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2933	4/14/58	MI report to HQ	11	11	
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2935	4/14/58	M.I. Letter to HQ	3	3	
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2942	4/16/58	NY memo to SAC	1	0	
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2944	4/16/58	NY memo to SAC	2	0	
2945	4/16/58	NY memo to SAC	4	0	
2946	4/16/58	NY memo to SAC	3	-	See NY 100-109849
2947	4/17/58	B.S. letter to HQ	3	3	
2948	4/17/58	NY airtel to HQ	1	1	
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2953	4/22/58	NY. Airtel to HQ	1	1	
2954	4/22/58	NY. memo to SAC	1	1	
2955	4/22/58	P.H. Airtel to HQ	1	0	
2956	4/22/58	NY. memo to SAC	1	1	
2957	4/23/58	NY. memo to SAC	3	-	See NY 100-109849
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2965	4/29/58	Internal memo	3	0	
2966	4/30/58	NY memo to SAC	5	0	
2967	4/30/58	NY memo to SAC	10	0	
2968	4/30/58	S.F. memo to SAC	5	5	
2968	4/30/58	S.F. memo to SAC	5	0	
2969	5/1/58	Internal memo	2	-	See MS 100-37158-1928 <del>NY 100-107819</del>
2970	5/2/58	NY memo to SAC	3	0	
2971	5/2/58	NY memo to SAC	1	1	

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2972	5/5/58	Internal memo	2	0	
2973	5/6/58	P.D. memo to MI	1	0	
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2975	5/7/58	NY memo to L.A.	5	0	
2976	5/8/58	Internal memo	4	0	
2977	5/8/58	Internal memo	2	-	File # 100-2-78 See NY 100-37158-1929
2978	5/8/58	S.L. memo to SAC	1	1	
2978*	5/10/58	AL Airtel to HQ	2	0	
2978 <sup>M</sup>	5/10/58	copy of Airtel to HQ	2	0	2 dupes
2979	5/12/58	NY memo to SAC	2	2	
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2984	5/13/58	NY memo to SAC	3	0	
2985	5/16/58	DE memo to file with copies to NY	7	-	See NY 100-109849- <sup>93</sup>
2985 <sup>A</sup>	5/14/58	NY SAC memo to file	3	3	
2986	5/14/58	S.D. Airtel to HQ	1	1	
2986 <sup>A</sup>	5/14/58	L.A. memo to HQ	2	0	
2987	5/14/58	S.L. Airtel to HQ	1	0	
2987 <sup>A</sup>	5/14/58	L.A. memo to SAC	4	0	
2988	5/15/58	AL Airtel to HQ	2	0	
2989	5/15/58	Internal Memo	3	0	



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TITLE OF CASE <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka. National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>RUSSELL D. JONES</b>	TYPED BY <b>aj</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

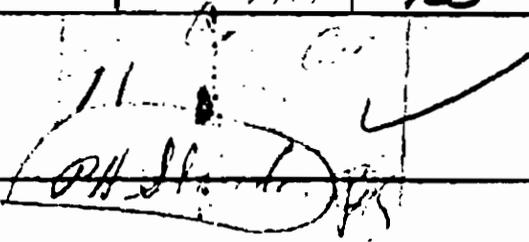
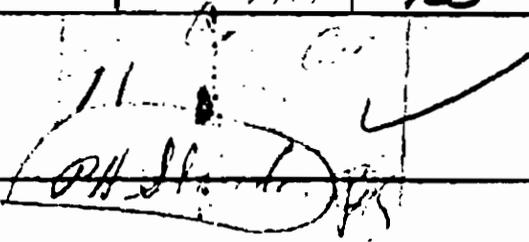
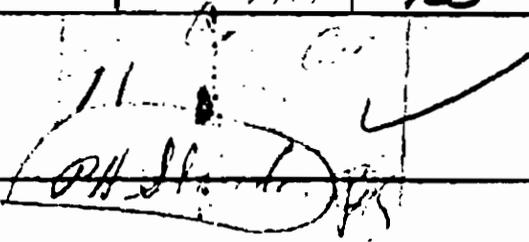
**SYNOPSIS:**

Milwaukee Sobell Committee members collecting money for Amicus Curiae Brief. Committee also conducting survey in neighborhoods throughout city, purpose to reveal how much public is acquainted with case. Sobell Committee has held numerous house parties to raise funds for Sobell. Officers elected to Sobell Committee in July, 1957, continue to be officers in same capacity.

**[REDACTED]** as of March 31, 1958, Milwaukee Sobell Committee banking account had balance of \$9.25. Informant advised that at Communist Party meeting held October, 1957, JOHN GILMAN asked for support by the club in raising \$50 to pay to the Sobell Committee.

