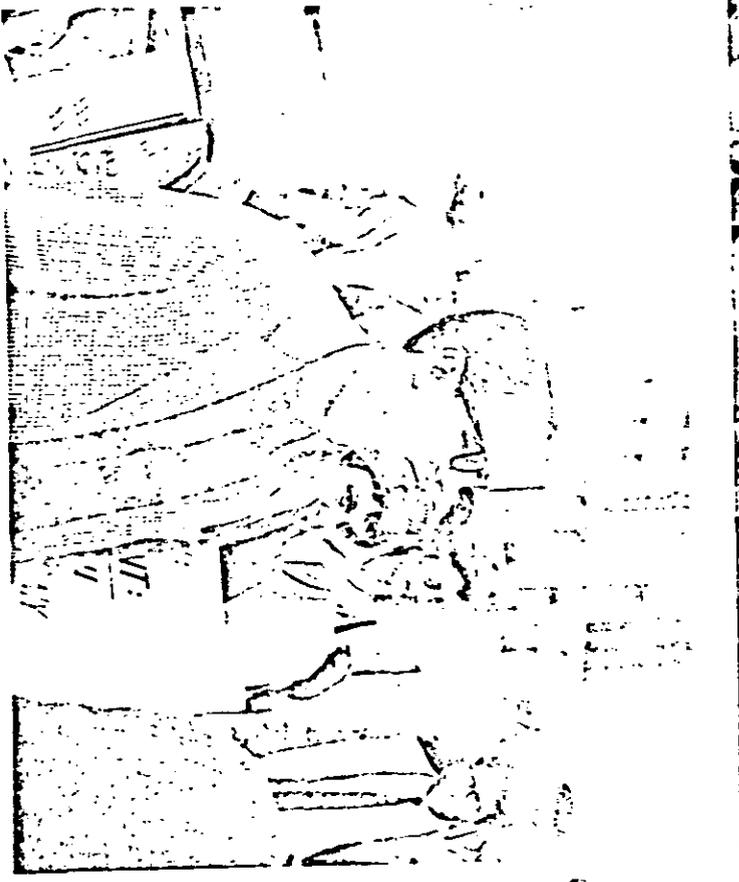


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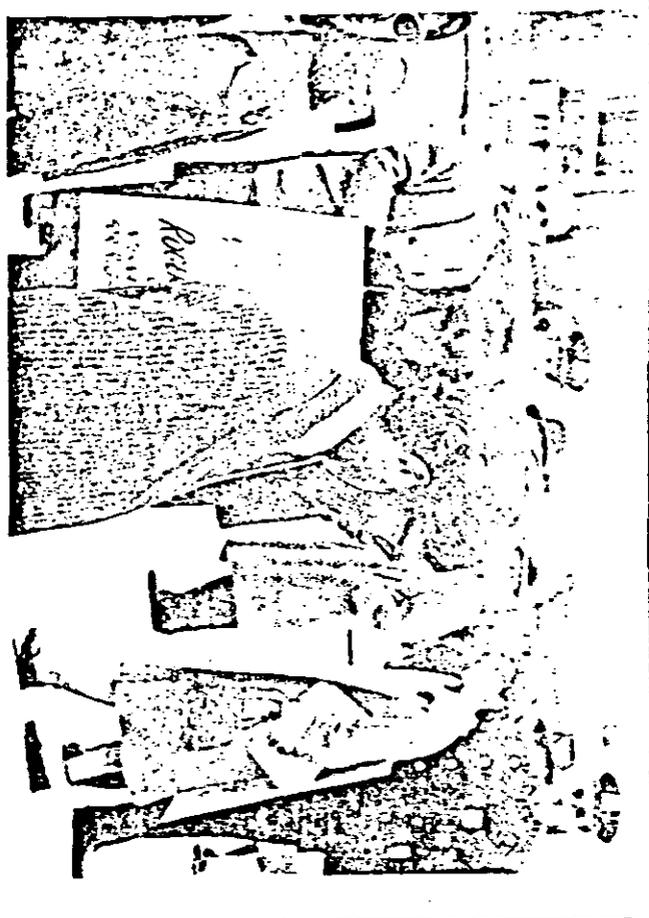
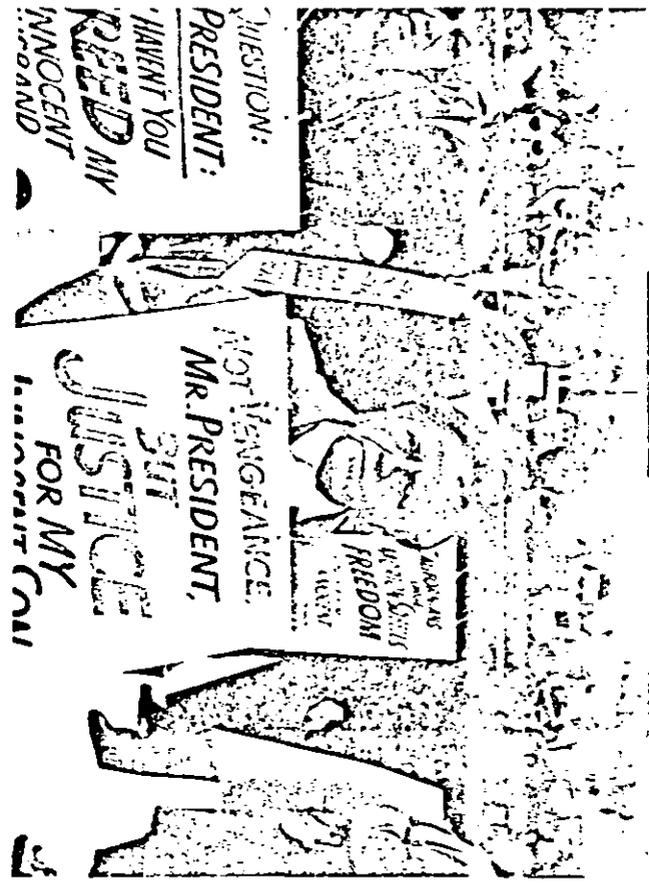


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MR. PRESIDENT:
WHY HAVEN'T YOU
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HEAR OUR
PLEA FOR
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From The
REVEREND PETER MCCORMACK
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
Former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz

Dear Friend:

During my period of service at Alcatraz, I came into close contact with all of the prisoners. I feel satisfied that I can evaluate human character quite accurately.

Through the years of my association at Alcatraz with Morton Sobell, I became more and more impressed with his innocence. This led me to make a studied investigation of his record at the prison as well as the trial record of the Rosenberg-Sobell case. The more I studied, the more convinced I became of the man's innocence. I feel so keenly about this case, and to state it frankly, somewhat ashamed that the courts of our land could be so influenced by public opinion fed by the hysteria of the McCarthy era, that I have set out in an address under the title "ALCATRAZ WAS MY PARISH" my evaluation of the man and the injustice perpetrated upon him by detaining him still in Atlanta penitentiary.

He is a man of fine intellect, of noble character, healthy-minded, a loyal American, a devoted husband and father, a noble son of humble but noble family. Yet the record still shows that here is a man, falsely accused, cruelly treated, sentenced on the flimsy testimony of a self-confessed perjurer and still suffering within prison walls.

The cry for justice has sounded many times through the centuries from the time of Amos the Prophet down to the present. To me no cry has had such merit to it as the cry for justice for Morton Sobell. I am satisfied if the Clergy of this land, whose mission it is to "seek justice and judgment," would acquaint themselves with this case, the relentless pressure of that segment of public opinion would compel our courts to re-open the case, freeing it from perjury, politics and prejudice, and in the light of honor and truth restore Morton Sobell to his rightful place as an American citizen, a man vindicated by the weight of public opinion and the justice and honor that we are entitled to expect to emanate from the courts of our land.

Please read this testimony to Morton Sobell from his chaplain at Alcatraz. We must match his courage with our courage until justice is granted. Will you join with the hundreds of clergymen from various parts of the country who have signed the enclosed appeal?

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Sincerely yours,

Rev. Peter McCormack

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An Appeal to President Kennedy

Morton Sobell's appeal for freedom is now
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Your letter to the President urging freedom
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will let him know of your support for
positive action that he decides to take.

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**PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
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The Case of Morton Sobell

A Sermon by
RABBI PHILIP HOROWITZ
Congregation Brith Emeth
Cleveland, Ohio

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- I have written to President Kennedy on the
Sobell case.
- Please send me more information on the case.
Enclosed find a contribution of \$..... to
carry on the work in Morton Sobell's behalf.

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Sabbath Evening Service

December 23, 1960

Tonight we speak of the case against Morton Sobell. I believe that this case will take its place in the history of these United States of America as one of the greatest miscarriages of justice that has ever occurred in our legal system, ranking with the Sacco-Vanzetti and the Scottsboro cases. My interest in this matter stems back almost to the time of its inception in 1950. This was a time of great fear and great hysteria. I ought to remind you that in the autumn of 1949 we learned that the Russians could make the atomic bomb. In the winter which followed we believed, amid much hysterical discussion, excitement and fear, that Russia had sufficient information to create the hydrogen bomb. This was a time which followed closely upon the disclosures of espionage on the part of Klaus Fuchs, a British National, of high reputation and standing in the world of physics, who had delivered information to the Russians for purposes of manufacturing such a bomb. This was a time when McCarthyism was rearing its ugly head in these United States of America and when all sorts of organizations were accused, some correctly and some otherwise, of being Communist front organizations. This was a time when loyalty purges were beginning to take

place, when great fears were expressed for the safety of individuals who were in the government service.

It was at such a time when Morton Sobell was indicted—in October of 1950, together with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg—for conspiring to commit espionage. It was charged that they had transmitted information relating to the defense of the United States to a foreign power—the Soviet Union. The trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and Morton Sobell took place in March of 1951. All of them were convicted. The Rosenbergs were sentenced to death and were subsequently executed, and Morton Sobell was sentenced to thirty years in prison. Until 1958 he served his sentence at Alcatraz, and since then he has been serving in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta. Please remember that on February the 9th of 1950, the late Senator McCarthy made his first speech at Wheeling, W. Va., holding in his hand the list of 205 alleged members of the Communist party serving in the Federal Government. While the trial began on March 6th of 1951, it is good to remember that on March the 8th of 1951, the Committee on Un-American Activities opened its famous hearing on Hollywood and the Motion Picture Industry. This was hardly a time for calm reflection or considered judgment. It was a time of fear-ridden panic, of chaotic and intemperate action. I think most of us have become very ashamed of the many things we did during that time. We have become very ashamed of what we had permitted others to do at that time.

About two and one-half years ago, a Unitarian minister traveling from Washington to California, stopped off in Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. Gaede came to see me at the Fairmount Temple in an attempt to enlist the interest of local rabbis and ministers in this case. A national committee had formed to

Sobell Victim of His Times, Rabbi Holds

Morton Sobell, convicted in 1951 of conspiracy to pass atomic secrets to Russia, was a victim of what seems to be the vicious form of anti-Semitism, compounded by Jews, Rabbi Philip Horowitz said last night in his sermon.

The rabbi, who has studied the Sobell case for 2½ years and who last month presented petitions to the government asking clemency or a new trial for Sobell, told his Eritz Emeth congregation:

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secure justice for Morton Sobell. Some of the great luminaries who lent their names and their efforts to this enterprise were Reinhold Niebuhr, the famous theologian, Malcolm Sharp, Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, Bertrand Russell, Martin Buber of Israel, Prof. Thomas Emerson of the Yale University Law School, Dr. Horace Kallen, Research Professor of Philosophy at the New School for Social Research, Dr. Paul Lehmann, distinguished theologian of the Harvard Divinity School, Dr. Gardner Murphy of the famed Menninger Foundation at Topeka, Kansas, and many, many others too numerous to mention.

I was sufficiently interested by what Dr. Gaede had to say that I called upon several colleagues in the Reform Rabbinate here in

Cleveland. All of them responded most generously and enthusiastically. Please understand that at that time I was far from convinced of Sobell's innocence. The only basis upon which I considered my intervention in this matter was on the question of mercy and clemency. But though I assumed Sobell's guilt, I was perfectly willing to go ahead with the assumption that such a case warranted a review by some presidential board with the end in mind of a possible pardon. I do not vindicate myself by this statement. I refer to this story as an odyssey of one man's conscience. I suspect it was typical, and it is typical of many people in the United States. Most of us had only some vague knowledge. We might remember the petitions which were issued at the time preceding the Rosenberg executions asking for clemency. We had some vague idea about Morton Sobell being involved in some kind of atomic espionage. Many of us were convinced and are convinced that it's too hot a potato to handle and so we sat on the sidelines.

Last March or April I saw Rev. Gaede again. At that time I mentioned to him my hope to bring this matter before the forthcoming Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, that is the national organization of Reform rabbis. In all fairness to such a presentation I thought that I ought to prepare myself in some detail with the matters which I was about to present. I therefore acquired and read the 8 volumes of the Court Record on the matter of Morton Sobell, pamphlet material relating to it, and two books, one by John Wexley entitled: "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," running to some 670 pages, the other, far more instructive, by Prof. Malcolm Sharp, with an introduction by Harold C. Urey, the distinguished nuclear physicist, entitled: "Was Justice Done? The Rosenberg-Sobell Case." Suffice it to say that I was gradually convinced that the

very least that could be done at such a point would be for the leading rabbinical organization in the world to request the passage of a resolution pleading for a presidential hearing and review of this case. I am proud to be associated with the Central Conference of American Rabbis and its resolution of June, 1960, passed in Detroit, requesting such a review of the Sobell Case.

Here are some of the very serious objections that helped me form my conviction. I should like to share with you the terrible qualms of conscience which have plagued me these last months. All of what I have to say to you is the distillation of information which I have read, particularly in the eight volumes of the Court Record. While I am not by training a lawyer, may I remind you that this was the court record put before a jury whose function it was to judge the credibility of what had been admitted before it.

- 1) It came as a shock to me to discover that Morton Sobell was never implicated by anyone with atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted.
- 2) The United States Supreme Court has never reviewed the case nor passed upon the merits of the trial.
- 3) Judge Jerome Frank of the United States Court of Appeals stated that Morton Sobell should have had a new trial because his case should have been separated from the atomic espionage conspiracy accusations against the Rosenbergs.
- 4) Only one witness gave any testimony connecting Morton Sobell with the conspiracy to commit espionage and this witness, Max Elitcher, a self-confessed perjurer, tainted, admitted on the stand that the FBI knew about his perjury; that he was testifying in hopes that he would not be prosecuted. By the way, he never was. Besides which, his

was accomplice testimony, always believed to be weak and suspect, and according to Jewish jurisprudence, never admissible in a properly constituted court of law.

It is also true that there are many states in the Union that will not admit accomplice testimony. However, it is important to keep in mind that in Federal cases accomplice testimony is permissible provided that the presiding judge properly instructs the jury as to the weakness of such testimony. This witness's testimony that of Max Elitcher, was uncorroborated, and replete with contradictions, inconsistencies, and implausibilities.

5) There were no specific overt acts listed against Sobell in the indictment. The complaint on which he was arrested listed five dates on which "Morton Sobell had conversation with Julius Rosenberg."

6) The prosecution never claimed at the trial that Sobell gave or received any classified information.

7) The Appeals court at one point alluded to the "wholly reprehensible" conduct of the prosecution and indicated that a new trial would have been justified had the defense objected in time.

And underlying all of these preceding points I must remind you of the hysteria of that time which was so burdensome upon Morton Sobell and his attorneys. I was shocked in reading the record to discover that the attorneys could not learn what Morton Sobell was accused of doing in order to prepare a defense. At the trial itself, the attorneys, faced with the choice of putting Sobell on the stand in an inflamed atmosphere or resting on his plea of innocence according to Constitutional guarantees preferred the latter and so Sobell did not take the stand. To this day that infamous McCarthy aide, Roy Cohn, a member of the prosecution team, holds that not taking the stand indicated Sobell's guilt. What a terrible commentary on

the right of an individual to use a Constitutional guarantee. What a terrible commentary on the misinterpretation of such rightful exercises in moments of extreme tension. Even if his guilt is assumed, the sentence against Morton Sobell, the thirty year sentence is far out of proportion. Klaus Fuchs, a self-confessed spy was sentenced to fourteen years of which he served only nine, and is free today. Allan Nunn May was sentenced to ten years of which he served only six years and eight months. Both of these were convicted under British law. David Greenglass, another self-confessed conspirator who testified against his sister and brother-in-law, was convicted to fifteen years, served a little over nine and was just recently set free. But Morton Sobell continues to serve. Even persons accused of treason in war time, acting on behalf of enemy powers, have been accorded far less severe sentences. Might I remind you that at the time of some of these acts of conspiracy, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was an ally on the side of these United States in a war against Nazism. The judge, Irving Kaufman, based his hard sentence on the premise that Russia had been able to obtain the atomic bomb because of this kind of espionage. No reputable scientist today, even conceding the help which this espionage may have given, will accept the truth of this statement. They claim it is a distortion and a harmful illusion that prevented our country from having a true picture of Russia's scientific capabilities. Besides, Morton Sobell was not even accused of atomic espionage. He was only victimized by the attitudes of the time. And though today the atmosphere has changed, he remains a prisoner of that infamous epoch of American McCarthyism. All the law journals which have studied this case have indicated that Sobell did not receive justice. No law review has yet held that Sobell's sentence was a proper one.

One of the side occurrences connected with

this case was the manner in which Morton Sobell and his family were abducted when he went to Mexico to live in an apartment under his own name arranging for diaper service and milk service for his infant child, under his own name. The Mexican Secret Service police, in plain clothes, entered the apartment one night, seized Sobell, took him out to a car, beat him into unconsciousness and drove him to the border of the United States and there turned him over to the agents of our government who were ready and waiting for him. It became abundantly clear that the abduction was instigated and arranged by the FBI. Although they have had an opportunity to deny this, they have not done so. The action is as illegal as it was outrageous, the behavior of a police state unworthy of the government of our United States. This was an action which was highly prejudicial to the trial of Morton Sobell because it precluded the possibility of his returning voluntarily. When it was presented to jury, it was dramatized as an indication that Morton Sobell had a guilty conscience and was attempting to flee. Subsequent events have completely disproven this premise.

The entire case against Morton Sobell rested upon Max Elitcher's testimony. The one overt action to which he testified was that one night, when he drove in with his wife and child from Washington to the home of Morton Sobell, he believed that he was followed by agents of the FBI. And when he related such information to Sobell, Morton took what Elitcher believed to be a 35 mm film can, and together they drove the ten miles from Flushing, L.I. to Knickerbocker Village in the city of New York to deliver this can to Julius Rosenberg, apparently oblivious of any possibility that the FBI might be following. By the way, the contents of this can were never disclosed, nor was there

any testimony to prove that there was anything in such a can, indeed that such a can existed.

This then, dear friends, is the case against Morton Sobell.

The reason for his conviction, a self-confessed ex-Communist perjurer, self-confessed liar, and betrayer. For myself, I do not trust Communists, and I do not trust any ex-Communists, who in the excess of their pious wish to cleanse themselves of their previous sins, are perfectly willing to throw backbats and accusations helter and skelter, in the hope of finding salvation for themselves.

I believe that Morton Sobell was a victim of a vicious form of self-hatred, of negative anti-Semitism. Irving Kaufman the judge, was a Jew; Irving Soypol, the prosecutor, was a Jew; Roy Cohn, the assistant to the prosecutor, was a Jew and I suspect all of the reactions stem from the fact that they wanted to prove to the world around them that they would take care of this Jew who was a source of embarrassment to them.

I believe that this case has proven to be of great embarrassment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to others of our government agencies, because Morton Sobell would not testify against Julius Rosenberg as they would have wished him to testify. This, then, was the form of his punishment, to languish in jail and to feel the full effect of those who refused to cooperate with a government agency.

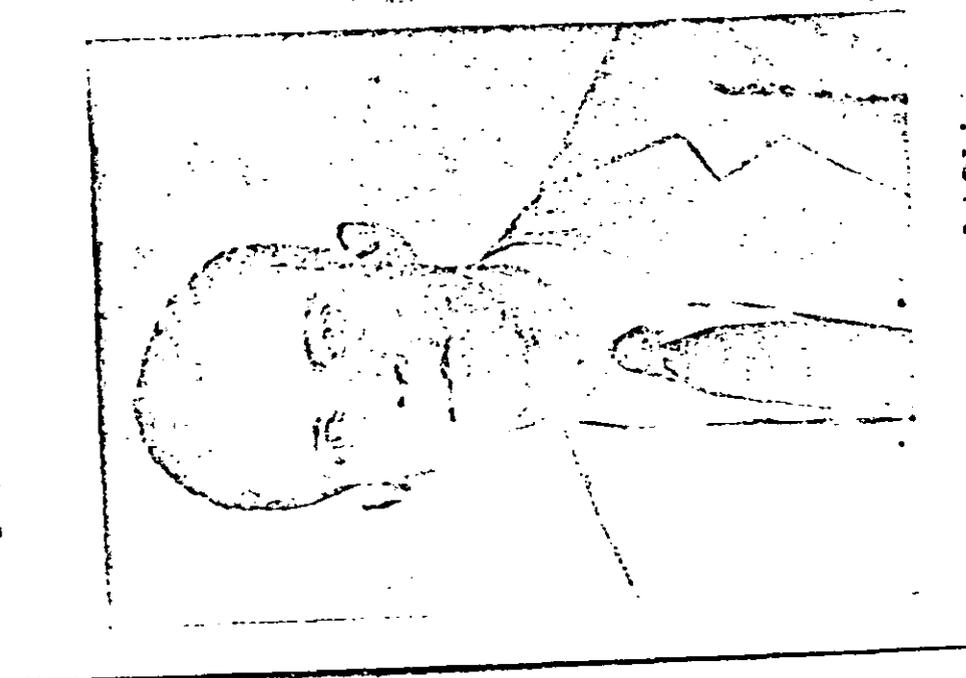
I wonder if the reason for the recent disclosure of the arrest of Dr. Soblen of New York, and radio and newspaper announcements of his relationship to a brother who is in the penitentiary, was an attempt to confuse the American public about Morton Sobell, whose appeals were being conducted in Washington. The Dr. Soblen, who was arrested is no relation whatever to Morton Sobell.

nor is Jack Soble who is presently a convicted spy, any relation to Morton Sobell.

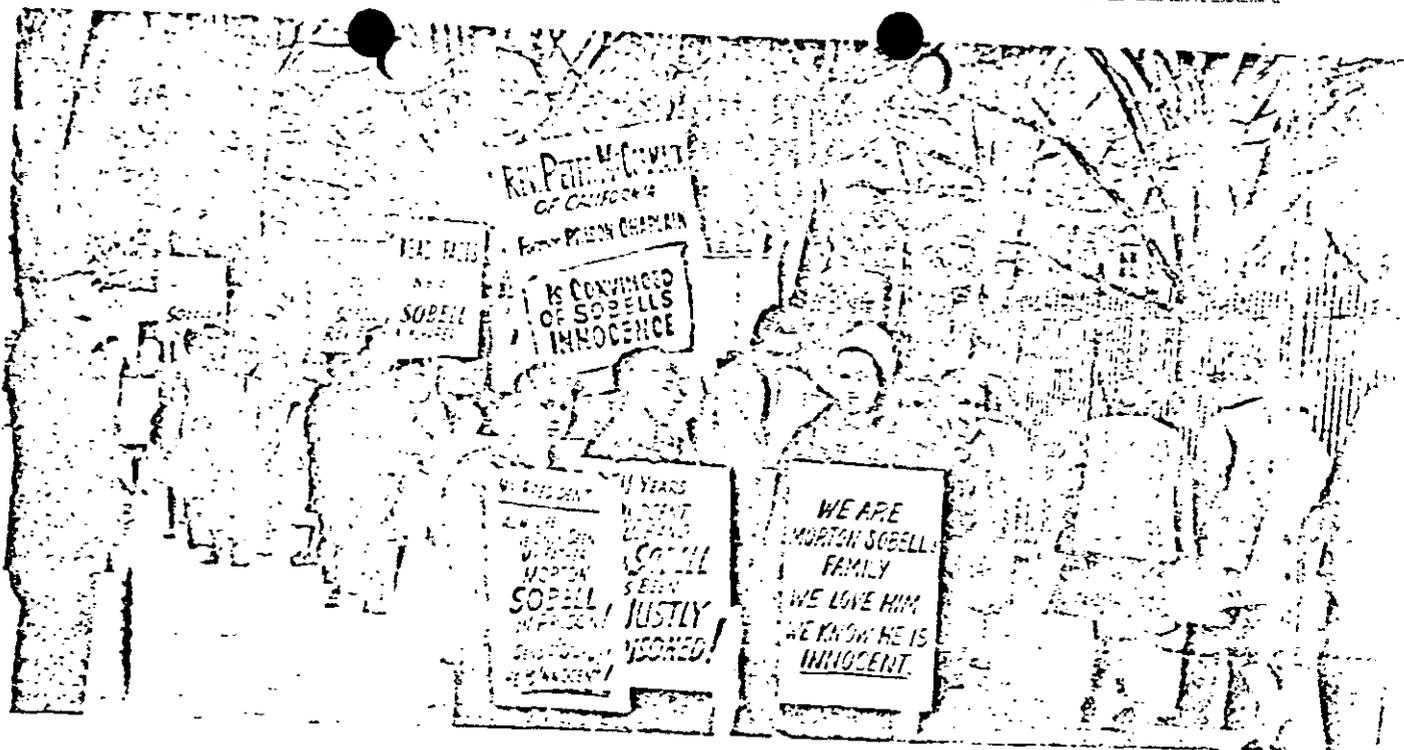
I believe with all my heart that this is an opportunity before this great democratic country, following its Judaic-Christian ethic, to right a great wrong, and I appeal to each and everyone of you, to write your letter to your Senators, and particularly to the President, to correct what has been a great miscarriage of what is right.

"Let Justice rise up as the waters, and Mercy like a mighty stream!"

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The public has begun to increase direct action.... In New York a crowd gathered in the rain to petition the United Nations for intervention.... In Washington people from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and the District of Columbia walked before the White House on Sunday, November 26.

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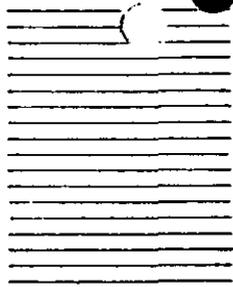
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- I WISH TO JOIN THE SOBELL WALK IN MY OWN CITY. PLEASE CALL ON ME.
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From The
REVEREND PETER MCCORMACK
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
Former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz

Dear Friend:

During my period of service at Alcatraz, I came into close contact with all of the prisoners. I feel satisfied that I can evaluate human character quite accurately.

Through the years of my association at Alcatraz with Morton Sobell, I became more and more impressed with his innocence. This led me to make a studied investigation of his record at the prison as well as the trial record of the Rosenberg-Sobell case. The more I studied, the more convinced I became of the man's innocence. I feel so keenly about this case, and to state it frankly, somewhat ashamed that the courts of our land could be so influenced by public opinion fed by the hysteria of the McCarthy era, that I have set out in an address under the title "ALCATRAZ WAS MY PARISH" my evaluation of the man and the injustice perpetrated upon him by detaining him still in Atlanta penitentiary.

He is a man of fine intellect, of noble character, healthy-minded, a loyal American, a devoted husband and father, a noble son of humble but noble family. Yet the record still shows that here is a man, falsely accused, cruelly treated, sentenced on the flimsy testimony of a self-confessed perjurer and still suffering within prison walls.

The cry for justice has sounded many times through the centuries from the time of Amos the Prophet down to the present. To me no cry has had such merit to it as the cry for justice for Morton Sobell. I am satisfied if the Clergy of this land, whose mission it is to "seek justice and judgment," would acquaint themselves with this case, the relentless pressure of that segment of public opinion would compel our courts to re-open the case, freeing it from perjury, politics and prejudice, and in the light of honor and truth restore Morton Sobell to his rightful place as an American citizen, a man vindicated by the weight of public opinion and the justice and honor that we are entitled to expect to emanate from the courts of our land.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Peter McCormack

Rev. Peter McCormack

Please read this testimony to Morton Sobell from his chaplain at Alcatraz. We must match his courage with our courage until justice is granted. Will you join with the hundreds of clergymen from various parts of the country who have signed the enclosed appeal?

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NEW YORK--The children of imprisoned American scientist Morton Sobell have written an appeal urging the Human Rights Division of the United Nations to intervene to "help free our innocent father."

Mark, Sobell's 12 year-old son, and Sydney, 22, his stepdaughter, intend to present an appeal (Editors: see copy enclosed) addressed to Mr. John P. Humphrey, Director of the Human Rights Division. They will file it when a public picket line forms at the United Nations Plaza on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 5 P.M. to support the plea for UN action.

Requesting an appointment, Mark and Sydney Sobell point to the world notables who have asked freedom for their father, imprisoned more than 11 years on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage in the Rosenberg trial. Listed as examples are Lord Bertrand Russell, Martin Buber, Pablo Casals, Jean-Paul Sartre, Reinhold Niebuhr, Harold C. Urey, Linus Pauling and Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We are sure that when you have looked at this case and know that all our family was brutally kidnapped while we were on a vacation in Mexico, that our father was beaten on the head with a gun, that he was told to confess to a crime which he had not committed, and then sent to Alcatraz because he refused to testify untruthfully against the Rosenbergs, you will feel that something must be done to free him. Only one witness was found to testify against him, and he was an admitted perjurer. But even he never said that Morton Sobell had given or received any kind of classified material. Our father has always said that he is innocent, and we know that that is the truth."

Mrs. Morton Sobell, wife of the imprisoned American, and Rose Sobell, his mother, will participate in the picket line of New Yorkers concerned with the case.

There will be another public picket line at the White House on Sunday, Nov. 26, as part of a new direct action program to urge that the Administration of President Kennedy act immediately to free Sobell, now imprisoned in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. More demonstrations are planned in cities across the country.

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has published a new four-page newspaper for national distribution calling for persons to "give a day of your life" to help obtain Sobell's freedom.

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Copy of Appeal Children of Morton Sobell will Submit
To Human Rights Division of United Nations on Thursday, Nov.16,1961.

Mr. John P. Humphrey, Director
Division of Human Rights in Economic
and Social Affairs
The United Nations
New York

Dear Mr. Humphrey:

We are the children of Morton Sobell who has been in prison for more than eleven years. We most sincerely request the Human Rights Division of the United Nations to help free our innocent father. Morton Sobell has become the symbol of the concern for justice of eminent leaders throughout the world. Lord Bertrand Russell, Martin Buber, Pablo Casals, Jean Paul Sartre, Reinhold Niebuhr, Harold C. Urey, Linus Pauling, Martin Luther King, Jr. and thousands of others have asked for freedom for our father. A Petition for Executive Clemency, a copy of which is enclosed, has been submitted to President Kennedy. However, he has not acted.

We are sure that when you have looked at this case and know that all our family was brutally kidnapped while we were on a vacation in Mexico, that our father was beaten on the head with a gun; that he was told to confess to a crime which he had not committed, and then sent to Alcatraz because he refused to testify untruthfully against the Rosenbergs, you will feel that something must be done to free him. Only one witness was found to testify against him, and he was an admitted perjurer. But even he never said that Morton Sobell had given or received any kind of classified material. Our father has always said that he is innocent, and we know that that is the truth.

We ask that you give immediate attention to our problem. Since you are part of a world organization, we hope that you will ask our President to free our father, Morton Sobell, right away. We are sure that your recommendation, coming from the Human Rights Division of the United Nations, would convince him to act favorably. Please arrange an appointment for us at your convenience. The world will benefit when our family is re-united.

Very sincerely yours,

s/Mark Sobell s/Sydney Sobell

the CASE of

MORTON SOBELL

Morton Sobell was convicted of espionage along with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg ten years ago. He is now serving a thirty year sentence.

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Wife of Morton Sobell

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

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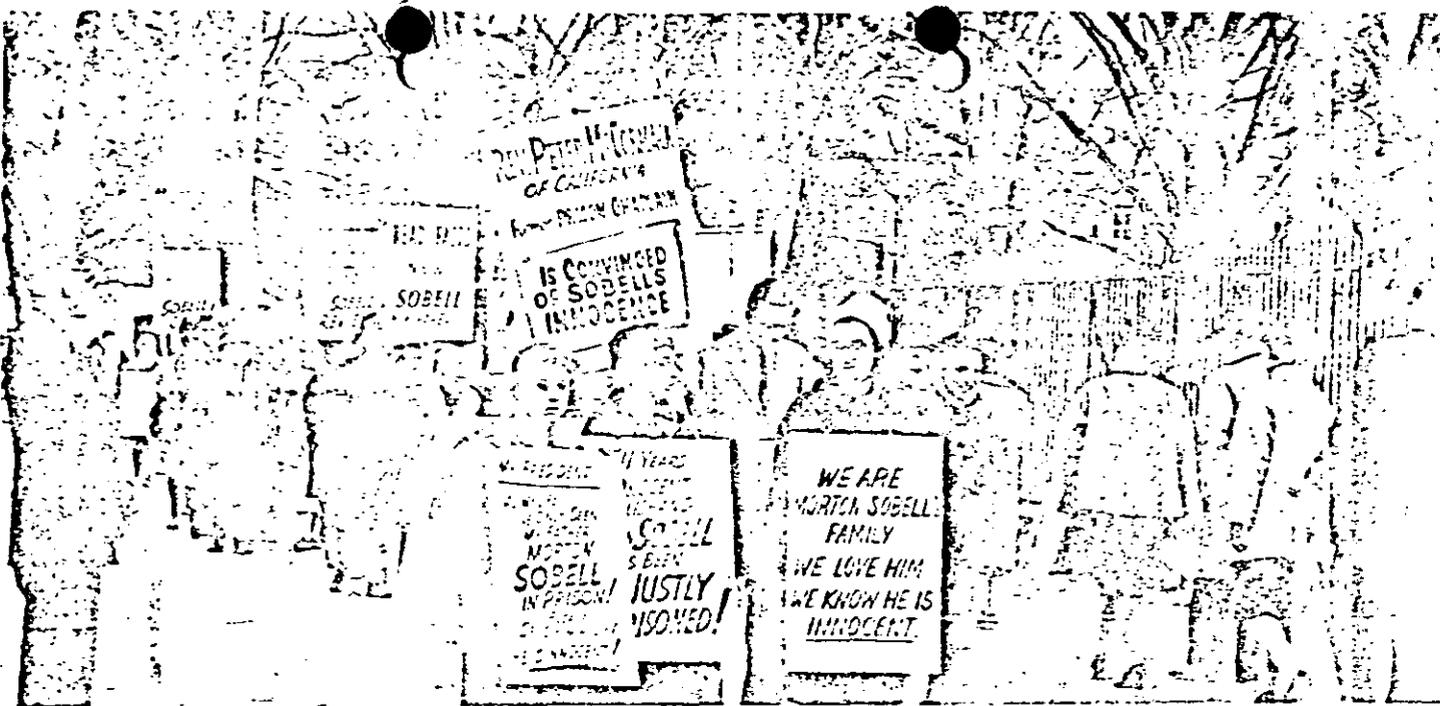
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AT THE WHITE HOUSE
AN ALL-DAY, ALL-NIGHT VIGIL
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SATURDAY and SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 17

The spirit of our new direct action program is catching on.

In the space of a few weeks millions have been reached. . . . There was coast to coast newspaper and radio coverage of the dramatic encounter the Sobell family and a public picket line had with Attorney General Robert Kennedy in New York. "Free my father," pleaded Mark Sobell, and his words were heard across the land. . . . There was national TV, picture and written press reports of the Sobell family petitioning the President on Thanksgiving Day in Hyannis Port.

The public has begun to increase direct action. . . . In New York a crowd gathered in the rain to petition the United Nations for intervention. . . . In Washington people from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and the District of Columbia waited before the White House on Sunday, November 26.

We're going back to the White House. . . . This time we will stress that the fight for justice never stops -- with a round-the-clock vigil at the White House SATURDAY and SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 17. . . . Walking in shifts, we'll begin at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday and go straight through the night and the following day until 5 p. m. . . . We're arranging transportation both days. . . . housing for those staying overnight. We're planning shifts, so that everyone can make a contribution.

Will you help us multiply for justice? We need you. Give us your hand. Walk with us.

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Dear Friend:

Won't you take a moment from your busy schedule to once more renew your appeal to President Kennedy to grant a Christmas Amnesty to my husband, Morton Sobell. The need is more urgent than ever before in this 12th year of his imprisonment.

I thank you for all that you are doing.

Best wishes in this Holiday Season.

Very sincerely yours,

Helen Sobell

(Mrs. Morton Sobell)

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A Plea to Editors Throughout the United States

Mrs. Morton Sobell
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Dear Sir:

We urgently appeal to you for help.

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The enclosed newspaper tells the nightmare story of our family's 11-year effort to obtain Morton Sobell's freedom. He is innocent. He was condemned to 30 years on the word of an admitted perjurer in the charged atmosphere of the Rosenberg trial.

Thousands in our country have spoken out against the conviction and fantastic 30-year sentence on evidence that is incredible and flimsy even if believed. To many, the case has become a symbol of whether our nation is overcoming the excesses of the McCarthy era. Eminent persons abroad have added their voices.

We have hopes that President Kennedy will act, but he has not yet done so. The Justice Department of the new Administration does not defend the trial and sentence, but cites a procedural reason for doing nothing until the time Morton is eligible for parole. On a technicality, some 487 days have been taken away from credited time. Thus, although Morton is in his 12th year of imprisonment--already more than one third of his sentence--the eligibility date is delayed until Aug. 4, 1962.

Please read our story. Read what persons who have studied the case say about it. Write the news of what we are doing. Publish an editorial recommending clemency, as many have already done.

We beg you not to close your eyes to the fact that injustices sometimes do occur in our land. They have happened before in times of stress, hurting our national image as well as the individuals concerned. Ours is such an injustice that cries out to be ended.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Sobell

Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell

Mark Sobell
Mark Sobell, 12, son

Rose Sobell

Rose Sobell, mother

Sydney Sobell
Sydney Sobell, 22, stepdaughter

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The Sobell Case

Morton Sobell is a little-known prisoner, jailed more than ten years ago on a "conspiracy to commit espionage." Sobell, whose case was entangled with that of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, had consistently proclaimed his innocence.

The case against Sobell is so vague and tenuous as to have caused Nobel Prize winning scientist Harold Urey to comment after reading the trial transcript: "I do not know what it is that Sobell is supposed to have done."

In fact, the charge against Sobell was that he had solicited information, and had on one occasion taken something that looked like a can of film to Julius Rosenberg. No specific item of information supposed to have been secured by him or transmitted by him to anyone else is specified in the record.

The principal trial witness was Max Elitcher, Sobell's friend, whose reliability has come under question. Elitcher, Sobell's

supporters point out, admitted he had perjured himself in other testimony and cooperated with the prosecution. By testifying against Sobell, he also involved himself as an accomplice, but he was never prosecuted.

Sobell was sentenced by Judge Irving Kaufman to thirty years in jail, with a recommendation of no parole.

Sobell's conviction came in 1951, in the midst of the Korean War and a period of national hysteria. The emotions aroused at the time of conviction make us question the reasonableness of both the conviction and the sentence.

In a recent clemency appeal Reinhold Niebuhr, Norman Thomas, Harold Urey, and other renowned Americans, wrote:

As Americans we are fully aware of the threat of communism to our freedom and way of life. Any attack on that freedom without or within must be resisted. Nevertheless, one of the factors which

makes that freedom so precious is the capacity to practice a disciplined and humane administration of justice precisely in those cases where emotions are aroused which make it difficult to remain objective about the merits of a specific case. We believe a commutation of the Sobell sentence would demonstrate our national faith in that freedom.

Considering the national hysteria prevalent at the time of the conviction, the dubious evidence, the failure of the prosecution to provide a specific charge, and the harshness of the sentence, we believe that the Sobell case merits an immediate review by the Department of Justice and the courts.

Until such a review has been completed, and clemency considered, a case which has been compared to that of Sacco and Vanzetti should remain heavy on the conscience of the nation.