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DETAILS:

PREFACE

An informant advised on October 16, 1953, that the National Conference on the Rosenberg Sobell Case was held October 10 and 11, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant further advised that this committee became inactive in the spring of 1955. b7d

On [REDACTED] an informant advised that the Milwaukee Branch of the Sobell Committee was reactivated on July 29, 1957. On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that at a meeting of the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell held [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that the purpose of the Sobell Committee was to get SOBELL's case before the U. S. Supreme Court. b7d

[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] an informant advised that JOHN GILMAN, Chairman, and CORA BERBERICH, Treasurer of the Sobell Committee, were members of the Communist Party and that the major portion of the members of the Sobell Committee are members of the Communist Party. Informant also advised that WAYNE LEVERENZ and BETSY STERGAR are Vice Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Sobell Committee. b7d

On [REDACTED] an informant identified LEVERENZ and STERGAR as members of the Socialist Workers Party. b7d

An informant, on [REDACTED] advised that the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is one of the affiliated committees of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and that the Milwaukee Committee has held regular meetings since its reactivation on July 29, 1957. b7d

Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the

campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)

VI. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] advised that members of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee were collecting money for the Amicus Curiae Brief. b7d

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet published by the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 914 North Plankinton Avenue, Room 310, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which gave a general report concerning signatures being collected on the brief throughout the U. S. b7d

"The Milwaukee Journal," a Milwaukee, Wisconsin daily newspaper, of November 24, 1957, carried an article entitled "Asks Freedom for Spy Sobell" which reads in part as follows:

"The wife of convicted atom spy Morton Sobell Saturday night called for a 'committee of one million persons' to work for her husband's freedom.

"My husband never was connected with any kind of espionage," said Mrs. Helen Sobell at a meeting sponsored by the Milwaukee unit of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. About 40 persons attended the meeting at the Wisconsin hotel.

"John Gilman, 2851 N. 1st st., chairman of the Milwaukee unit, said that \$181.50 was contributed and pledged by members of the audience."

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] advised that the Milwaukee Sobell Committee held a fund raising party to support MORTON SOBELL at [redacted] on [redacted] b7d

On [redacted] and [redacted] voluntarily furnished a leaflet published by the Milwaukee Sobell Committee which stated that the Milwaukee Sobell Committee is now attempting to get the Junior Bar Association to have MALCOLM A. SHARP of the University of Chicago Law School speak before their meeting on the new evidence in the Sobell Case. b7d

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] advised that at a meeting of the Sobell Committee held [redacted] at [redacted] of the Sobell Committee, discussed, "How to Conduct a Polling and Survey." Informant advised that questions proposed for the polling were as follows: b7d

- Have you heard about MORTON SOBELL?
- Do you believe he is innocent?
- Do you think justice was done?
- Do you believe he should have another hearing, or what is your opinion?

Informant advised that these questions were discussed and turned over to the Executive Committee to be prepared and brought to the next meeting for approval, after which the members of the Sobell Committee will go from door to door to obtain a survey of the people and receive signatures; also try to get as many people as possible to join the committee.

[redacted] b7d

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet published by the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which reads as follows: b7d

"Dear Friend:

"The Milwaukee Sobell Committee has launched itself on several activities which will help further the chances for a new trial for Morton Sobell.

"First, a list of questions is being prepared that will be the basis of a SURVEY TO BE TAKEN in the neighborhoods throughout the city. The purpose of the poll is to reveal how much the public is or is not acquainted with the case. The poll will also provide a means of

"Introducing people TO THE CASE.

"Second, a series of ads to be run in a neighboring community daily newspaper is being tried for a period of one month. Our address will be on the ad so people interested may write for information on the case. We are trying this to see how effective it might be in publicizing the case.

"Third, we are having two REPRINTS made. One will be of the MILWAUKEE SENTINEL news-article reporting the recent Haven Perkins public meeting arranged by the Sobell Committee. The other reprint will be of a review of the waxley book by August Derleth in the Madison Capital Times.

"Lastly, attempts are being made to arrange to have Professor Malcolm P. Sharp of the University of Chicago Law School, speak before the Junior Bar Association in Milwaukee to acquaint them with the facts on the Sobell case.

"The Milwaukee Sobell Committee will meet this Monday, Oct 21, at 8 P.M. at its headquarters, Room 310, 914 N Plankinton Ave.

"We are looking forward to seeing you present.