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- 1250. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1251. [REDACTED]
- 1252. 4/13/62. Circular issued by CSJMS announcing 4/7/62 breakfast at Hotel Belmont Plaza, NYC. Rec'd 4/9/62 by [REDACTED] b7C
- 1253. 4/16/62. Folder of Sobell Committee re "Breakfast For Freedom", 4/7/62. Rec'd by SA [REDACTED] 4/9/62. Bs b7C
- 1254. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1255. Pamphlet of speech by Waldo Frank issued by CSJMS.
- 1256. Reprint of Milwaukee Journal article issued by CSJMS.
- 1257. [REDACTED]
- 1258. [REDACTED]
- 1259. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1260. Opinion of Judge D.J. MOGHEBY.
- 1261. Reprint of "Jewish Post" issued by CSJMS. b7D
- NOTE: [REDACTED] b7D

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1262. 6/1/62. 18 Unidentified photos of individuals representing the CSJMS - photos secured by BSS on 4/7/62 at the Hotel Belmont Plaza, NYC during the "Sobell Walk". Rec'd 5/23/62 by SA [redacted] See Ser. 4959. pms

1263. [redacted] b7D
1264. [redacted] b7D
1265. [redacted] b7D
1266. [redacted] b7D
NOTE: [redacted] b7D

267. [redacted] b7D
268. [redacted] b7D
269. [redacted] b7D

270. 7/5/62. Folder "Morton Sobell Must be Free" issued by CSJMS [redacted] b7D

1271. [redacted] b7D
1272. [redacted] b7D

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- 1273. [REDACTED] b7D
- b7D 1274. [REDACTED] Press release of CSJMS re suit with NYC & Tavern - on - the - Green.
- NOTE: b7D [REDACTED]
- 1275. [REDACTED] Post card (Blank) addressed to Pres. Kennedy re release of Sobell issued by CSJMS. b7D [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] 17C
- b7D 1276. [REDACTED] b7D
- b7D 1277. [REDACTED] Brochure in many languages re release of M. Sobell issued by CSJMS. b7D
- NOTE: b7D [REDACTED]
- 1278. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1279. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1280. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1281. [REDACTED] b7D

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- 1282. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1283. [REDACTED] b1
- 1284. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1285. [REDACTED] b1
- 1286. [REDACTED] b1
- 1287. [REDACTED] b1
- 1288. ^{b7D} [REDACTED] Mimeo to movie re Sobell Case 9/22/62 at Adelphi Hall, NYC.
- 1289. ^{b7D} [REDACTED] Brochure in several languages re Sobell Case - issued by CSJMS.
- NOTE: [REDACTED] b7D
- 1290. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1291. [REDACTED] b7D
- NOTE: [REDACTED] b7D
- 1292. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1293. " Mimeo copy of appeal of Morton Sobell before US Court of Appeals 10/62 term.
- NOTE: [REDACTED] b7D
- 1294. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1295. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1296. [REDACTED] b7D
- NOTE: [REDACTED] b7D
- 1297. [REDACTED] issued by SA [REDACTED] re 10/17/62 picket line at U.S. bldg. b7D Rec'd [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] b7C
- 1298. [REDACTED] Mimeo re Sobell case, issued by CSJMS. b7D Rec'd [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] mtd

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1299. 10/17/62. 10/3/62 CSJMS press release. Rec'd 10/9/62 by SA [redacted] ^{b7c}

1300. [redacted] ^{b7D}
1301. [redacted]

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1302. 11/20/62. (mimeo) Press release dtd. 10/31/62 re motion picture on Sobell cases. Rec'd [redacted] by SA [redacted] ^{b7D}

1303. [redacted] ^{b7D}
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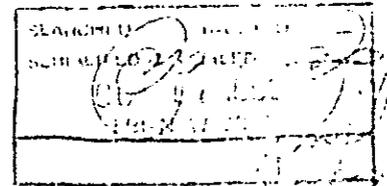
1306. [redacted] ^{b7D}

1307. [redacted] ^{b7D}
1308. [redacted] ^{b7D}

1309. ^{b7D} Reprint from "Variety" dtd. 11/1/62. ^{b7D}
1310. [redacted] ^{b7D}
1311. [redacted] ^{b7D}

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
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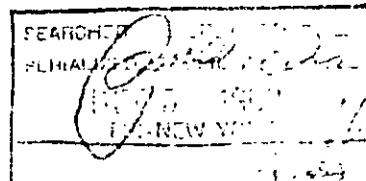
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- 1312. 12/5/62. Mimeo ltr. re donations for reprints of film.
- 1313. " Business reply env. addressed to Mrs. Morton Sobell.
- NOTE: b7D
- 1314. " INVITATION to SOBELL affair 12/3/62 Village South Theatre, Sponsored by CSJMS. b7D
- 1315. " Reprinted page from 11/7/62 issue of Variety re "Can a 'Pleading Film' Free Sobell?". b7D
- NOTE: b7D, b7C
- 1316. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1317. 1/3/63. 2 complete sets of photographs. 20 pictures of various individuals in the vicinity of the UN Hqtrs. on 10/17/62. Rec'd 12/17/62 by SA [REDACTED] b7C
- 1318. [REDACTED] b7D
- 1319. 1/7/63. Single mailing ltr. appeal for funds.
- 1320. " Brochure on film, 2 p.
- 1321. " Post card to Pres. Kennedy.
- 1322. [REDACTED] b7D
- NOTE: [REDACTED] b7D

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1323. 1/8/63. Ltr. dtd. Dec. 1962 on stationery of Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL and addressed to Dear Friend. Ltr. is signed by MRS. MORTON SOBELL and deals with the new motion picture on MORTON SOBELL.

1324. " Brochure describing the 16 mm picture: MORTON SOBELL - A PLEA FOR JUSTICE.

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1325. 1/23/63. Ltr 1/9/63 from Helen Sobell asking for formation of Commission of Inquiry.

1326. [REDACTED]

1327. b1 [REDACTED]

1328. " Press release re "Presidential inquiry of US Parole Bd. Policy issued."

1329. b1 [REDACTED]

1330. b1 [REDACTED]

1331. b1 [REDACTED]

1332. b1 [REDACTED]

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1333. [redacted] ^{b7D} Reprint from "Nat'l Guardian", 12/13/62.
1334. [redacted] Throwaway issued by Phila. Sobell Committee.
NOTE: [redacted] ^{b7D} mtd

1335. [redacted] ^{b7D}

1336. ^{b7D} [redacted] Throwaway re 2/27/63 CS&NS Affair.

1337. [redacted] ^{b1}

1338. [redacted]

^{b7D} 1339. [redacted] Press release re SOBELL.
^{b7D} NOTE: [redacted]

1340 2/26/63. Recording: Barry Gray Show, Station WJGA - 2/14/63 from 11:05 p.m. to 12 Midnight, Featuring: Helen Sobell, Stephen Love, Roy A. Cohn. Rec'd. 2/18/63 by SA [redacted] ^{b7C}

1341. 2/27/63. "Flyer" advertising a meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 2/27/63, at the Community Church, 40 W. 35th St, NYC: Rec'd. 2/25/63 by SA [redacted] ^{b7C}

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"I Cry out for people throughout the world
to Help Free my innocent husband, MORTON SOBELL"

Dear Friends:

I am Mrs. Morton Sobell, an American who lives in New York City. I come to your country and other important nations to ask your help in righting a terrible injustice.

The whole world remembers the tragic case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, who were electrocuted in my country on the hysterical accusation of proven liars that they were responsible for the Soviet Union having the atomic bomb.

My husband, Morton Sobell, a young scientist, was thrown into this trial at the height of our McCarthy period in the year 1951. His only accuser was a confessed perjurer. He saved himself from a prison sentence for previously falsifying an oath by lying against my husband. His testimony was prepared with the notorious Roy Cohn (better known for his association with Joseph McCarthy), one of the prosecutors in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. Our family--my husband, our two children and myself--were brutally kidnapped from our vacation in Mexico by agents of our F.B.I. in violation of international law.

Trial judge Irving Kaufman who condemned the Rosenbergs to death also condemned my husband to 30 years in prison. Even this bigoted judge admitted that no testimony connected my husband with the atomic project. Our great scientist, Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Harold C. Urey, has studied the complete trial testimony and concludes that he can't even see what my husband was accused of doing, on the basis of the verbatim record.

For more than five years after the trial my husband was kept in Alcatraz, the prison compared with Devil's Island. The authorities were trying to extract a false confession that would accuse the Rosenbergs. **BUT MY HUSBAND IS INNOCENT!** He will not buy his freedom with lies. Public appeals from throughout the world resulted in his transfer to the federal prison at Atlanta, a somewhat better place.

This is Morton's 13th year of imprisonment. He is now 44 years old. My daughter is now 22 and our son 12. Morton's aged mother hopes her failing eyesight will last to see her son free. Throughout these years of suffering we have fought day and night for his freedom. We fight in the courts. We picket at the White House in Washington. We travel everywhere speaking at public meetings. Great men in our country and throughout the world have asked my government to free my husband. For a multitude of reasons people including Lord Bertrand Russell, Jean Paul Sartre, philosopher Martin Buber, and in my own country, 1500 clergymen, writer James T. Farrell, scientist Linus Pauling, and Roger Baldwin, chairman of the International League for the Rights of Man, lawprofessors, educators, and other eminent individuals too numerous to list have appealed in Morton's behalf.

We now urgently take our plea to the entire world. We cry out to people who love justice everywhere. You can act by writing to the American Embassy in your country. You can help by joining in delegations to visit the Embassy and let the authorities know your views. We have faith that our President, John F. Kennedy, knowing of thousands in my own country and abroad who want my husband free, will in making his own independent decision act with courage and honor. My husband will at last be free to come home. A burden will be lifted from the conscience of the world. Will you help us?

Helen Sobell
Mrs. Morton Sobell
940 Broadway
New York City, U.S.A.

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JOIN NEW YORKERS IN DIRECT ACTION TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

BREAKFAST
For Freedom

WALK
For Justice

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1962

10 A.M. Sharp

12 Noon Sharp

Grand Ballroom
Hotel Belmont Plaza
49th St. and Lexington Ave.
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Hear
MRS. MORTON SOBELL
just back from Europe
reporting on action abroad
to free Morton Sobell

The gathering will leave
the Belmont Plaza
in a group.
There will be
an impressive walk
to the symbolic
Government building
in New York—the
United States Mission
to the United Nations
at 45th St. and 1st Ave.

\$5 per person RSVP

A petition to
President Kennedy
for the release of
Morton Sobell
will be presented.

*There will be a supervised
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Refreshments will be served.
There will be no charge.*

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Minneapolis Sunday Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1954

Y. Herald-Tribune
Sobell Again Asks Freedom
Morton Sobell, having served 10 years of a 30-year sentence for espionage, has asked the Federal Court to have him released from prison.

Jewish Post

Free Morton Sobell!

We can see no gain for democracy in continuing to keep Morton Sobell in prison. Through qualified persons we would like to have Sobell released from prison. We are not fully aware of the details of the case to take the position that the government should be held responsible for the actions of the government.

The government claims Sobell becomes eligible for parole on August 4, 1955. His attorneys deny this, saying that he was sentenced to life imprisonment. N. Y. News says that Justice will best be served by the parole which is very likely will be granted.

Andrews Thinks Appeal Helped

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The government's appeal against the conviction of Morton Sobell and Ethel Rosenberg has been rejected by the Supreme Court. The decision is a victory for the defense attorneys who had argued that the trial was unfair.

Wife, Children Plead With Robert Kennedy on N.Y. Street

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Mrs. Sobell and her children pleaded with Robert Kennedy as he walked down a New York City street. They begged him to use his influence to get their husband and father-in-law released from prison.

COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR

Robert Kennedy Pleads For Administrator

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Robert Kennedy, U.S. Attorney General, pleaded for the resignation of the administrator of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, during a speech in New York City.

In Plea to Free Sobell

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A group of people gathered in New York City to demand the release of Morton Sobell. They held signs and chanted slogans in support of the defense attorneys.

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Mrs. Sobell asked for a Yuletide amnesty for her husband, Morton Sobell, during a public demonstration in New York City.

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Morton Sobell has again moved to be released from prison. His attorneys have filed a new motion with the court, arguing that the government's case is weak.

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A minister who had been arrested during a White House prayer service has been released by a judge. The minister had been accused of disrupting the service.

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A group of people has planned a 'kneel-in' at the White House to demand the release of Morton Sobell. The demonstration is scheduled for a date in the near future.

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The Justice Department is hopeful that Morton Sobell will be released from prison. The department has received favorable news from the courts.

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Freedom Plea Filed by Sobell

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SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1962

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Grand Ballroom
Hotel Belmont Plaza
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Hear
MRS. MORTON SOBELL
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reporting on action abroad
to free Morton Sobell

The gathering will leave
the Belmont Plaza
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There will be
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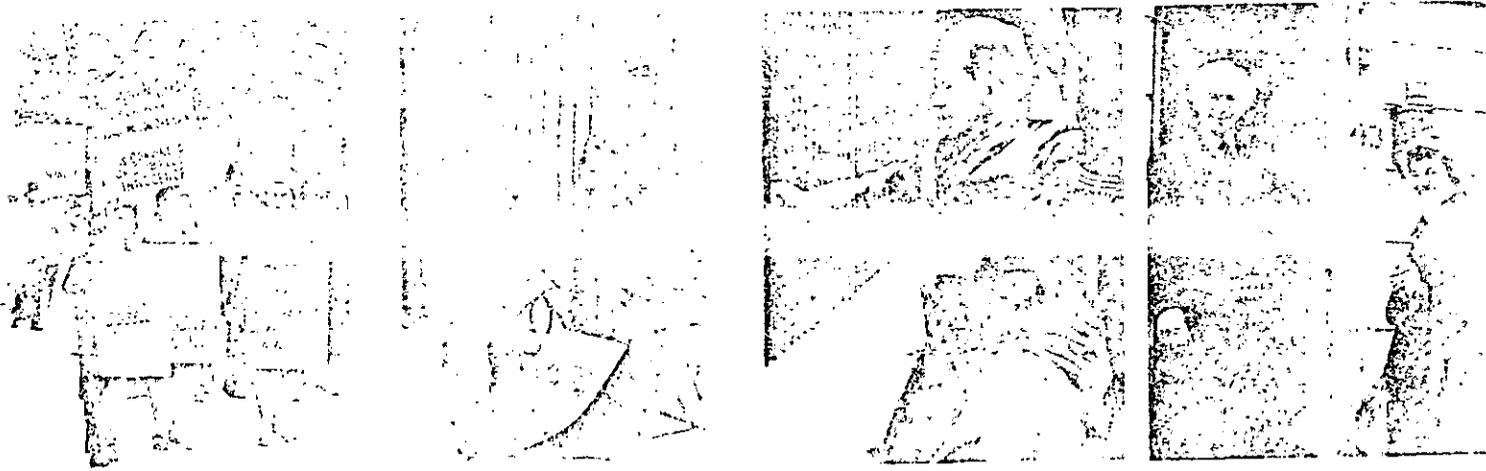
\$5 per plate RSVP

*There will be a supervised
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be left during the breakfast.
Refreshments will be served.
There will be no charge.*

A petition to
President Kennedy
for the release of
Morton Sobell
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1950

Y. Herald-Tribune
Sobell Again Asks Freedom
Morton Sobell has asked for his freedom again in a letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Andrews Thinks Appeal Helped

Washington, Nov. 19.—The Justice Department today said that the appeal of the conviction of Morton Sobell, co-defendant in the Rosenberg case, has helped to clear the government's case against the other defendants.

's Wife, Children Plead With Robert Kennedy on N. Y. Street

Robert Kennedy, U. S. attorney general, today was the center of a dramatic scene on a New York street as the wife and children of Morton Sobell pleaded with him to secure the release of her husband.

Jewish Post Free Morton Sobell!

We can do it for democracy in remaining to keep Morton Sobell in jail. Through organized American and world Jewry we can do it. We are aware of the situation of Morton Sobell and we are aware of the position that the government claims Sobell occupies.

COLUMBIA SPECTATOR

Robert Kennedy Pled Frees Demonstrator

Washington, Nov. 19.—U. S. attorney general Robert Kennedy today pledged to free a demonstrator who had been arrested for protesting against the conviction of Morton Sobell.

Freedom Pled Filled by Sobell

Washington, Nov. 19.—The Justice Department today said that the plea for freedom made by Morton Sobell's wife and children had been filled by the government.

Judge Frees Minister In White House Prayer

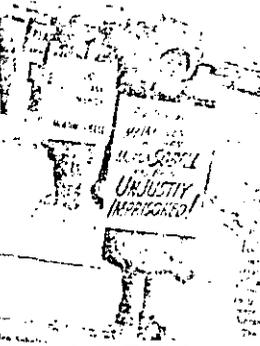
Washington, Nov. 19.—A federal judge today freed a minister who had been arrested for praying in the White House for the release of Morton Sobell.

PICKETS DEFY RAD HEATHER

Washington, Nov. 19.—A group of pickets today defied a radical heather who had been arrested for protesting against the conviction of Morton Sobell.

Wife Asks Yell

Washington, Nov. 19.—The wife of Morton Sobell today asked a yell for the release of her husband.



Swap Leaves Of Sobell Disgust

Washington, Nov. 19.—The swap of leaves between Morton Sobell and a demonstrator today caused disgust among many people.

Sobell March Is Led by Wife

Washington, Nov. 19.—A march for the release of Morton Sobell today was led by his wife.

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PERHAPS some of us are radicals; perhaps some of us are liberals; very few of us perhaps politically would dare admit that we are conservatives. I don't know about Senator Langer, but I'm here, I promise you, because I am at this moment a conservative. It's America, deeply and vitally America, our beloved country and its future that I am thinking of. This doesn't mean that I am not thinking of Morton Sobell. I think of him is so painful that I find that I don't think of him next of the time. We must think of him. We can't know everyone. The light is upon him, and he is a symbol and he is ourselves, in a way, but he also is this young man, this suffering young man, who, oh, because of what? - maybe because of mistaken ideas? - or maybe also because he was generous, because he was adventurous, because in seeking for the truth he was willing to run the risk of being wrong. And here is this country of ours, this powerful country, cruelly torturing this man, and his family, his wife and children, by incarcerating him, not only incarcerating him, but by incarcerating him for 30 years; not merely by incarcerating him for 30 years but by placing him in a prison 3,000 miles away from where his family is, a prison that is reserved for the hopelessly criminal. Is this man a hopeless criminal? Far from it. But I will say this: that the courts of justice that put this man in Alcatraz, 3,000 miles away from his home, are criminal. I won't say that they are hopelessly criminal, because I have hope.

While we bear this in mind, we must also bear ourselves in mind. We must realize that if we belong to a body politic which permits injustice, the sickness is within us. We must realize that if we belong to a body politic which can practice cruelty, which tolerates persecution of what the majority consider heresy, then this corruption is within ourselves. Sobell is a symbol of our responsibility, and of our danger - of the tragic danger to America if we permit this injustice to be done.

For more information about the case of Morton Sobell write to:
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Author Waldo Frank asks justice for

Morton Sobell

Waldo Frank

This is the text of a speech made by Waldo Frank, novelist and essayist known for his books on America, at an Assembly for Justice for Morton Sobell, held in Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Sept. 29, 1955. Morton Sobell is imprisoned in Alcatraz on a 30-year sentence. He is serving his sixth year in prison. He was convicted with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg on a charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage." Morton Sobell has repeatedly affirmed his innocence. Many prominent Americans are urging that he be given a new trial; that he be transferred from Alcatraz prison; that there be a thorough investigation made so that all the facts can be established.

THIS meeting, it seems to me, typifies what we expect of America. What do we expect of America? We expect that America will be jealous of its devotion to justice, we expect that America will be fierce in its defense of every person, not for fear that something could happen to you and me, but through the knowledge that whenever there is injustice and cruelty toward anyone, it is happening to you and it is happening to me. The answer to the old question asked by Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" is "yes." Because only if we keep our brother do we keep ourselves. Only if we defend him do we defend ourselves.

There is another right that I like to believe America will long continue to typify, the defense of the right of dissent, the defense

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of America as a homeland of those who have opinions and values, and who make decisions we may not approve of. In fact, if the human spirit is to grope its way toward the light (and it's merely beginning that long, long passage) if the human spirit is to have a home in America, then we must defend the best of every man, woman, boy, girl, sent, but to be wrong; because the truth can never be reached by men who are afraid of the possibility of being wrong.

And therefore it seems to me that this meeting here in Carnegie Hall is a symbol, a symbol of the America we all love, a symbol of the America that we all have to defend.

Now what are the facts in this particular case? I'm only going to talk about facts that I'm sure of. I don't know Morton Sobell. I know nothing personally about him. I suppose he had a lot of ideas I don't agree with. I'm pretty sure that he made mistakes, even from his own standpoint. It wasn't smart to run around in Mexico the way he seems to have done. He was afraid. One's never smart when one's afraid, even though he may have had reason to be afraid. It wasn't smart of him not to take the witness stand on the advice of his attorney. I understand why he did it. But it wasn't smart. I suppose Sobell was a Communist. Well, I don't happen to agree with Communists on many points. I don't accept their philosophy, but as I hold to my own philosophy and as I love my country, I will defend the Communist's right to his philosophy, to his form of love of country and ideas.

I WANT to keep to what I'm sure of. One of the items that makes this country glorious is that little note within our Bill of Rights that every man shall be considered innocent until he is proved guilty. You don't have to be an international lawyer after a glimpse at the record in the case against Sobell to know that he was never proven guilty. What he did is his responsibility with God and his own conscience. This is sure: legally, this man, serving 30 years in Alcatraz, is innocent because he has not been proven guilty.

And I am here tonight, as you are here tonight, my friends, because we realize that we are responsible, yes, all of us are responsible for the fact that this man — unjustly and cruelly — is in Alcatraz. Each of us is a part of the body politic in our country. When injustice is done on the least of ourselves, we are all responsible.

What are the other facts I am sure of? The atmosphere of that

courtroom where the Rosenbergs and Sobell were tried was so thick with prejudice, with hatred, so thick with the blind hysteria of guilty fear that literally humanity could not breathe there and humanity was stifled. Now we are responsible for that, just as we are responsible for the earlier waves of hysteria and witch-hunting which have previously swept our country. For the Alien and Sedition Laws, for the Ku Klux Klan movement, for the Know-Nothing movement with its pretensions against the Irish and the Catholics. It has happened before and the health of the country has always eventually righted the evil situation. Yes, we are responsible, my friends, for seeing that America once again should right itself. Because it is plain, leaving aside all question of what Morton Sobell may have thought or of what in some vague moment he may have listened to or heard or said — it is perfectly obvious that he was tried because he was a heretic.

Now some of our liberal friends say our Bill of Rights is irrelevant in the case of Communists. "Oh yes, but these Communists," they say, "if they gained power would take away this freedom of speech and liberty which you're trying to defend." I agree they would. That's their politics, for the moment. At least that's the way it seems to be working out, in some countries. It may be temporary, but all right, let's agree. If that's their philosophy, I insist just the same that they should have the right to express it. And insist that only in so far as we give them the right to express their philosophy do we have a chance to preserve our own. And this is commonplace, this is platitude; this is exactly the equivalent of the words of our great Supreme Court justices like Oliver Wendell Holmes, like Brandeis.

So here we have, because of our own fear, because of our own insecurities, this atmosphere under which this man was cruelly and outrageously sentenced. And we have this happening because unfortunately there is indifference among the American people. We don't recognize our responsibility. We're too full of fears. We hear too much over the radio. We are blinded and deafened by this constant endless vociferation of falsehoods and prejudices. But a meeting like this heartens us. And the fact that here gathered on the platform are men and women of many judgments, of many convictions, many of them, I'm sure, far more conservative than I am, and yet all are agreed; and none of us who are talking to you here is talking with any motive or with any basis deeper than that of conserving, of preserving the spirit of America.

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THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL

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How Come 'Exclusive Preview' of Case Still Before a Court?

Just as Herbert Brownell retires, his justice department is found to have been playing strange games again, raising a new cloud over its judiciousness and public demeanor.

The matter stems from the Rosenberg trial back in 1951 (pre-Brownell). It is not generally remembered that one Morton Sobell was convicted in the same trial, and is doing 30 years in Alcatraz. The department rather tenuously linked him to the Rosenbergs with less than conclusive evidence, which, however, the jury had no trouble believing in those panicky times.

Sobell's wife and an organized group of backers have not ceased to try to get his case reopened. They are supported by a number of conscientious citizens, including legal scholars, who are uneasy about many aspects of the case and have haunting doubts that the integrity of justice was fully preserved in it. Two petitions, one wholly new in its legal basis, now pend before the United States supreme court.

So Brownell last December ordered a study to be made, apparently reviewing and rearguing the whole Rosenberg-Sobell case and setting forth the government's reaction to the many questions first raised about it. And suddenly last month, what purports to be the substance of this document—then and now still unpublished by the department—appeared in a national magazine!

The magazine, whose claims have not

been denied, called its article an "exclusive preview" of the official report, made possible because its reporter "was aided by" and "worked along with" the government attorneys and "was given access" to their data! The question asks itself: How come?

Actually, this "first real story" of the case was oversold. It is mainly a mere rehash of the history and the testimony, with a rundown of retorts to "the Communist charges" (the old smear technique) that Sobell might just possibly have been railroaded. It is not so great a scoop as advertised, but that's by the way.

The issue is the gross impropriety and indiscretion of the justice department in so obviously propagandizing just as the matter comes before the high court—and in an exclusive deal, at that, to let one particular publication exploit its files.

Sobell's attorneys quite properly invited the supreme court's attention to this extraordinary procedure. And the court might well take some notice of it.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MORTON SOBELL,

Cr. 134-245

Defendant

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MCCOHEY, D. J.

The defendant Sobell moves for the sixth time under section 2255 of Title 28 U.S.C. to set aside his conviction and the sentence imposed thereon in 1951 for conspiring, during the years 1944 to 1950, to violate the Espionage Act.¹ He also moves in the alternative for a correction of the sentence under Federal Criminal Rule 35.

In one form or another, this case has had the attention of the judges of the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on more than eight separate occasions, beginning with the original appeals ten years ago when that court, because of the imposition of death sentences on Sobell's codefendants, "scrutinized [the trial record]

1. 50 U.S.C. Sects. 32,34 (1946) (now 18 U.S.C. Sect. 794).

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with extraordinary care,"² before affirming the convictions. In addition, the case also has had, on ten separate occasions, the attention of the justices of the Supreme Court.³ Indeed, as long ago as June 1953, Mr. Justice Clark in his opinion concurring in the Supreme Court's refusal to grant a further stay of execution to Sobell's codefendants, observed that, "Beginning with our refusal to review the conviction and sentence in October 1952, each of the justices has given the most painstaking consideration to the case. In fact, all during the past term of this Court one or another facet of this litigation occupied the attention of the Court."⁴

The motion under section 2255 is based on two claims of error by the trial court. Neither claim arises from facts outside the record. On the contrary, both arise from incidents which occurred in the court room during the trial and which are fully set forth in the trial record.

The first claim is that the trial judge permitted and indeed participated in, improper cross-examination of one of Sobell's codefendants concerning her claim of privilege before the Grand Jury, thus creating an atmosphere so prejudicial to all the defendants that all were deprived of a fair trial. This claim is certainly not new. Sobell's codefendants raised and argued that precise point on their original joint appeal⁵; and Sobell adopted the point and their argument on his separate appeal which was argued together with theirs.⁶ The argument obviously was found unpersuasive by the Court of Appeals which affirmed the conviction.

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2. United States v. Rosenberg, et al, 2 Cir., 195 F. 2d 583, 590; cert. denied, 344 U.S. 838.
 3. See, e.g. United States v. Rosenberg, 2 Cir., 195 F. 2d 583, rehearing denied, 195 F. 2d 609, cert. denied, 344 U.S. 838, rehearing denied, 344 U.S. 889 (1952), leave to file petition for rehearing denied, 347 U.S. 1021 (1954), motion to vacate orders denying certiorari and rehearing denied, 355 U.S. 860 (1957); United States v. Rosenberg, 108 F. Supp. 798, aff'd, 2 Cir., 200 F. 2d 666 (1952), cert. denied, 345 U.S. 965, rehearing denied, 345 U.S. 1003 (1953); United States v. Rosenberg, 109 F. Supp. 108, aff'd, 2 Cir., 204 F. 2d 688 (1953); United States v. Sobell, 142 F. Supp. 515 (1956), aff'd, 2 Cir., 244 F. 2d 520, cert. denied, 355 U.S. 873, rehearing denied, 355 U.S. 920 (1957).
 4. 346 U.S. 273, 293.
 5. Brief for Appellants p. 98-99, United States v. Rosenberg, 2 Cir., No. 22201 (1951).
 6. Brief for Morton Sobell p. 59, United States v. Rosenberg, 2 Cir., No. 22202 (1951).

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In their petition for certiorari, Sobell's codefendants listed as the fourth of seven "Questions Presented," "Whether the conduct of the trial judge deprived the petitioners of a fair trial in violation of the Fifth and Sixth Amendments, in that: (a) by a course of conduct, he displayed bias against the petitioners and conveyed to the jury his belief in their guilt." And in an appendix to their petition the codefendants called attention specifically to the trial judge's participation in the cross-examination complained of here as an example of his "bias."⁷

Sobell, in his separate petition for certiorari, specifically adopted his codefendants' "position as to this issue" of alleged judicial misconduct, and asked leave "to incorporate and rely upon the portion of their petition dealing with this issue, and the appendix thereto in which representative instances of the judge's alleged course of misconduct are particularized."⁸

The government in its brief in opposition to the petitions for certiorari devoted six pages to the claims of alleged judicial misconduct. In the light of all this, it is clear beyond question that this point was specifically and with adequate documentation called to the attention of the reviewing courts. Sobell indeed does not, in terms at least, go so far as to contend otherwise. His present claim is rather that, in light of the decision in *Grunewald v. United States*,⁹ decided in 1957, the trial judge's conduct requires reversal of Sobell's conviction. The contention is rejected. 28 U.S.C. section 2255 is not a vehicle for repeated reviews of judgments in cases which were properly decided after full consideration, because of subsequent changes in the law.¹⁰ Sobell, moreover, has already tried and failed to have the Supreme Court review his conviction in the light of the *Grunewald* decision.¹¹

The second claim of alleged error is that the trial judge failed to instruct the jury concerning the "in time of war" element of the offense charged in the indictment. This claim is clearly an after-thought. No exception was taken to the instruction as given on this point and no request was made for a different instruction. Moreover, as the briefs on appeal to the Court of Appeals and the petitions for certiorari show, the court's instruction to the jury was the subject of wide attack by Sobell and his codefendants. The Court of Appeals necessarily had to examine the instructions in detail in order to pass on the many allegations of error respecting them. This claim is rejected.

7. *Rosenberg v. United States*, Petition for Certiorari, p.16, 31-39, Appendix p.38, October Term 1952, No.111.

8. *Sobell v. United States*, Petition for Certiorari, p.10, n.6, p.44, October Term, 1952, No. 112.

9. 353 U.S. 391.

10. *Warring v. Colpoys*, D.C.Cir., 122 F.2d 642, cert.denied, 314 U.S. 678; *United States v. Gaitan*, 10 Cir., 295 F.2d 277; *United States v. Gandia*, 2 Cir., 255 F. 2d 454; cf. *Sunal v. Large*, 332 U.S.174.

11. 355 U.S. 860.

The alternative motion under Rule 35 for correction of the sentence necessarily rests on the contention that there was no credible evidence that Sobell was a member of the conspiracy prior to 1946; that, therefore, he could not be charged with participation in any of the acts which the jury found his coconspirators committed prior to 1945; and so legally he could not be sentenced to thirty years, a term which is authorized only for offenses committed in time of war. To these contentions there are two answers. The witness Elitcher's testimony placed Sobell in the conspiracy in 1944. Elitcher's credibility was for the jury to assess. The trial judge charged the jury that if they disbelieved Elitcher they could not find Sobell guilty. The jury chose to believe him. Furthermore, "The rule is clear that one who joins an existing conspiracy takes it as it is, and is therefore held accountable for the prior conduct of the co-conspirators." *United States v. Sansone*, 2 Cir., 231 F. 2d 887, 893, cert. denied, 351 U.S. 987. "He may join at any point in its progress and be held responsible for all that may be or has been done." *United States v. Manton*, 2 Cir., 107 F. 2d 384, cert. denied, 309 U.S. 664.

The motion is in all respects denied.

So ordered.

Dated: New York, N.Y., April 5, 1962.

JOHN F. X. MCGOHEY
U. S. D. J.

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AN EDITORIAL FROM

Jewish Post *and* **Opinion**

"If You Let The People Know, They Can Act Intelligently"

Friday, December 22, 1951

Free Morton Sobell!

We can see no gain for democracy in continuing to keep Morton Sobell in prison.

Enough qualified American and world leaders have expressed doubt about the testimony surrounding his conviction to warrant even those who are not fully aware of the intimate details of the case to take the position that he has paid his debt to society and should be freed by executive action.

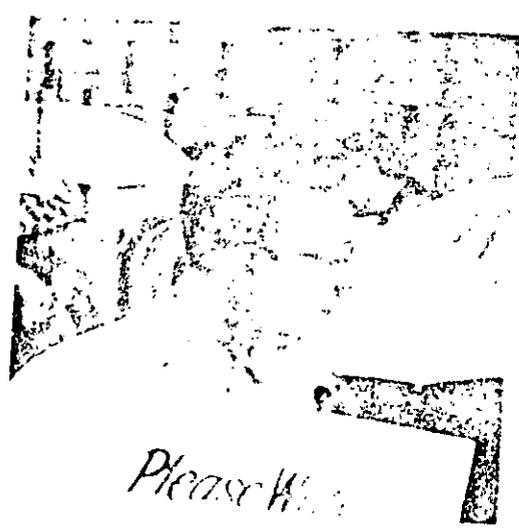
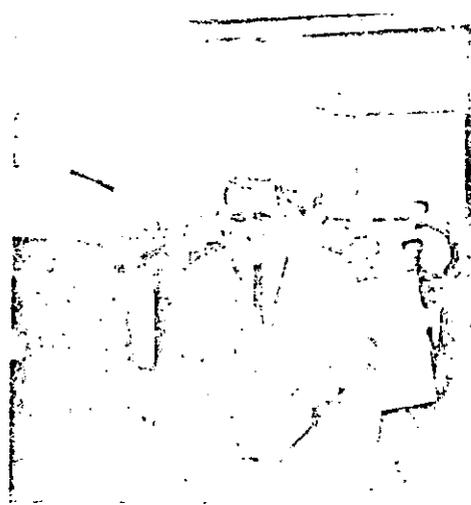
The government claims Sobell becomes eligible for parole only on August 4, 1962. His attorneys deny this, arguing that he actually began his imprisonment months before he was sentenced and therefore was ineligible for parole this past April. Whichever are the facts, it would seem that justice will best be served by giving him now the parole which he very likely will get 10 months from now.

Because Sobell is Jewish many Jews may have felt impelled to reticence. This is unworthy of any of us. Any Jew or any Jewish group who feels that Sobell should be pardoned will enhance their Jewishness by stating so openly and with vigor. We are as guilty as any other in not having called for a review of the case long before this. As it is, we now ask that President Kennedy free the man.

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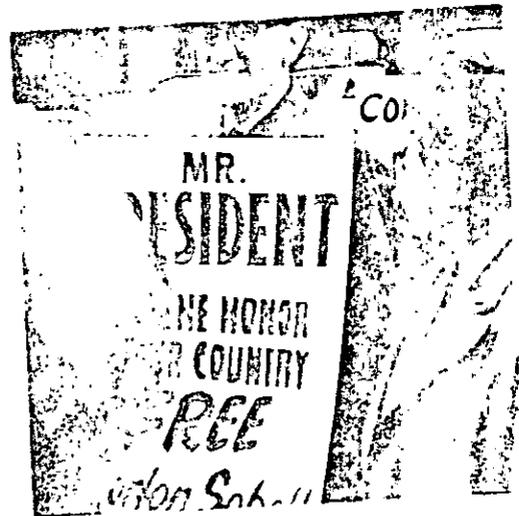
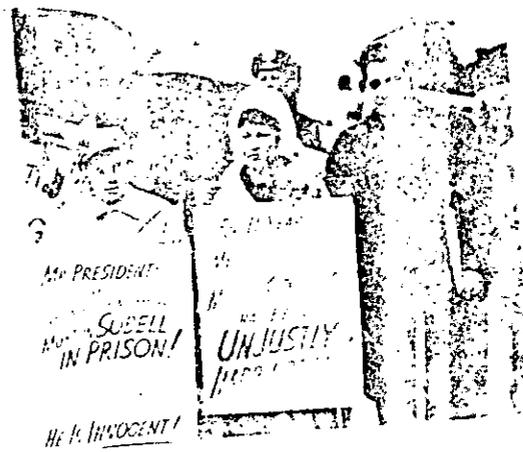
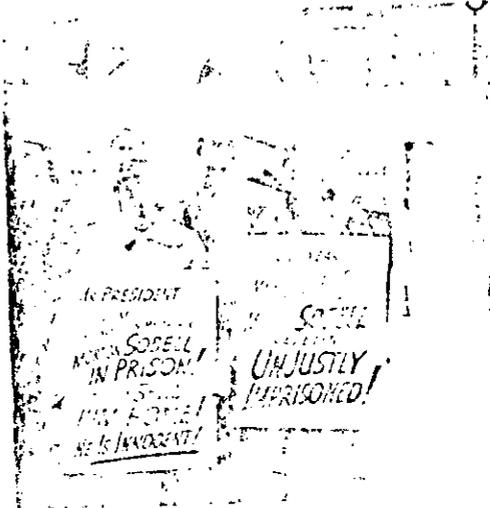
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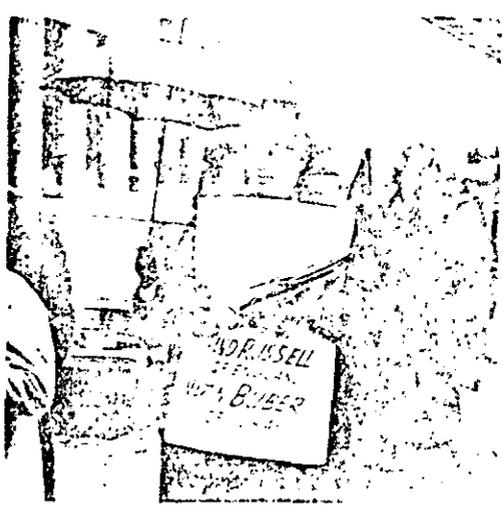
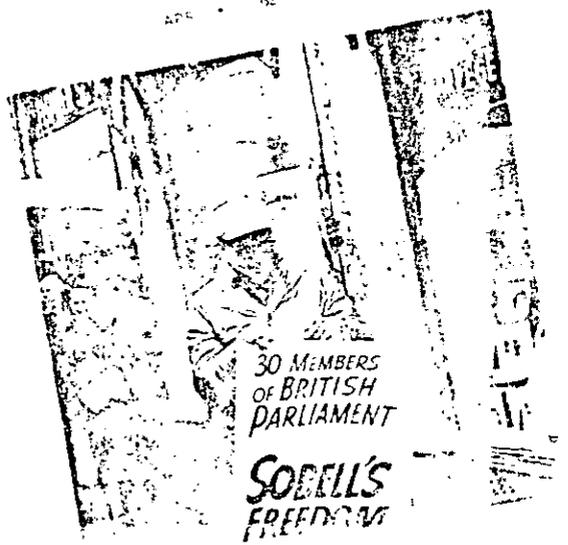
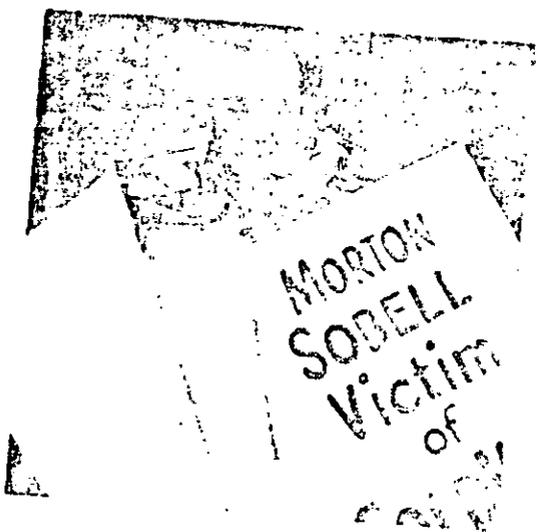
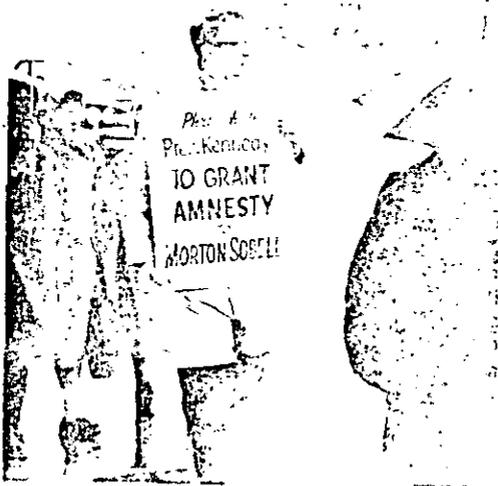


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Dear President Kennedy:

Morton Sobell becomes eligible for parole on July 27. I urgently request that he be freed by that time either by parole or by an act of executive clemency. It is important for the well-being of the United States to resolve this pressing issue now.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TAVERN ON THE GREEN CASE SETTLED OUT OF COURT BETWEEN SOBELL COMMITTEE AND RESTAURANT ASSOCIATES

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell announces that an out-of-court settlement has been reached in the litigation stemming from damages which the committee suffered when the Tavern on the Green in April, 1958, cancelled a Sobell dinner after intervention by former Parks Commissioner Robert Moses.

Restaurant Associates, which recently acquired ownership of the restaurant in New York's Central Park, has paid \$1,350 to plaintiffs who had brought suit in behalf of the Sobell committee under the Federal Civil Rights Law.

The Sobell committee discloses that a portion of the monetary settlement compensating for losses suffered is being applied to legal costs of Morton Sobell's current appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals to grant a new trial or set aside his 30-year sentence as illegal.

The sum received will also help pay the costs of public appeals to gain further support for a petition for Executive Clemency. Sobell, now at the end of his 12th year of imprisonment on a charge of

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conspiracy to commit espionage, has steadfastly maintained his innocence. Many eminent persons in America and throughout the world are urging his freedom.

The committee regards this settlement as important because it in effect recognizes damages suffered as a result of being denied the meeting place. However, the basic right of equal access to the restaurant on city property remains unaffirmed. The Sobell committee, unable to further pursue the lengthy test case through costly protracted litigation without interfering with its main purpose of winning freedom for Morton Sobell, agreed in return to a release requested by Restaurant Associates stating that the Committee did not intend to seek another dinner at the Tavern and initiate a new lawsuit.

The history of the litigation is as follows:

After the dinner was cancelled, the law firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin went to the New York state court in an effort to compel the Tavern to live up to its contract. The court refused. Meanwhile, after having a second dining facility cancelled as a result of the hysteria generated, the Sobell committee was afforded the Community Church of New York as a meeting place because the church did not wish to see the right of freedom of assembly abused. Many noted New Yorkers, and also an editorial in the New York Post, vigorously supported the right of the committee.

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Federal Judge Frederick vanPelt Bryan ruled on July 21, 1960, that the Committee had a case. He rejected the Tavern and city's claim that the restaurant was merely a private business, and said that since it was on city property, there was a responsibility under the Federal civil rights law. However, the judge said there would have to be a trial to determine the facts to see whether the committee was entitled to relief.

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Dear President Kennedy:

Morton Sobell becomes eligible for parole on July 27. I urgently request that he be freed by that time either by parole or by an act of executive clemency. It is important for the well-being of the United States to resolve this pressing issue now.

Respectfully yours,

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Morton Sobell *Must*

Be FREE Now!

Morton Sobell is being held in prison in New York!

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Sobell Committee, 40 Broadway, New York 10, New York

I have mailed my card to President Kennedy.

I am enclosing my contribution of \$_____ to help distribute more of these urgent appeals.

Please send me _____ cards to circulate among friends.

Please send me information about the Sobell case.

Name _____

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PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

The White House

Washington, D. C.

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LIBERTA PER MORTON SOBELL

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The world will not forget the Rosenberg execution. The world fights for freedom for Morton Sobell, who suffers behind bars in Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

World protest can free him. Write

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Se le ofreció una salida si confesaba y acusaba a los Rosenberg. "Soy inocente", repitió Sobell. No se avino a comprar su libertad acusando falsamente a los Rosenberg. Fue internado en Alcatraz, la Isla del Diablo americana. Cinco años ahí no pudieron quebrantar su espíritu. Protestas de todas partes del mundo indujeron a que se le transfiriera a una prisión menos severa.