"Sincerely,

"John Gilman, Chairman,  
For the Committee"

On [REDACTED] confidential informant [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the opinion poll published by the Milwaukee Sobell Committee which is as follows: b7d

"O P I N I O N P O L L

- "1. Have you heard of the Rosenberg Case?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did you know that Morton Sobell was a defendant in the Rosenberg Case?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did you know that Supreme Court Justice Black declared that the Supreme Court of the U. S. had never reviewed the record of this trial and therefore never affirmed the fairness of this trial? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. If you know that new evidence showing his innocence, was presented on behalf of defendant Sobell, would you be in favor of a NEW TRIAL? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you interested in receiving information on the case? Would you like to be placed on the Milwaukee Sobell Committee mailing list? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

"Introduction

"I am an opinion taker of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee. We have five (5) question polls, would you care to participate?)

"Initials of poll Taker. \_\_\_\_\_"

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet which announced that the Milwaukee Sobell Committee was holding a Christmas house party on [redacted]. The leaflet further reflected that there would be a showing of the sound movie of the "Night Beat" television show interview of MORTON SOBELL's wife, HELEN SOBELL. b7d

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] and on [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet which announced that the Milwaukee Sobell Committee was holding a Valentine house party on February 15, 1958. b7d

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On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet b7d

entitled, "22 Years in Prison on a Frame-up!" which reads as follows:

"The first act of Governor C. L. Olsen upon taking office in January of 1939 was to release Tom Mooney from San Quentin Prison. The complete pardon was presented before the crowded legislative chamber in the California State Capitol. From there Mooney rushed to San Francisco to lead his union's (AFL Molders) delegation in a parade organized by the mighty trade unions of that city, in his honor. As the procession passed through the street, crowds cheered and parents held up their children so that they could see the man who was so hated by the money bags.

"Tom Mooney, dynamic union organizer, and his aide Warren K. Billings were accused and convicted of bombing a pro-war parade in 1916. Witnesses were produced who testified that they saw him place a suitcase-bomb, the newspapers clamored that this strike-leaders and left-wing socialist was guilty, and in this hysteria the frame-up succeeded.

"As time slowly passed for the imprisoned men, new evidence came to light. The prosecution witnesses confessed that they had lied. Police officers admitted coaching witnesses and even an assistant district attorney spilled the beans.

"Unions, liberals, teachers and churchmen raised a public protest. Twenty two years later after the whole populace was aroused they were freed.

"Mooney, aged by the strain, died three years later.

"Warren K. Billings is still in the fight against injustice. He writes:

"I am a free man today for two reasons. First, I was innocent. Second, enough Americans cared about justice to work, search, investigate and pay for my freedom and that of Tom Mooney.

"Morton Sobell will be free. He is innocent, and enough Americans care about decency to set him free."

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet published by the Milwaukee Sobell Committee entitled, "Sobell Telegram" which read in part as follows:

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"Tonight I write in a bare cell, stripped of all my possessions. One doesn't have the opportunity to write a letter under these conditions very frequently. This is my last night at Alcatraz. Do you hear me? In the early hours of the morning I leave this lonely island for a long, a very long journey, to Atlanta, I was told. Will you thank everyone for me, as well as yourself and the children, for their efforts. Each will understand my thanks.

/s/ "Morty"

II. OFFICERS

Chairman - JOHN GILMAN  
Vice Chairman - WAYNE LEVERENZ  
Secretary - BETSY STERGAR  
Treasurer - CORA BERBERICH

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted], and on [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] advised that the above individuals who were elected as officers of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee in July, 1957, are currently the officers of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee in the same capacity. b7d

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III. FINANCES

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] advised that the Milwaukee Sobell Committee continues to maintain a checking account b7d

at the Wisconsin State Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the name "Milwaukee Sobell Committee" and that as of March 31, 1958, the balance of this account was \$9.25. [redacted] further advised that JOHN GILMAN and CORA BEEBEFICH continue to be the authorized signers for this account.

IV. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIONS

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet published by the Milwaukee Sobell Committee which reads as follows: b7d

"Dear Friend:

"We are appealing to you not only as a progressive and liberal minded person, but, also as a humanitarian.

"There sits in Alcatraz an innocent man--Morton Sobell. We, on the outside take life for granted. For Sobell, life is a living Hell. Why is it that we who have our freedom do not realize that what happened to Sobell could easily have happened to anyone of us?

"We, of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee, have been making great progress in bringing the fight of Sobell's frame-up to the people in the Milwaukee Community. However, we need more help. We need more people to attend our meetings. We need more money to be able to send out larger mailings. We need volunteers to get signatures on the Amicus Briefs.