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El mundo no ha de olvidar jamás la ejecución de los Rosenberg. El mundo lucha por obtener la libertad de Morton Sobell, quien sufre detras de los muros de la Prisión Federal de Atlanta.

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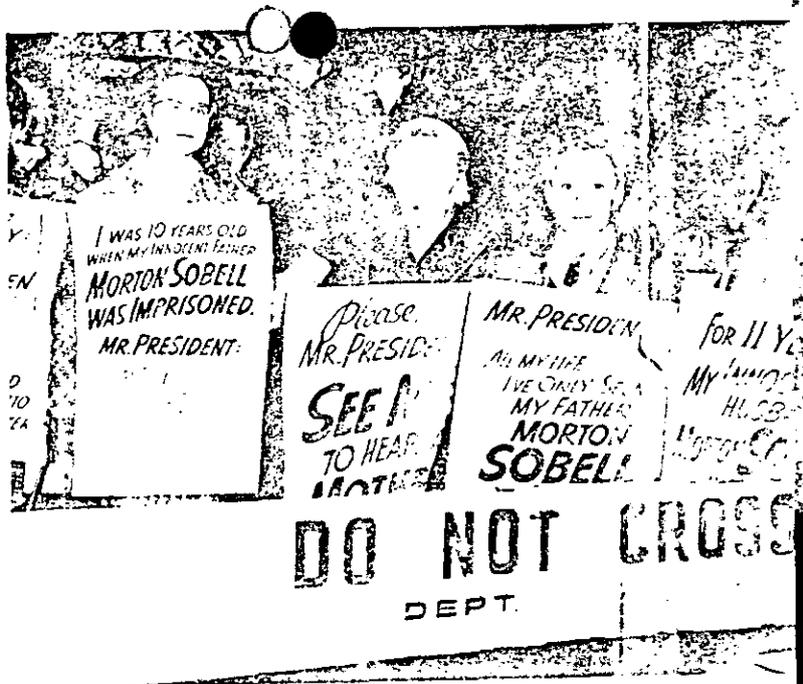
La famille Sobell (de gauche à droite) sa fille Sidney, la mère de Sobell, âgée de 67 ans, son fils Mark, âgé de 13 ans et son épouse Helen, feront appel aux Nations Unies au cours d'une manifestation publique devant le quartier général de l'UN à New York.

משפחת סובל (מימין לשמאל), הבת סידני, אמו של סובל רוז בת 67, בנו מרק בן 13, ואשתו הלן. המפגנה לפני מרכז האו"ם המאוחדת בניו יורק.

La familia de los Sobell (de izquierda a derecha), la hija Sidney, la madre de Sobell, Rosa, 67, el hijo Marco, 13, y esposa, Helena, apelan ante las Naciones Unidas en demostración pública a las puertas de la oficina central de las NU en Nueva York.

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The Sobell family (left to right), daughter Sidney, Sobell's mother Rose, 67, son Mark, 13, and wife Helen, appeal to the United Nations in public demonstration outside UN headquarters in New York.

The following are among the internationally known who have appealed for Morton Sobell's release on many grounds:

המפורסמים שבהם נמנה בין השאר ביקורו בישראל, מבקרו את שחרורו של סובל סובל על שתיים:

Los siguientes se cuentan entre las figuras internacionales de renombre, que han apelado aduciendo multitud de razones, para que se le ponga en libertad:

Elenchiamo, tra le personalità internazionali che per ragioni varie hanno fatto appello per la liberazione di Sobell:

Bland de internationellt kända personligheter, som av många anledningar har värdjat för Sobells befrielse äro följande:

Les noms suivants sont parmi ceux de renommée internationale qui pour des raisons majeures réclament la mise en liberté de Sobell.

- Belgian League for the Rights of Man
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- Bertil Carlman, Sweden
- Pablo Casals, Puerto Rico
- Lord Chorley, England
- Canon Collins, England
- Fru Ester Dutil, Sweden
- Elizabeth, Queen Mother of Belgium
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- Gerald Gardner, Q.C., former Chairman of the General Council of the Bar of England
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- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., U.S.A.
- Morris Laub, Director of the Joint Commission on Social Action, United Synagogue of America, U.S.A.

- Doris Lessing, author, England
- Rev. Peter McCormack, former Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz, U.S.A.
- U.S. Senator Lee Metcalf, U.S.A.
- Cesare Merzagora, President of Italian Senate, Italy
- Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, theologian, and fifteen hundred American Clergymen, U.S.A.
- Lord Boyd Orr, England
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- Clarence E. Pickett, U.S.A.
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- Jean-Paul Sartre, France
- Alan Sillitoe, author, England
- Donald Soper, England
- Bishop of Southwark, England
- Mervyn Stockwood, England
- Norman Thomas, civil libertarian, U.S.A.
- Kenneth Tynan, critic, England
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- Arnold Wesker, playwright, England
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, U.S.A.
- Bishop of Woolwich, England

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**TWAALF JAAR NA HET PROCES ROSENBERG
Morton Sobell nog steeds in de gevangenis**

... van de...
... van de...
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**Coinculpe des Rosenberg
Morton Sobell était-il coupable?**

... de...
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**Was jailed
anti-semitic**

... van de...
... van de...
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**Wife seeks support
Sir Barnett**

... van de...
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**Continuing Protest
Brookings Rec. Why Not Sobell?**

... van de...
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**HON KÄMPAR
FÖR SIN MA**

Hon dömlas till trettio års fängelse...
... av Rätt...

Swap 'Sickens' Wife of Sobell

... van de...
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... van de...

30 ans de prison pour MORTON SOBELL

Aidez-moi à libérer mon mari...
... de la...

**Wife seeks support
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**HELEN SOBELL IN LONDON
TO FIGHT FOR HUSBAND**

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Sobell's Mother Tries To Get Arrested at White House

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SOBELL'S WIFE
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Wrouw zoekt herzien...
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Special arrangement, the
producers of the new documentary
film now in production to tell
the Sobell story have consented
to preview excerpts.

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gathering to welcome visitors
from throughout the United States
attending our national conference
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You are invited to
A special preview of clips
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I 12 år, ända sedan han och hans fru och barn blevo kidnappade av FBI från deras semesterställe i Mexico, har Morton Sobell från sin fängelsecell utkämpat sin heroiska kamp mot McCarthyism.

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El mundo no ha de olvidar jamás la ejecución de los Rosenberg. El mundo lucha por obtener la libertad de Morton Sobell, quien sufre detras de los muros de la Prisión Federal de Atlanta.

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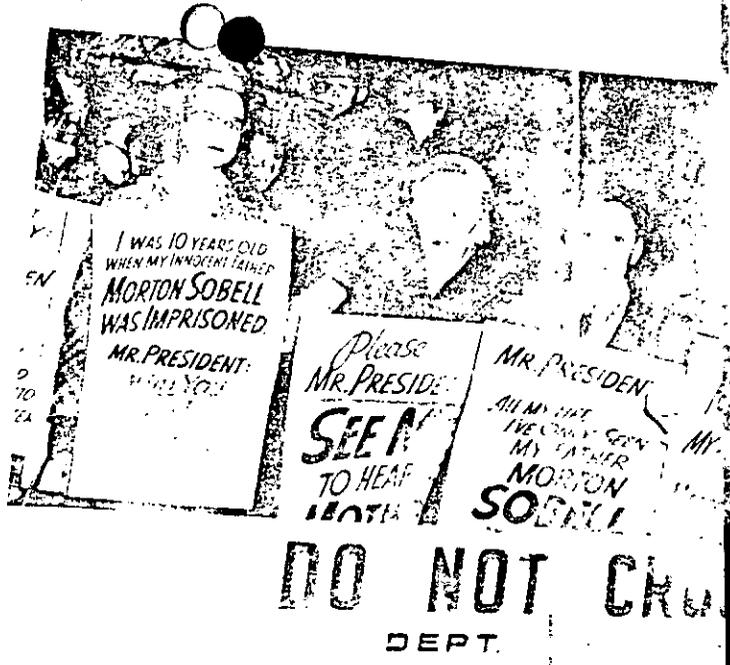
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The Sobell family (left to right), daughter Sidney, Sobell's mother Rose, 67, son Mark, 13, and wife Helen, appeal to the United Nations in public demonstration outside UN headquarters in New York.

The following are among the internationally known who have appealed for Morton Sobell's release on many grounds:

הרמטכאים משה הנס בןן אישי ציבור בינלאומיים שחבצו את עתרתו על סובל מפנימים רבים:

Los siguientes se cuentan entre las figuras internacionales de renombre, que han apelado aduciendo multitud de razones, para que se le ponga en libertad:

Elenciamo, tra le personalità internazionalmente conosciute, che per motivi di giustizia hanno chiesto la liberazione di Sobell:

Bland de internationellt kända personer, som av många anledningar har vädjat för Sobells befrielse är följande:

Les noms suivants sont parmi ceux de renommée internationale qui pour des raisons majeures réclament la mise en liberté de Sobell.

- Belgian League for the Rights of Man
- Bishop, of Birmingham, England
- Robert Bolt, playwright, England
- Dr. Martin Buber, Israel
- Dr. Eugene Chalm, New York University Law School
- Bertil Carlman, Sweden
- Pablo Casals, Puerto Rico
- Lord Cherley, England
- Canon Collias, England
- Fra Ester Dahl, Sweden
- Elizabeth, Queen Mother of Belgium
- Dr. Thomas I. Emerson, Yale Law School, U.S.A.
- Michael F. St., Stanley S. Greenman, Stephen Swinger, and thirty-seven other British Members of Parliament, England
- Gerald Green, O.C., former Chairman of the General Council of the Bar of England
- Canon Bryan Green, England
- Dr. E. J. Larus, chairman of the Israeli League for the Rights of Man, and twenty-four other eminent Israelis
- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., U.S.A.
- Morris Luzzo, Director of the Joint Commission on Social Action, United Synagogue of America, U.S.A.

- Doris Lessing, author, England
- Rev. Peter McCormack, former Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz, U.S.A.
- U.S. Senator Lee Metcalf, U.S.A.
- Cesare Merzagora, President of Italian Senate, Italy
- Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, theologian, and fifteen hundred American Clergymen, U.S.A.
- Lord Boyd Orr, England
- Dr. Linus Pauling, scientist, U.S.A.
- Clarence E. Pickett, U.S.A.
- Dr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, Senior Professor of Law, University of Mexico
- Lord Bertrand Russell, England
- Jean-Paul Sartre, France
- Alan Sillitoe, author, England
- Donald Soper, England
- Bishop of Southwark, England
- Mervyn Stockwood, England
- Norman Thomas, civil libertarian, U.S.A.
- Kenneth Tynan, critic, England
- Dr. Harold C. Urey, scientist, U.S.A.
- Arnold Wesker, playwright, England
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, U.S.A.
- Bishop of Woolwich, England

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Morton Sobell nog steeds in de gevangenis

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Sobell's Mother Tries To Get Arrested at White House

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DAILY FREEDOM VIGIL AT THE UNITED NATIONS
STARTS OCT. 17 FOR MORTON SOBELL

Will You Give Two Hours
For The Man Who Has Given 13 Years?

We call you to the United Nations Plaza, 43rd Street and 1st Ave.
Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Help launch our daily freedom vigil. It is urgent to start with
a big attendance. UN members must be persuaded to appeal to
President Kennedy for Morton Sobell's freedom.

The timing is crucial. A formal parole hearing is set for Oct. 30
in Washington.

Each day after the start of the Freedom Vigil Oct. 17, a
representation of the thousands urging Sobell's freedom will
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Will you come on Oct. 17th?

What other time can you give?

Please fill out the form below and mail at once!

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell
940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

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Sobell se le ofreció una salida si confesaba, y acusaba a los Rosenberg. "Soy inocente", repitió Sobell. No se avino a comprar su libertad acusando falsamente a los Rosenberg. Fue internado en Alcatraz, la Isla del Diablo americana. Cinco años ahí no pudieron quebrantar su espíritu. Protestas de todas partes del mundo indujeron a que se le transfiriera a una prisión menos severa.

Su hijo, apenas un nene cuando Sobell fuera arrestado, tiene ahora 13 años. La esposa de Sobell ha luchado

heroicamente, tanto en América como en Europa, para ganar apoyo. La madre de Sobell, 67, trabaja sin descanso para poder llegar a ver un día, a su hijo libre. Comités han sido organizados a través de América y en muchos otros países.

Hombres notables como Bertrand Russell de Inglaterra y Martin Buber de Israel, creen en la inocencia de Sobell. En los Estados Unidos, Reinhold Niebuhr, Dr. Harold C. Urey, Rabí Maurice Eisendrath y Norman Thomas han dirigido movimientos a la cabeza de miles de miembros del clero, hombres de ciencia, abogados y civico libertarios, con el fin de pedir que se le ponga en libertad. Muchos son los que han denunciado al juicio calificandolo de injusto, símbolo de una era de histerismo en America. Otros manifiestan que la sentencia constituye un ultraje.

El mundo no ha de olvidar jamás la ejecución de los Rosenberg. El mundo lucha por obtener la libertad de Morton Sobell, quien sufre detras de los muros de la Prisión Federal de Atlanta.

Una protesta mundial puede liberarlo. Escriba a:
Presidente John F. Kennedy
The White House
Washington D. C.
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Depuis 12 ans ces mots prononcés par le savant Américain Morton Sobell ont été répétés dans le monde entier.

Depuis 12 ans, du jour où il a été enlevé avec sa femme et ses enfants par le FBI, alors qu'il passait ses vacances au Mexique, Morton Sobell de sa prison a engagé une lutte héroïque contre le McCarthisme.

En 1950 il fut accusé dans le procès infamant de Julius et de Ethel Rosenberg de conspiration en cas d'espionnage. Le juge condamna à mort le couple Rosenberg d'après le mythe qu'ils avaient livré "le secret" de la bombe atomique à la Russie. Le même juge condamna Morton Sobell à 30 ans de prison. Son accusateur était seulement un témoin qui confessa avoir fait un faux serment.

On offrit à Sobell une chance: c'est à dire faire une confession et accuser les Rosenbergs. "Je suis innocent" répétait Sobell. Il refusa d'acheter sa liberté en accusant faussement les Rosenbergs. Il fut emprisonné à Alcatraz, l'île du Diable d'Amérique. Cinq longues années ne pouvaient briser sa résistance. Une protestation publique venue du monde entier provoqua son transfert dans une prison moins sévère.

Son fils, qui n'était qu'un bébé lorsque Sobell fut arrêté, a maintenant 13 ans. La femme de Sobell a lutté héroïquement à la fois en Amérique et en Europe pour obtenir de l'aide. La mère de Sobell âgée de 67 ans travaille jour et nuit pour la libération de son fils. Les comités ont été formés dans toute l'Amérique et dans beaucoup d'autres nations.

Des éminentes personnalités comme Bertrand Russell d'Angleterre et Martin Buber d'Israël croient dans l'innocence de Sobell. Aux États Unis Reinhold Niebuhr, le docteur Harold C. Urey, le Rabbin Maurice Eisendrath et Norman Thomas sont à la tête de milliers de libertaires, membres du clergé, savants, avocats et civils qui réclament sa mise en liberté. Beaucoup critiquent violemment son procès le trouvant injuste, symbolisant une ère d'hystérie en Amérique. D'autres déclarent que la sentence est outrageuse.

Le monde entier n'oubliera pas l'exécution des Rosenbergs. La lutte pour obtenir la liberté de Morton Sobell, qui souffre dans sa cellule à l'Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

Une protestation universelle peut le libérer. Ecrivez au:

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Il figlio di Sobell, un bambino al tempo dell'arresto, è ora tredicenne.

La moglie di Sobell ha lottato eroicamente in America ed in Europa al fine di ottenere l'appoggio del pubblico. La madre di Sobell, di 67 anni, si prodiga giorno e notte al fine di riavere la libertà a suo figlio. Vari comitati sono organizzati in America ed in molte altre nazioni.

Persone insigni come Bertrand Russell d'Inghilterra e Martin Buber d'Israele credono nell'innocenza di Sobell. Negli Stati Uniti, Reinhold Niebuhr, il Dott. Harold C. Urey, il Rabbin Maurice Eisendrath e Norman Thomas marcano alla testa di migliaia di religiosi, scienziati, uomini di legge e difensori della libertà civili nel fare appelli per la sua liberazione. Molti denunciano l'ingiustizia del suo processo, simbolo di un'era di isteria in America.

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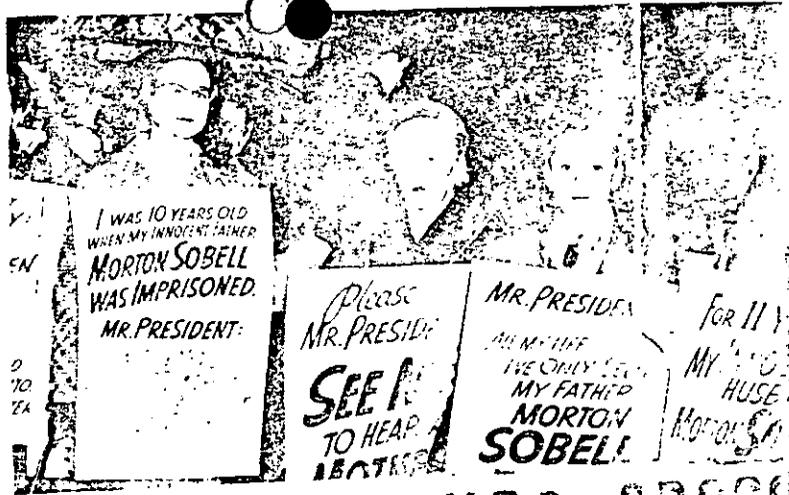
La famille Sobell (de gauche à droite) sa fille Sidney, la mère de Sobell, âgée de 67 ans, son fils Mark, âgé de 13 ans et son épouse Helen, feront appel aux Nations Unies au cours d'une manifestation publique devant le quartier général de l'UN à New York.

משפחת סובל (מימין לשמאל), הבת סידני, אמו של סובל רוז בת 67, בנו מרק בן 13 ואשתו הלן, מפיינות לפני מרכז האומות המאוחדות בניו יורק.

La familia de los Sobell (de izquierda a derecha), la hija Sidney, la madre de Sobell, Rosa, 67, el hijo Marco, 13, y esposa, Helena, apelan ante las Naciones Unidas en demostración pública a las puertas de la oficina central de las NU en Nueva York.

Familjen Sobell (fr.v.t.h.), dottern Sidney, Sobells mor Rose, 67 år, sonen Mark, 13 år, och hustrun Helen värdar till Förenta Nationerna i en demonstration utanför FNs högkvarter i New York.

La famiglia Sobell (da sinistra a destra), la figlia Sidney, la madre Rosa, di 67 anni, il figlio Mark, di 13 anni, e la moglie Elena, fa appello alle Nazioni Unite in pubblica protesta davanti all'ONU a New York.



The Sobell family (left to right), daughter Sidney, Sobell's mother Rose, 67, son Mark, 13, and wife Helen, appeal to the United Nations in public demonstration outside UN headquarters in New York.

The following are among the internationally known who have appealed for Morton Sobell's release on many grounds.

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Los siguientes se cuentan entre las figuras internacionales de renombre, que han apelado aduciendo multitud de razones, para que se le ponga en libertad:

- Belgian League for the Rights of Man
- Bishop of Birmingham, England
- Robert Bolt, playwright, England
- Dr. Martin Buber, Israel
- Dr. Edmond Cahn, New York University Law School
- Bertil Carlman, Sweden
- Pablo Casals, Puerto Rico
- Lord Chorley, England
- Canon Collins, England
- Fra Ester Dahl, Sweden
- Elizabeth, Queen Mother of Belgium
- Dr. Thomas A. Emerson, Yale Law School, U.S.A.
- Michael Foot, Sydney Silverman, Stephen Swinger, and twenty-seven other British Members of Parliament, England
- Gerald Gardner, Q.C., former Chairman of the General Council of the Bar of England
- Canon Bryan Green, England
- Dr. E. J. Jarus, chairman of the Israeli League for the Rights of Man, and twenty-four other eminent Israelis
- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., U.S.A.
- Morris Laub, Director of the Joint Commission on Social Action, United Synagogue of America, U.S.A.

Elenchiame, tra le personalita' internazionali che per ragioni varie hanno fatto appello per la liberazione di Sobell:

Bland de internationellt kända personligheter, som av många anledningar har värdjat för Sobells befrielse äro följande:

Les noms suivants sont parmi ceux de renommée internationale qui pour des raisons majeures réclament la mise en liberté de Sobell.

- Doris Lessing, author, England
- Rev. Peter McCormack, former Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz, U.S.A.
- U.S. Senator Lee Metcalf, U.S.A.
- Cesare Merzagora, President of Italian Senate, Italy
- Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, theologian, and fifteen hundred American Clergymen, U.S.A.
- Lord Boyd Orr, England
- Dr. Linus Pauling, scientist, U.S.A.
- Clarence E. Pickett, U.S.A.
- Dr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, Senior Professor of Law, University of Mexico
- Lord Bertrand Russell, England
- Jean-Paul Sartre, France
- Alan Sillitoe, author, England
- Donald Soper, England
- Bishop of Southwark, England
- Mervyn Stockwood, England
- Norman Thomas, civil libertarian, U.S.A.
- Kenneth Tynan, critic, England
- Dr. Harold C. Urey, scientist, U.S.A.
- Arnold Wesker, playwright, England
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, U.S.A.
- Bishop of Woolwich, England

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FOR RELEASE OCTOBER 3, 1962

Mrs. Rose Sobell, my husband's mother, my two children, Mark and Sydney, and I will mark Yom Kippur, our most solemn religious holiday, on October 8, in the only way that has any meaning for us.

My husband, Morton Sobell, an innocent man being shamefully persecuted by our government, is spending his 13th Yom Kippur behind bars.

On our Day of Atonement, we ask our nation to atone for the sin of injustice against a man who has committed no crime. The White House gates have become our wailing wall.

Beginning at 12 noon we will observe this sacred day walking before the White House with our signs asking President Kennedy to free my husband. It is too late to receive justice. The 13 years so cruelly taken from us cannot be given back.

But the President can free my husband so his mother can see him released while she is still alive, and so that we can still have some years together as man and wife. In this way some small measure of honor can still be salvaged for our country in the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

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It has been produced by top people in the documentary field, under the name of Veritas Productions. The producers have stipulated that they wish to be identified on the day Morton Sobell walks out of prison.

The producers came to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and offered to create such a film out of their conviction that they could convince the Parole Board or President Kennedy to free Sobell, and also persuade the public to take action in Sobell's behalf. They asked no money to cover the cost of financing. The Sobell Committee is paying the cost of the prints to be distributed for showing throughout the United States.

At the Parole Hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 30, in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Morton Sobell presented a print of the film to the Federal Parole Board, which is considering Sobell's case. Many notables attended the hearing to speak in Sobell's behalf, and there were messages from throughout the nation and the world to urge Sobell's release, including one from Lord Bertrand Russell charging that Sobell is an innocent man who is a victim of vengeance and "a vicious act of injustice in the tradition of judicial murders."

The Sobell Committee announces that the new film will be sent abroad for dubbing and distribution, and that it will be available in major American cities for presentation in art houses, and for showing either as public service programs or paid broadcasts on television stations. The sound track has also been adapted for use on radio stations in similar public service programs or paid broadcasts.

Throughout his 12 years of imprisonment, as a result of his conviction in the trial with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Sobell has

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steadfastly maintained his innocence. Many people have taken action on his behalf because they are convinced of his innocence, others have been outraged by the 30-year sentence given on the uncorroborated testimony of a self-confessed perjurer, and many have doubted that a fair trial could have been obtained in the hysteria that prevailed at the time. Sobell served more than five years in Alcatraz, and is now at the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta. A job awaits him upon his release. His parole advisor would be Rabbi Balfour Brickner of New York.

Persons urging Sobell's freedom include: Authors Robert Bolt, Arnold Wesker, Alan Sillitoe and Doris Lessing of England; Jean-Paul Sartre of France; authors James T. Farrell, Dwight Macdonald and Waldo Frank of the United States; Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother of Belgium; philosopher Martin Buber of Israel and 30 prominent Israelis; 30 members of Parliament in England; cellist Pablo Casals; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr and Dr. John C. Bennett of the Union Theological Seminary; law professors Edmond Cahn of New York University and Thomas Emerson of Yale; and civil libertarian Roger Baldwin.

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Wednesday, November 7, 1962

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This movie will convince. It will arouse people to action. It will become known throughout the nation, if you help.

WILL YOU HELP LAUNCH THIS FILM? Funds must be available to pay for prints (\$75 each), to buy time on television stations throughout the country to reach thousands of viewers at once, to arrange previews in local theatres and auditoriums, and to distribute the film to church, synagogue, campus, civil liberties and other community organizations.

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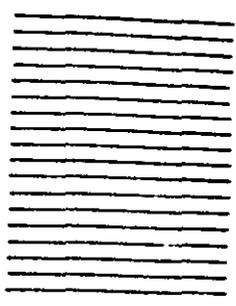
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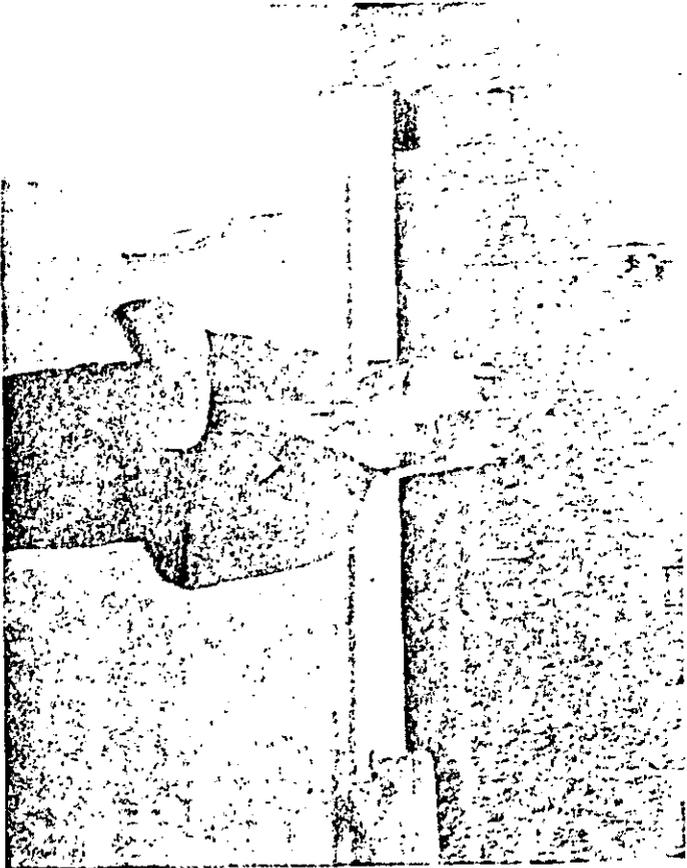
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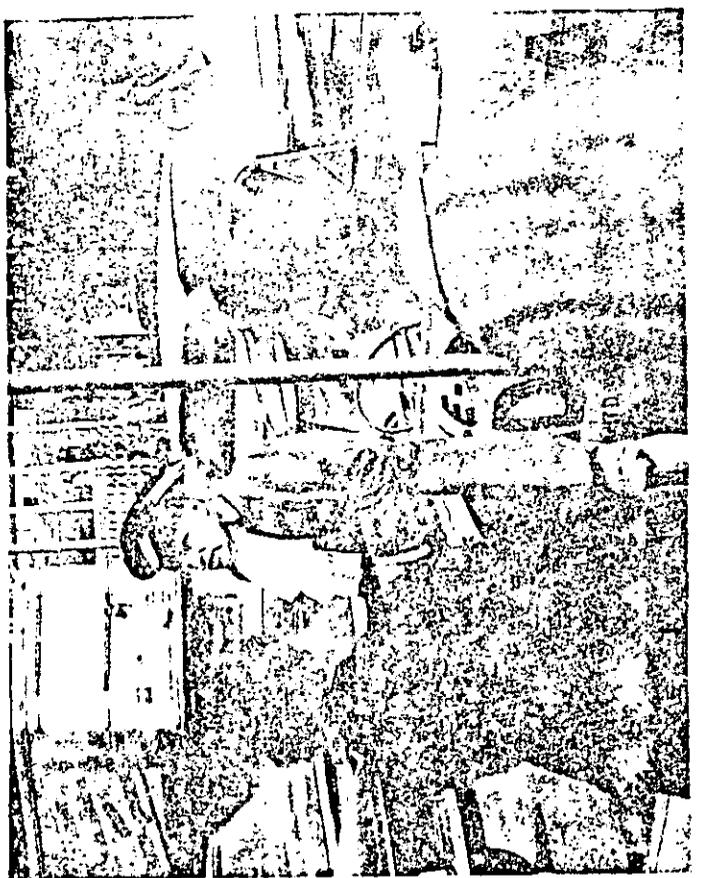
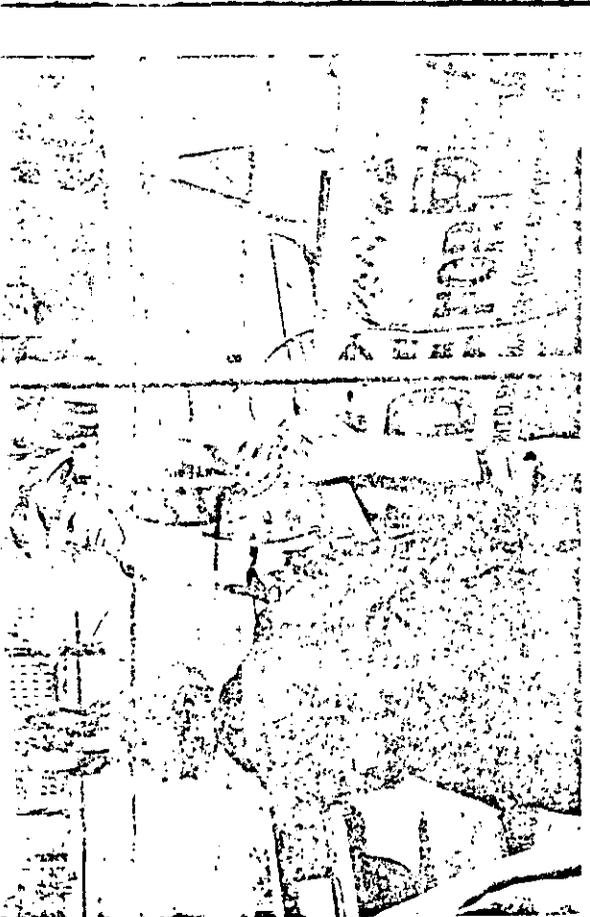
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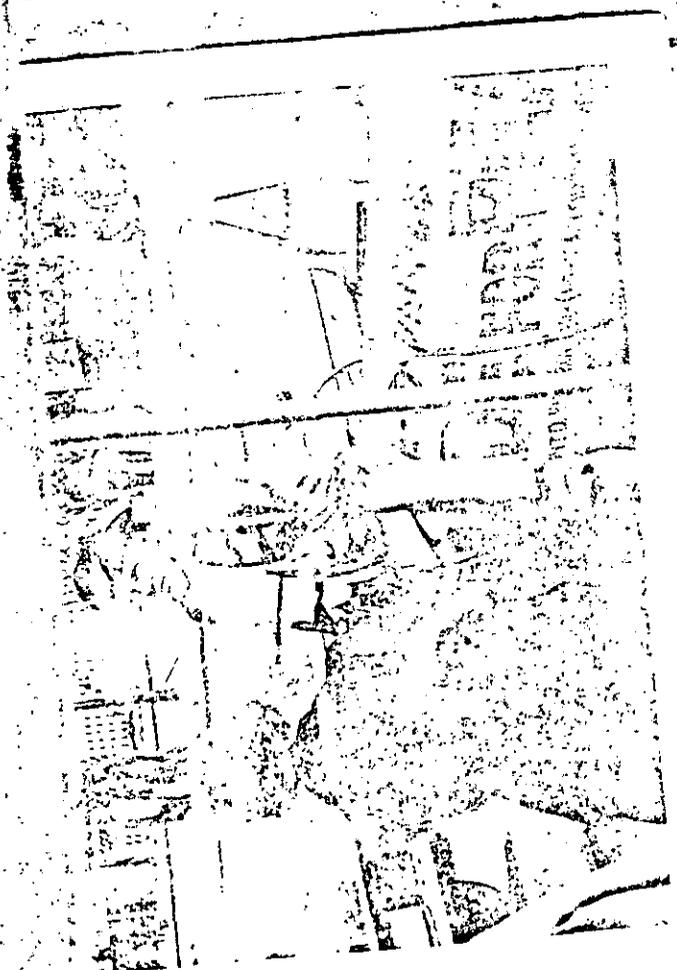
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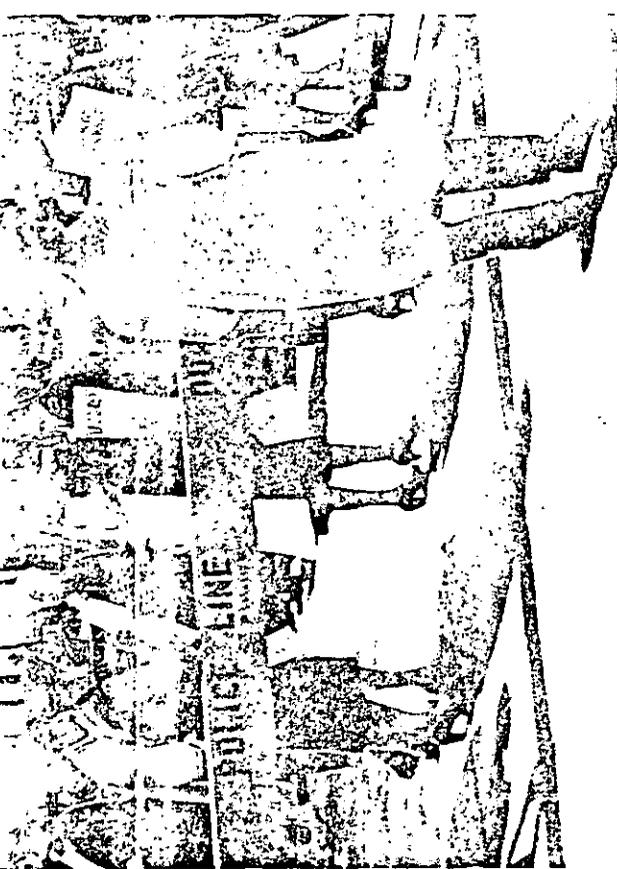
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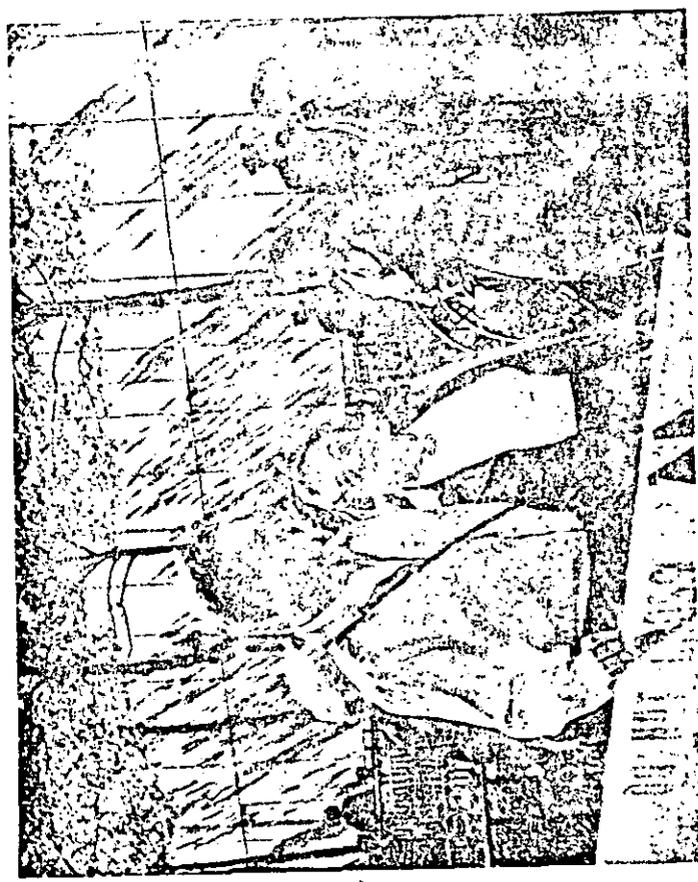
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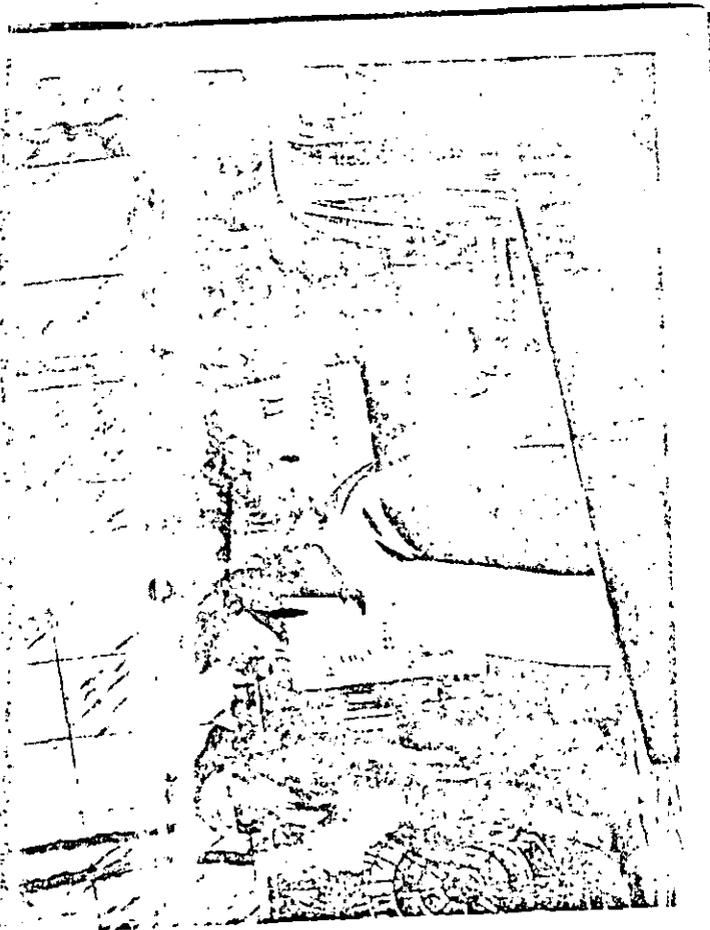
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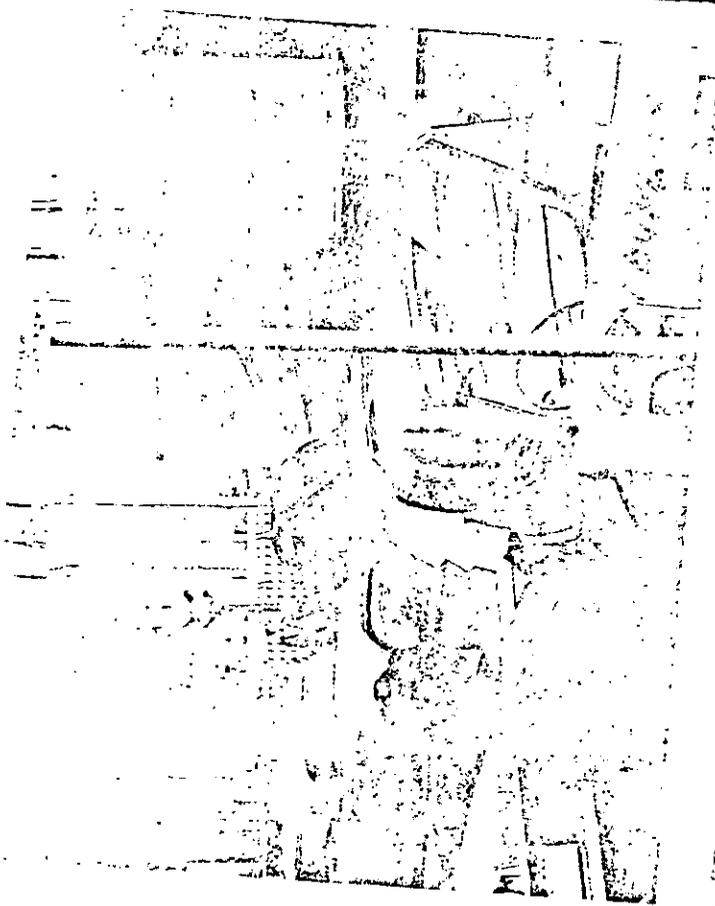
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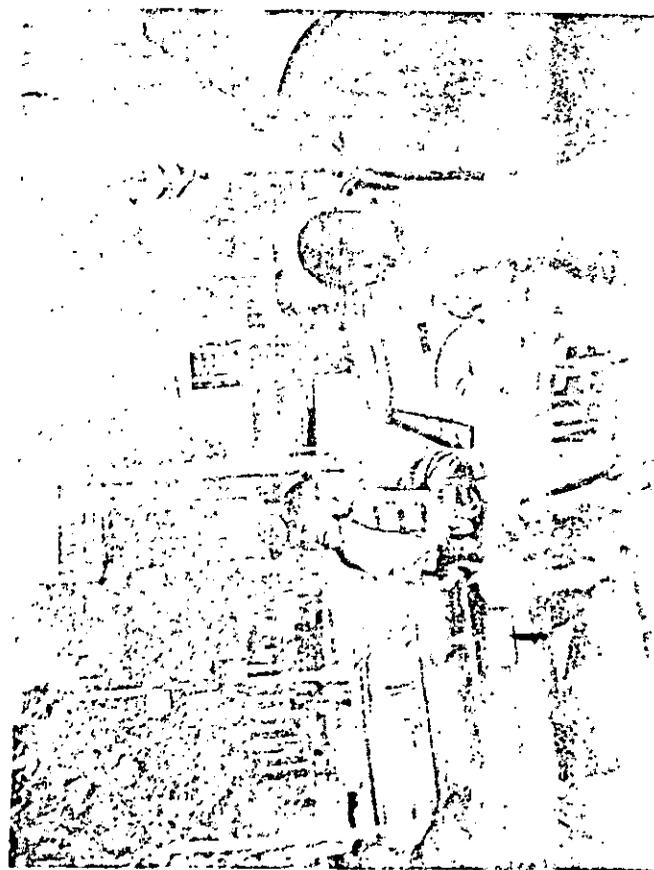
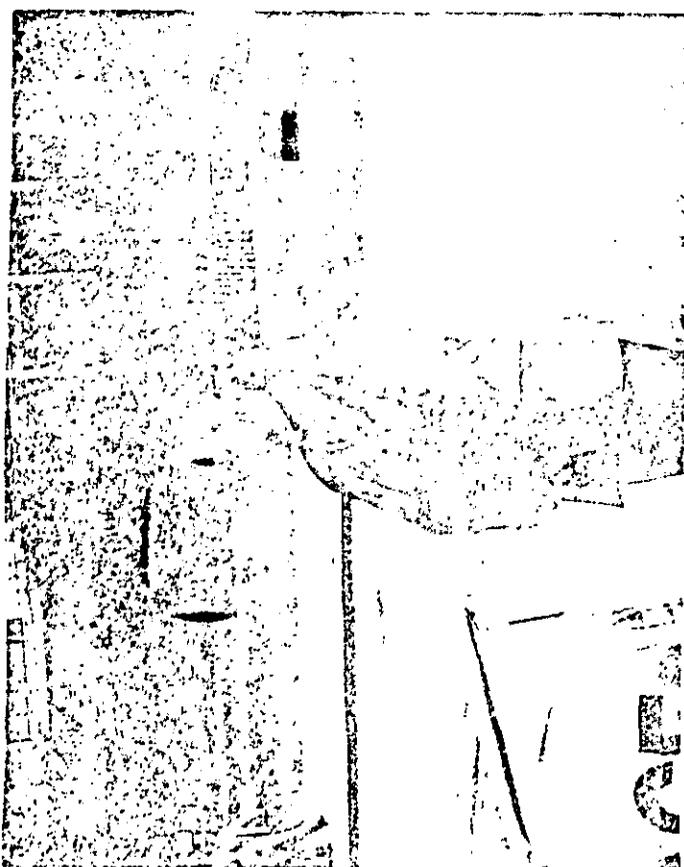
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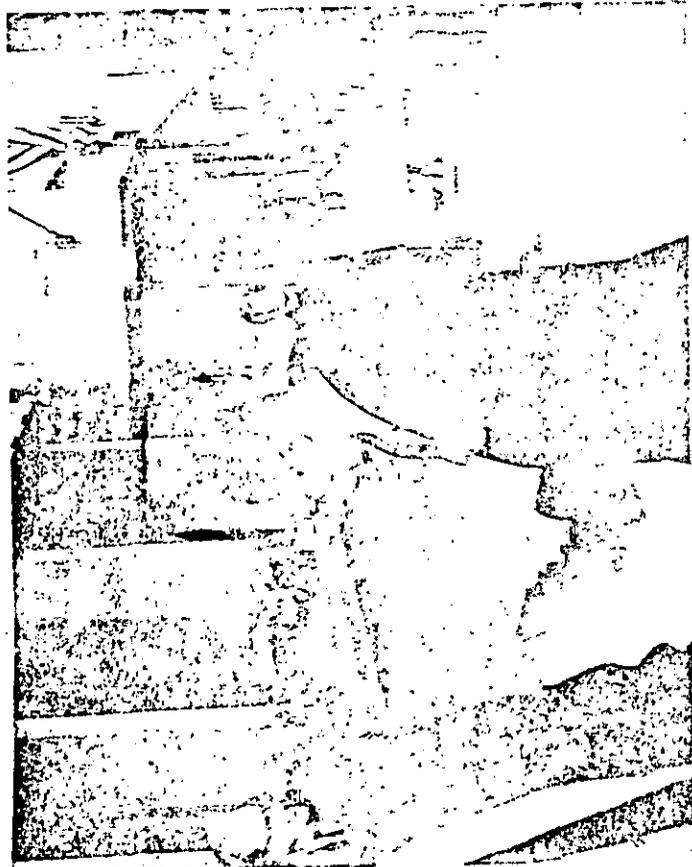
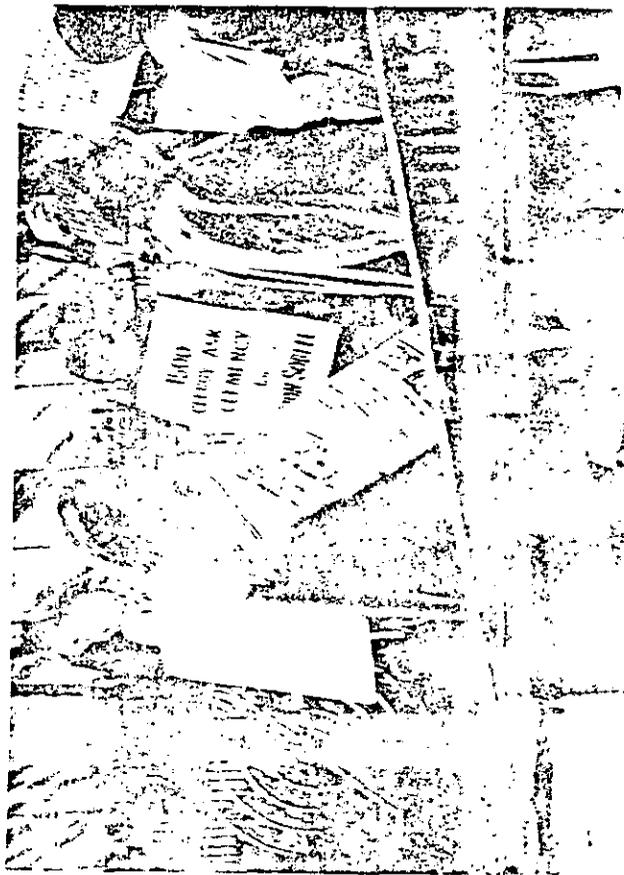
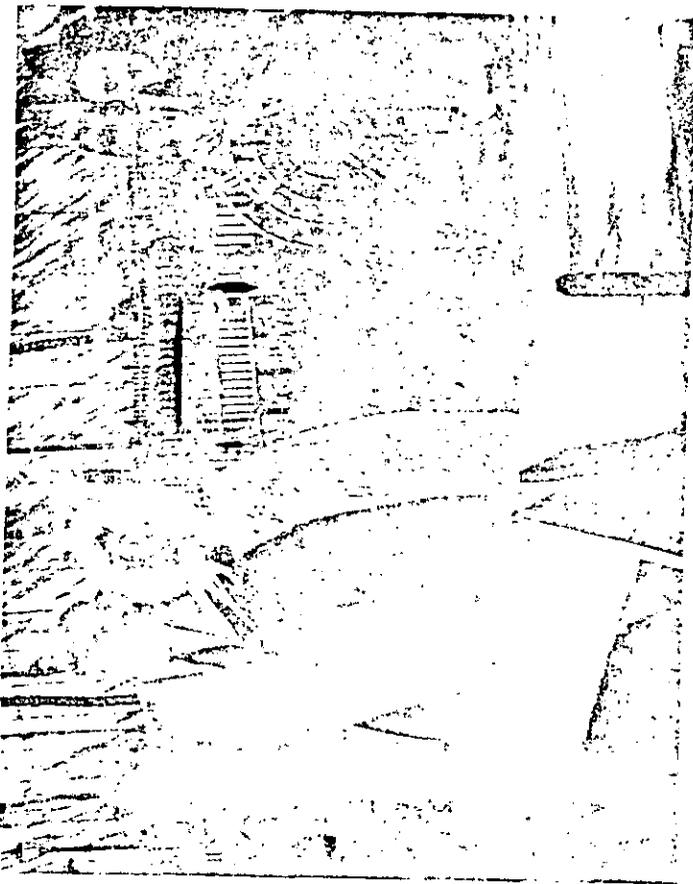
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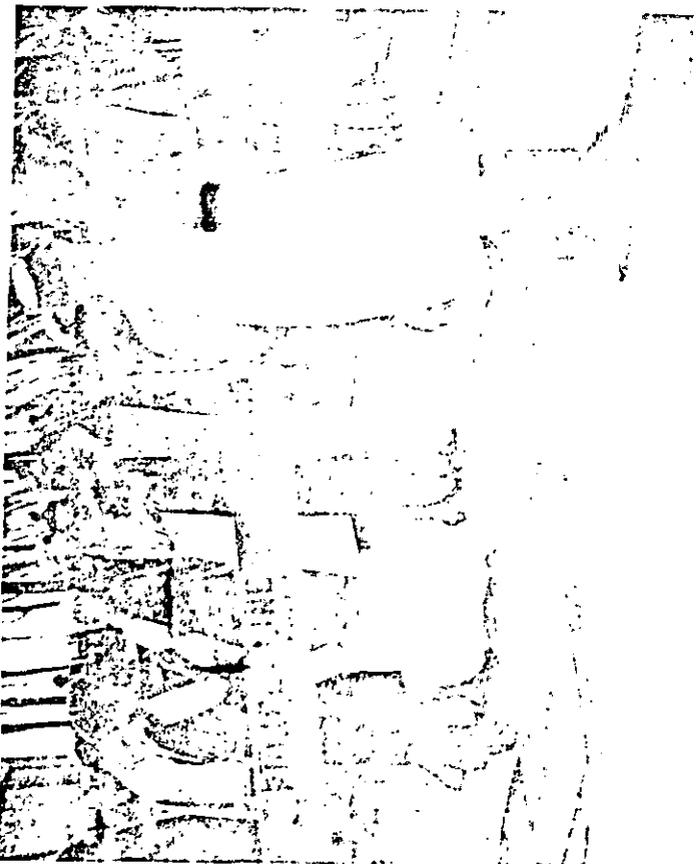
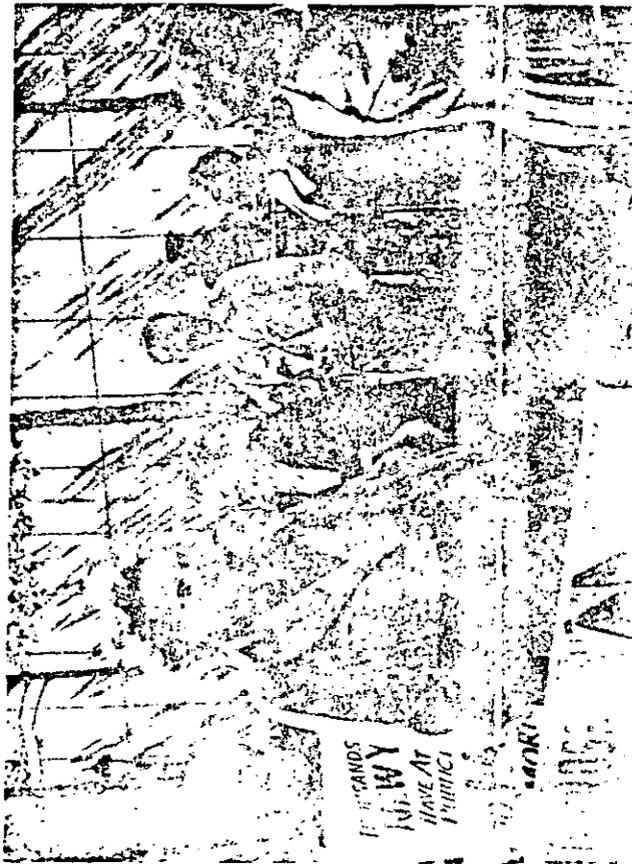
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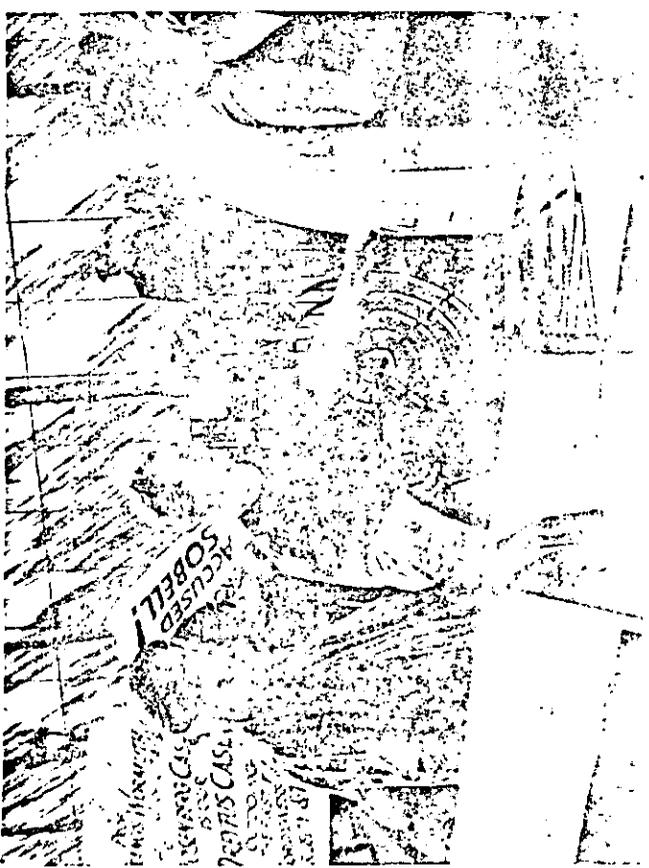
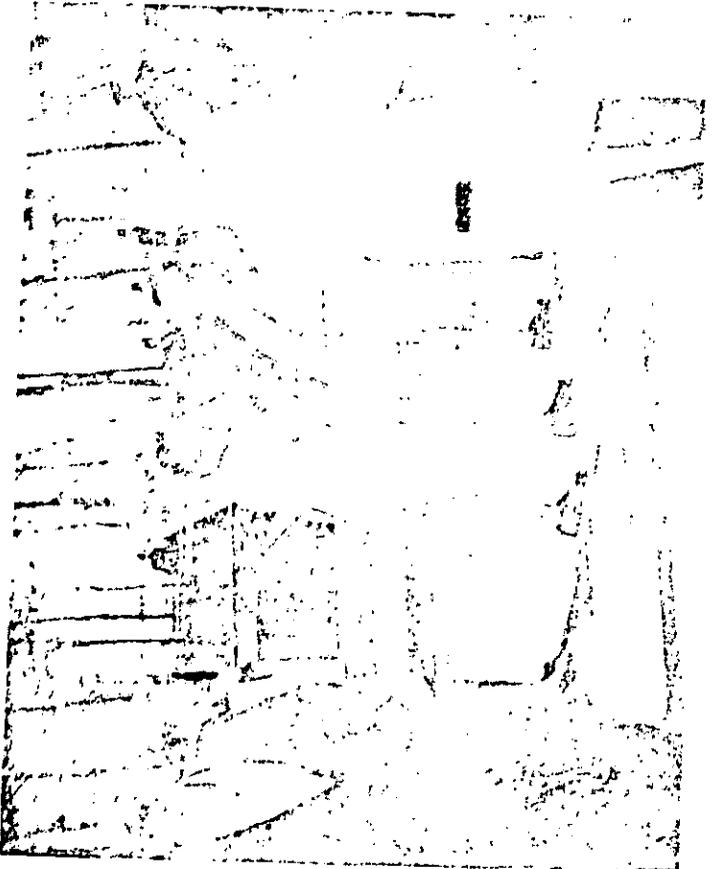
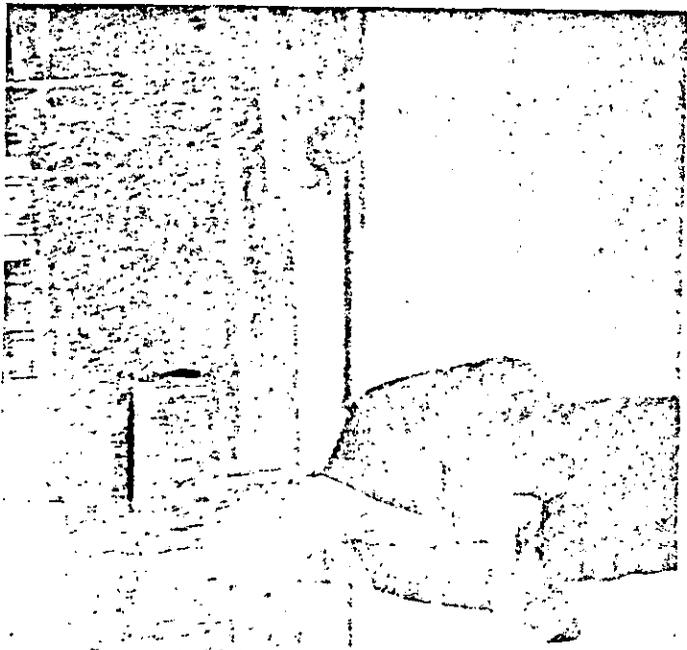
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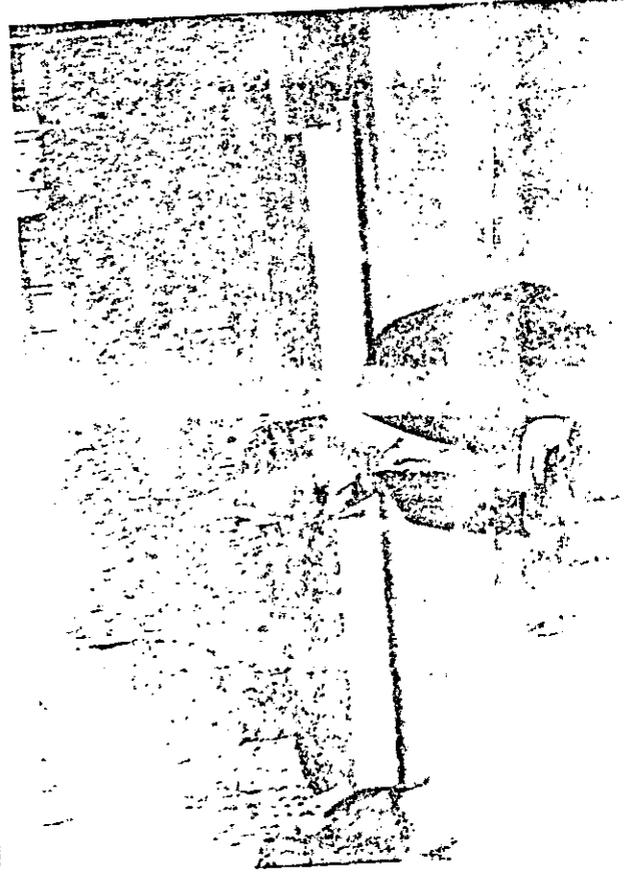
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Dear Friend:

If there were a motion picture award for a film that boldly seeks truth and national honor, it would go to the compelling new documentary "MORTON SOBELL -- A PLEA FOR JUSTICE." Produced on a volunteer basis by top people in the industry, this film can serve to free Morton Sobell, my innocent husband.

The first print of the film has been presented to the United States Parole Board. Copies are being distributed throughout the country and abroad.

As we enter the period when President Kennedy could free Morton a Christmas gift, this motion picture must be shown to millions who can make their voices felt in Washington.

Imagine turning on your TV set and seeing the Sobell story. It can be done, if we have the funds to purchase TV time. Think of the impact in every city when the film is shown before important organizations and in theaters or auditoriums. It can be done if we have the funds for enough prints costing \$75 each.

Morton, in his 13th year of imprisonment, cannot see this film until he is free. Your contribution now will speed the day of his release. Please help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Morton Sobell)

P.S. When sending us your contribution, be sure to mail the enclosed card to President Kennedy.

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United States Parole Board in support of Morton Sobell's plea for freedom. Following are excerpts from appeals to the Board by notables. (Affiliations are given for identification only.)

...include with those of Professor Harold Grey, whose logic seems to me to prove the utter falsity of the case against Morton Sobell. I believe moreover that American democracy is gravely imperiled by the existence of such cases and by the techniques of delay and evasion used to avoid swift and reasonable action."

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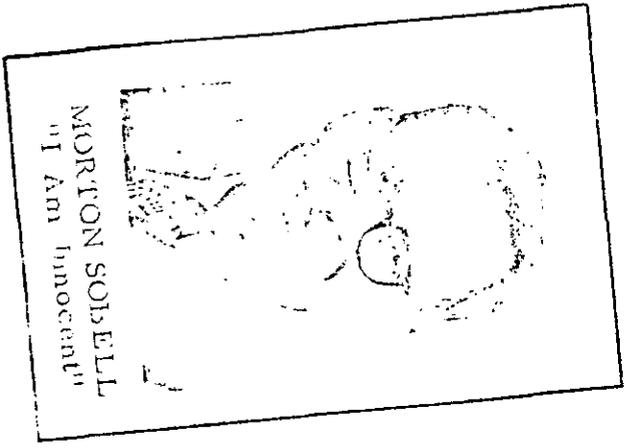
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In addition to presentation before officials, the film is designed for use by art theatres and by stations. The soundtrack will be made available to radio stations. Also, it's to be sent abroad for dubbing and distribution.

Sobell is now serving a 30-year sentence at the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta.

This is believed the first time in which a film specifically has been made with the sole thought in mind only of freeing an imprisoned man. "Birdman of Alcatraz," the Burt Lancaster star, cruades for release of a prisoner, now 72, with 50 years behind bars, but the Federal authorities are iccold to its message.

The prisoner is Robert Stroud.

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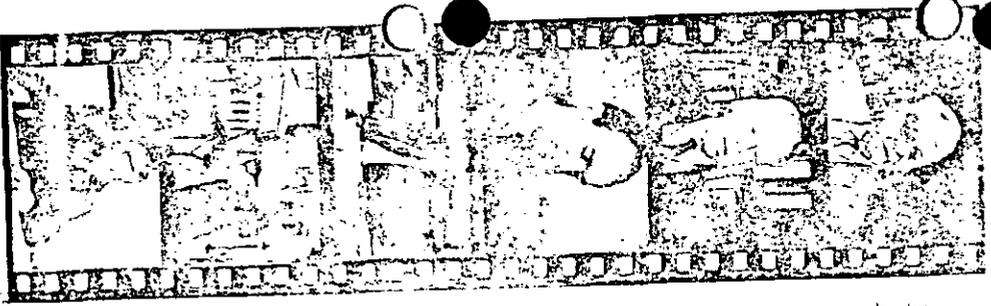
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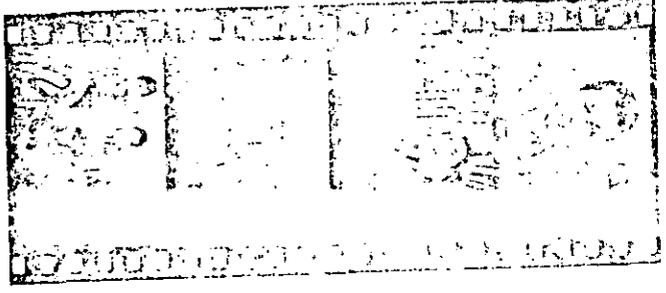
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DEAR PRESIDENT KENNEDY:

The holiday season continues to be marred by the tragic fact that Morton Sobell has not yet been released, even though this is his 13th year of imprisonment. The pleas of people from throughout the country and other parts of the world have not been granted.

We ask you to make this year different. Please use your power to return Morton Sobell to his family by Executive Clemency. Mr. Sobell vows his innocence, but surely you will agree that even if the verdict against him is accepted, further suffering for him and his family can only be vindictive.

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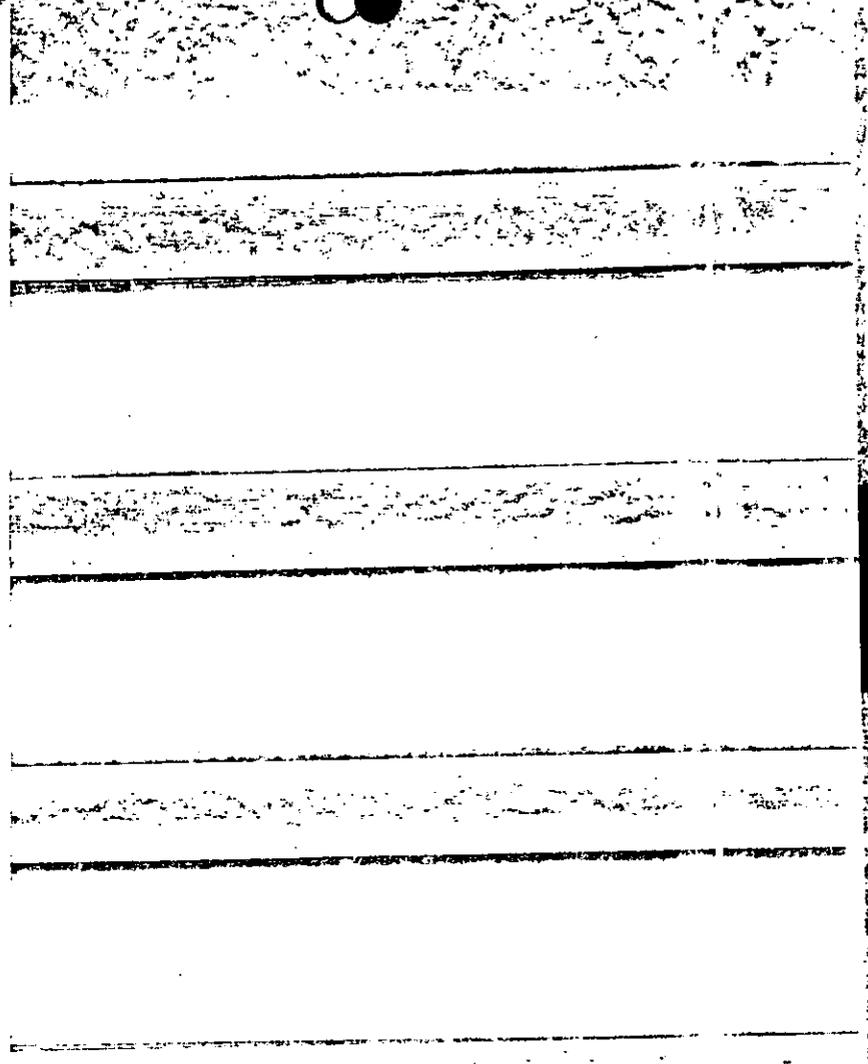
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Dear Friend:

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The first print of the film has been presented to the United States Parole Board. Copies are being distributed throughout the country and abroad.

As we enter the period when President Kennedy could be elected, the story of Morton Sobell and Christine Sobell, who were must be shown to millions who can make their voices felt in Washington.

Imagine turning on your TV set and seeing the Sobell story. It can be done, if we have the funds to purchase TV time. Think of the impact in every city when the film is shown before important organizations and in theaters or auditoriums. It can be done if we have the funds for enough prints costing \$75 each.

Morton, in his 13th year of imprisonment, cannot see this film until he is free. Your contribution now will speed the day of his release. Please help.

Sincerely,

Morton Sobell,

P.S. When sending us your contribution, be sure to mail the enclosed card to President Kennedy.

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The first print of the new film has been given to the United States Parole Board in support of Morton Sobell's plea for freedom. Following are excerpts from appeals to the Board by notables. (Affiliations are given for identification only.)

DR. GARDNER MURPHY, The Menninger Foundation: "My views coincide with those of Professor Harold Grey, whose logic seems to me to prove the utter futility of the case against Morton Sobell. I believe moreover that American democracy is gravely imperiled by the existence of such cases and by the techniques of delay and evasion used to avoid swift and reasonable action."

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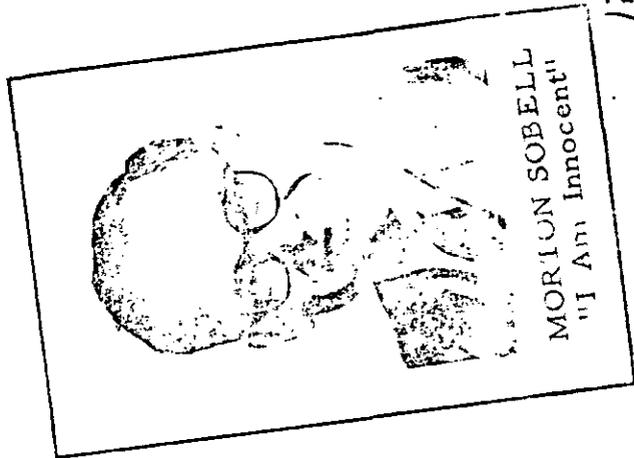
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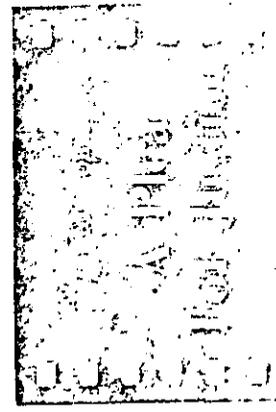
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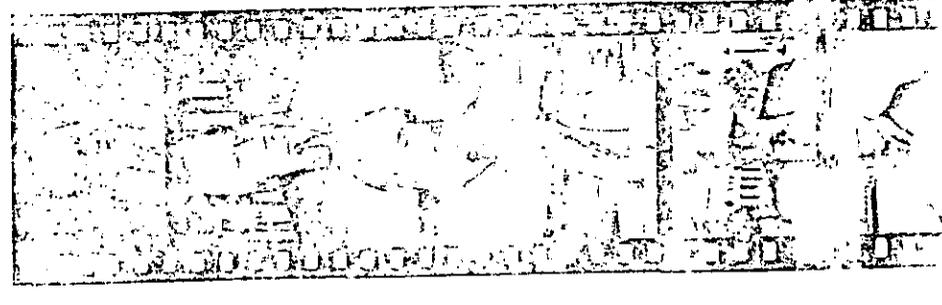
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PRESIDENTIAL INQUIRY OF U.S. PAROLE BOARD POLICY
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FOLLOWING NEW PAROLE DENIAL FOR MORTON SOBELL

Notables Attack Ruling as Political, Unjust
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NEW YORK--Individuals representative of the
many eminent persons throughout the world urging
freedom for Morton Sobell are vigorously condemning
the new denial of parole that has come from the
United States Parole Board in Washington in the case
of the American scientist fighting to prove his
innocence of the conspiracy to commit espionage
charge on which he was condemned to 30 years.

Professor Thomas I. Emerson of the Yale Law
School branded the denial of parole to Sobell now
in his 13th year of imprisonment, as the result of a
policy that is "a disgrace to our democratic society."
He said the only explanation was a general policy

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of the Parole Board to refuse parole to persons convicted of political offenses.

"President Kennedy", Professor Emerson asserted, "should appoint a Commission of outstanding citizens to inquire into this practice and make recommendations for a more civilized policy."

Mrs. Morton Sobell, whose husband was tried together with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, said she and her husband's mother, the 68 year old Rose Sobell, had received letters from the Parole Board, dated January 7th, stating the following:

"This will refer to your visit to this office on Tuesday, October 30, 1962, accompanied by your mother-in-law, son, attorneys and others, at which time you conferred with Members of the Board in behalf of your husband, Morton.

"The Members of the Board have now completed their review of Mr. Sobell's case and have ordered that no change be made at this time in the Board's previous order denying parole. The Board has requested, however, that a Special Progress Report be submitted when further information is available regarding your husband's physical condition. We understand that he is presently undergoing a physical examination.

"We appreciate your natural interest in this case and regret the Board's decision could not be more favorable at this time.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Joseph N. Shore
Parole Executive."

Sobell's health is a factor, since he has been suffering severe stomach discomfort, not alleviated by the gall bladder removal operation which he underwent in prison. At Sobell's parole hearing on October 30, 1962, a leading internist, Dr. Sidney

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Greenberg, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Cornell Medical School and member of the staff at Bellevue Hospital, expressed serious concern for Mr. Sobell's condition. The parole hearing was attended by eminent persons from across the United States, and letters recommending release had come from throughout the world. Sobell's conviction was denounced as unfair, based on flimsy testimony of a confessed perjurer, and the sentence called an outgrowth of the McCarthy era hysteria.

Writer Dwight Macdonald branded the parole denial as "disgraceful" and said: "The only reason for their action I can think of is a political one, since Mr. Sobell's record in prison and his prospects for a constructive living if he were released are of such a nature that if political prejudices were not involved, he would almost certainly have been granted parole.

Mrs. Sobell said new appeals would be pressed to the Board and to President Kennedy. She called the denial "vindictive, inhuman and unjust." Mrs. Sobell said: "Just as the U.S. Attorney on December 7th admitted that Ethel Rosenberg, 10 years after her death, was entitled to freedom or a new trial, so the vindictive, inhuman and unjust treatment of my husband will be condemned. To continue to gratuitously ruin the life of a man and his entire family is immoral. It can be justified under no circumstances."

Mrs. Sobell made public the following other immediate comments:

Rabbi Philip Horowitz of Cleveland: "What a sad commentary, that an unquestionable criminal fares better than one whose conviction is based on political views! If only our President

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would act to right this wrong! He would thereby silence the righteous indignation which will surely follow this denial of parole."

Reverend David Colwell, Pastor, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Chairman, Department of Church and Society, Council of Churches, National Capital Area, Washington, D.C.: "I am deeply disappointed in the denial of parole. It is hard to see how righteousness and justice are thus served. Surely, the image of American mercy and justice is hereby tarnished. The only recourse now open is in presidential clemency; I trust that Mr. Kennedy will act swiftly and surely."

Attorney William Kunstler of New York: "I feel it is a harsh and unjust epilogue to what I consider to be an equally harsh and unjust sentence."

Psychologist Tom Levin of New York: "I was most distressed to hear that the Parole Board was not able to recognize that the cause of justice and humanity in the Morton Sobell case would best be served by his release at this time."

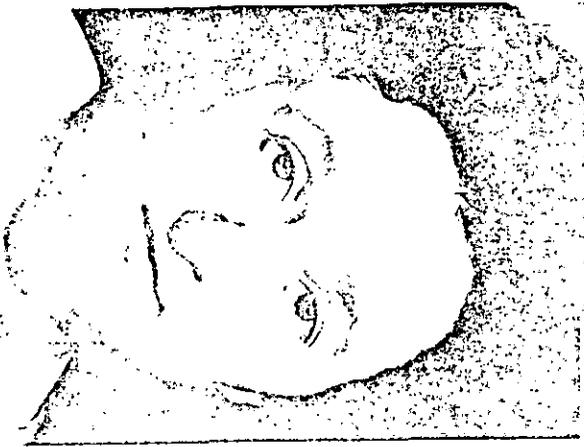
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FOR 11 YEARS A DECADE of legal procedures, of hiatus, prosecution, death, and the living death of 30 years in prison awaited the pause in which Judge Thurgood Marshall waited for the answer of U.S. Attorney Robert J. Geniesse. Judge Marshall had asked, "If Ethel Rosenberg were tried, say last spring, and we had her conviction before this court today, wouldn't we have to reverse on the authority of *Grunewald*?" A hush fell upon the courtroom of the Second Circuit of Appeals in Foley Square, New York. Judges Henry J. Friendly and Thomas W. Swan, listened attentively to the argument being presented to the three-judge bench.

THIS SCENE TOOK PLACE Dec. 7, well into the 13th year of imprisonment for my husband, Morton Sobell, and as the tenth anniversary of the execution of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg approached. A new examination of "the outstanding political trial of our generation" was being demanded. Our attorneys, Marshall Perlin and Sanford Katz, had finished their discussion of two motions that challenge both the decision and sentencing in the Rosenberg-Sobell case. Perlin had discussed the conduct of the prosecutor as he questioned Ethel Rosenberg in March, 1951, during the trial. As Ethel had answered question after question, the prosecutor asked each time, "But when you were asked this question before the Grand Jury, didn't you then refuse to answer this question because you said it would incriminate you?"

Ethel had stated, and her attorney, the late Emanuel Bloch, had pointed out again and again that no inference may be drawn from the use of the Fifth Amendment, that it is the refuge of the innocent against the overwhelming power of the state. More than 125 questions were asked of Ethel relating to her appearance before the Grand Jury. It was four years after her death that the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled, in the *Grunewald* case, which involved tax evasion, that it was prejudicial error for a judge to permit such questioning.



ETHEL ROSENBERG

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THE U.S. ATTORNEY answered out, "I argued that after 12 years we were not entitled to be retried, that the time had long since run out, that any number of appeals had already been turned down, etc. It was on technical and procedural grounds that this appeal must be summarily disposed of," he said. Further, he argued that even if this *Grunewald* decision applied, it was so far away from Morton Sobell that he could not avail himself of it because the prejudice would have to be connected from Sobell through Elitcher (the only witness against Sobell), through Julius Rosenberg, to Ethel. Judge Friendly commented that the defense could use the same reasoning and "get more mileage" out of it.

Again in debating our second motion, which held that the wartime Sobell sentence of 30 years was illegal, Geniesse stressed the time lapse since the decision. One judge then asked, almost angrily, "Hasn't this man been in Atlanta prison during this period? You're not arguing that he wanted to stay there and was biting his tongue?"

Our challenge was based on the fact that the charge by Judge Irving R. Kaufman had omitted the element charging the jury to find that the alleged crime had been committed in time of war. When this was revealed there seemed to be a flurry of shock on the bench. "Why wasn't this raised before?" Perlin replied, "It was the teaching of *Lee v. Weisman* which brought this hitherto administrative question into the purview of the court" (in that case the Supreme Court held the war ended with the cessation of hostilities.)

IN THIS COURTROOM where I had sat before, in this building where I had watched the living witnesses and the scheming prosecutor talk away the lives of Ethel and Julius, and send Morton to the unshiverable years of Alcatraz and Atlanta, for the first time there seemed to be a listening. All the many persons who had never accepted the Rosenberg-Sobell verdicts scurried crowded into the quiet room. The Pope, the President of France, the millions from all over the world who cried, "Wait, there are doubts," converged upon the moment of waiting.

Judge Marshall had dropped the question of manbo-tingo as he asked what effect the *Grunewald* decision might have had on the Rosenberg verdicts. And the U.S. attorney answered: "This court would probably have to rule in favor of the defendant." His words cannot bring life to Ethel and Julius. If the lesson can be learned, it can bring Morton's freedom.

A doctor who has examined all available information about Morton's health says he may be in a "fair" condition. Don't permit this senseless torment to continue so many years later another U.S. Attorney can admit that justice was "faithfully served." Please write now to the President asking for release for Morton. My mother Rose and I ask for your help.

—Helen Sobell

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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We will have a print of the film in Philadelphia very shortly — you will soon have the opportunity to see the film and help us plan for additional showings. — Political clubs, colleges, law groups, Y's and labor unions should be urged to show the film.

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Highlighting the meeting will be the showing of the new documentary film, "Morton Sobell--a Plea for Justice." The movie, a half hour film, features atomic scientist Dr. Harold C. Urey, law professor Malcolm P. Sharp of the University of Chicago, attorney Stephen S. Love of Chicago, Rev. Dr. Erwin A. Gaede of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Sobell's defense attorneys Eleanor Jackson Piel and Marshall Perlin, and is narrated by Los Angeles Television Commentator Lew Brown.

In announcing the meeting, under auspices of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, committee co-chairman Mrs. Morton Sobell asserted:

"The Rosenbergs were accused of giving Russia the atomic bomb and thereby bearing responsibility for the Korean War. Aside from questions of guilt or innocence, appeals from the world over, including Pope Pius XII and the President of France, urged that the unprecedented sentences not be carried out.

"Today the idea that Russia could have obtained her atomic bomb from the Rosenbergs is recognized as absurd. I have heard many people agree, but add that surely the Rosenbergs must have been guilty of something. But of what if not that for which they were put to death? We know of nothing. Throughout the years men and more people have exposed the unreliable witnesses whose work was then accepted. (There was no documentary evidence.) Lies and inconsistencies in the testimony have been shown.

"Recently I sat in a federal courtroom in which my husband's attorneys were challenging the fairness of the trial on an appeal for a new trial or freedom. Federal Judge Thurgood Marshall and U.S. Attorney Robert J. Geniesse agreed that if Ethel Rosenberg were appealing today she would probably have to receive a new trial. What a tragic comment on capital punishment!

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Dear Fellow American:

For 13 years, ever since his arrest in 1950, my husband, Morton Sobell, has been imprisoned, accused of conspiracy to commit espionage. HE IS INNOCENT! But in the hysteria of the McCarthy era, he was condemned to 30 years on the word of a confessed perjurer in the trial with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Ten years ago the Rosenbergs, asserting their innocence, were executed.

The facts of our trial may be new to many young people who were children at the time. But people throughout our country and the world can never forget what the Columbia Law Review has described as "the outstanding 'political' trial of our generation." The Rosenbergs were accused of giving Russia the atomic bomb and thereby bearing responsibility for the Korean War. Aside from questions of guilt or innocence, appeals from the world over, including Pope Pius XII and the President of France, urged that the unprecedented sentences not be carried out.

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Today the idea that Russia could have obtained her atomic bomb from the Rosenbergs is recognized as absurd. I have heard many people agree, but even that surely the Rosenbergs must have been guilty of something. But of what? If not that for which they were put to death? We know of nothing. Throughout the years more and more people have exposed the unreliable witnesses whose word was then accepted. (There was no documentary evidence.) Lies and inconsistencies in the testimony have been shown.

Recently I sat in a federal courtroom in which my husband's attorneys were challenging the fairness of the trial on an appeal for a new trial or freedom. Federal Judge Thurgood Marshall and U. S. Attorney Robert J. Geniesse agreed that if Ethel Rosenberg were appealing today she would probably have to receive a new trial. What a tragic comment on capital punishment!

With respect to my husband, the overwhelming list of those asking clemency or parole includes eminent persons of all shades of opinion. Many close to the present Administration have asked his release. Yet the Parole Board refuses. The President refuses. Why?

Professor Francis Wormuth of the University of Utah has called my husband "the man in the iron mask of American jurisprudence." He is saying that the entire Rosenberg-Sobell trial is so sordid that nobody in Washington wants to chance its reopening. They would rather let an innocent man remain in prison torn from his family than open a door that could permit light on one of the most shameful episodes in our history.

It is time we opened that door. For my husband's freedom - for a full search for the whole truth - I ask you to help us start by hearing the various viewpoints expressed at our meeting at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, on February the 27th, at 8:15 p. m.

With determination that the truth be known,

Helen S. Sobell
(Mrs. Morton Sobell)

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