"Our meetings are every Monday evening, 8 P.M. at 914 N. Plankinton, Room 310. Won't you join forces with us to help our fellow human being? Attend the next meeting! Pick up Amicus Briefs and secure signatures from your friends! Help us put over the public meeting September 15 which will be held at the Jefferson Hall, 2617 W. Fond du Lac, 8 P.M.

"Let's get out of our lethargy and get Sobell free. By saving his life, you will be saving American democracy!

"MILWAUKEE SOBELL COMMITTEE

/s/ "John Gilman  
"John Gilman, Chmn." b7d

On [redacted] and on [redacted] furnished a leaflet issued by the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for

Morton Sobell entitled, "A Report to our Members and Friends" which reads as follows:

"We, of the Sobell Committee, wish to make a report of some of our accomplishments since our reactivation. The Committee had before it the task of trying to gain public support and raising funds so that Morton Sobell might be able to receive a new trial. We sent out thousands of tabloids to labor organizations, press and radio, churches and synagogues, fraternal organizations, attorneys and other dignitaries throughout the community. We further solicited several hundred people for their signatures of a 'Friend of the Court' briefs. We were successful in attaining over 150 signatures in a short period.

"Our Committee held a public meeting with several positive accomplishments. First, we raised a \$100.00 which we sent to the National Office; secondly, through the press brought the issues in the case to thousands of people throughout the State. Because of the Committee's activity, even the press recognized the necessity of printing the issues in the Sobell Case. We feel that these accomplishments are meager insofar as what must be done in the future to secure a new trial for Morton Sobell.

"We intend to pursue our activities along the following:

"1. On Saturday, October 5th, we shall hold a social get-acquainted party for members and friends of the Committee.

"2. We intend to pursue our efforts in bringing the story of Morton Sobell to many more thousands of people.

"3. We will continue to raise desperately needed funds to pay for legal expenses, printing, postage and the high cost of disseminating information on the Sobell Case.

"4. We intend to interest others in active participation in the Sobell Committee.

"What Can You Do To Help?"

"1. Attend our meetings every Monday night at 8 P.M. at 914 N. Plankinton Avenue, Room 310.

- "2. Write for additional information.
- "3. Contribute financially.

"For the Committee

"John Gilman, Chmn."

V. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

[REDACTED]

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On [REDACTED] confidential informant [REDACTED] advised that MARY BLAIR was a member of the board of the Milwaukee County Communist Party.

On [REDACTED] confidential informant [REDACTED] advised that at a Communist Party club meeting held at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] JOHN GILMAN asked for support by the club in raising a \$50 pledge that each Communist Party club had made to pay to the Sobell Committee.

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The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
April 14, 1958

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

MI 100-11982

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL, aka. National Committee to  
Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of SA RUSSELL D. JONES, dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All informants mentioned in the above report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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*Handwritten signature:* [Signature]

Director, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 11/1/57

SAC, Milwaukee (100-11982)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR HENRIK SOBELL, aka. National  
Committee to Secure Justice in the  
Rosenberg Case  
IS - C

Enclosed are six copies of report of SA RUSSELL D. JONES,  
dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee, together with  
six copies of an informant evaluation memorandum.

REFERENCES

Report of SA RUSSELL D. JONES, October 8, 1957, Milwaukee.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed  
and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those  
instances where the identities of the sources must be  
concealed.

This report is classified confidential because it contains  
defense information, the unauthorized disclosure of which  
could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the nation.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File Where Located</u>
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T-1, [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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Instant report  
Furnished SA ROBERT E. SCHOENECKER

2 - Bureau (100-387835) (Encls. - 12) (RM)  
2 - New York (100-107111) (Encls. 4) (RM)  
1 - Milwaukee (100-11982)

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T-2, [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-11982-1B1
b7d [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	" " "
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	" " "
T-3, [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-11982-1B1-68
b7d [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-11982-1B1-47
T-4, [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Instant report
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Furnished to SA WALTER L. ROETHKE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-11982-1B1-50
b7d [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-11982-1B1-66
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File Where Located</u>
b7d T-4, [REDACTED] (continued)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-5, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-11982-1B1-63
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-11982-1B1-62
b7d [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-11982-1B1-61
T-6, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Wis. State Bank, 16th and Greenfield, Milw., Wis., Requested	[REDACTED] b7d	Instant report Furnished to SA RUSSELL D. JONES

T-7, [REDACTED] b7d  
Informants used to document the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell are [REDACTED]

LEADS b7d

MILWAUKEE:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will follow and report activities of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee.

FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 2936 DATE 4-14-58

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

TO : SAC [REDACTED] 4-15-58

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b2d

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] COMMITTEE TO  
SECURE JOSEPH P. MORAN  
SOBELL  
IS C

Investigation  
Activity  
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Agent  
Location

[REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED] S. SMITH (personally)  
[REDACTED]

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1 - 100-11726

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

New York (100-11726) (R.M.)  
(100- [REDACTED] , Sobell Committee)

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[REDACTED] personally furnished SA [REDACTED] a March, 1958 issue of the newspaper entitled "The Young Socialist" which contains an article entitled "150 Radical

SL 100-11726

Youth Meet in Midwest; Hit U. S. Witchhunt" by BERT DECK. This article states on the weekend of February 1 and 2, 1958, 150 young students and workers met in Chicago at the Midwest Conference of Young Socialists to discuss the problems and perspectives of building a socialist youth movement in America. This article contains a paragraph in which it states:

"Gene Trammour, Jr., 19, a student at Western St. Louis University, spoke for the Sobell Committee. He stated, 'Many college groups across the country are setting up activities in support of the Sobell Case. We want a presidential clemency --- If this case is not won civil liberties will be dealt a terrible blow.'"

The above-described newspaper is being made an exhibit in [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b7d

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367835)

1/15/58

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka;  
IS - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
(OO:NY)

A report in connection with this case was last submitted on 10/16/57. A current report is due at the Bureau on 4/16/58.

A review of instant file at WFO reveals there has been no activity whatsoever on the part of the Washington Sobell Committee since the date of the last report. It is pointed out that the Washington Sobell Committee is a non-membership organization, has no headquarters and no elected officer.

Within the last six month period, material has been obtained concerning subject organization through trash cover maintained on the residence of SYLVIA BERSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, who is a one time leader of the Washington Sobell Committee. This material has related to the National Headquarters of subject organization and to its branches operating in other cities.

Pertinent information concerning the above has been furnished to NY and other appropriate offices.

Inasmuch as there has been no activity on the part of the Washington Sobell Committee during the past six months, no report is being submitted at this time, UACB.

WFO will submit a report promptly when this organization again becomes active. P.

2 - Bureau  
1 - New York (100-107111) (Info) (RM)  
1 - WFO  
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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

April 17, 1958

SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

COMMITTED TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Bureau letter to Boston dated March 19, 1958, and Albany airtel to Director dated March 15, 1958.

FRANK BUCCI, Reporter, "Boston Herald Traveler," a daily newspaper, Boston, Mass., on March 26, 1958, advised SA RICHARD H. BLASSER of the following:

On the day that Mrs. MORTON SOBELL spoke in Boston, Mass., at the Community Church, she held a press conference. She stated that she was appearing in Boston to interest people in her husband's case and to raise money for legal fees and publicity. She and her mother-in-law, ROSE SOBELL, founded the Committee to get enough signatures on behalf of her husband to force President EISENHOWER to act.

She stated that last year the National Committee (to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell) raised \$50,000.00. In two years the Committee has distributed several million pieces of literature on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. According to Mrs. SOBELL, legal minds are convinced of her husband's innocence. She feels that the United States could now make use of her husband's talents.

She said that the FBI took documents from her husband for the trial which have only recently been returned. Mrs. SOBELL stated that FBI Agents are always approaching her husband in jail and seeking his cooperation.

Mrs. SOBELL stated that she is calling for an independent inquiry committee, excluding the Department of Justice and any other Government agency, to study her husband's case.

FRANK BUCCI furnished four pieces of literature which he had obtained at the above-mentioned press conference which are:

- 3- Bureau (100-387835)(RM)
  - 3- New York (100-107111)(Encls, 4)(RM)
  - 1- Boston (100-27290)
- WFB: jdb  
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*Shannon*

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1. A leaflet captioned "Justice for Morton Sobell."
2. A reprint from "The Oregonian" newspaper, Oct. 16, 1957.
3. A reprint from "The Milwaukee Journal," Nov. 9, 1957.
4. A newspaper captioned "~~that justice shall be done~~" dated Feb., 1958.

*Duplicates in  
file - destroyed  
4/23/58  
VJG*

These four pieces of literature are being forwarded to the New York Office for whatever action is deemed necessary.

Informants of the Boston Office when contacted advised that they had no knowledge of a formation in Boston of the above-captioned Committee.

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agent</u>
[REDACTED]	3/27/58	JAMES B. STEPHENSON orally
[REDACTED]	3/31/58	KENNETH P. WEST orally
[REDACTED]	3/31/58	RICHARD H. BLOSSER
[REDACTED]	3/24/58	LEO M. MC GINN
[REDACTED]	3/27/58	LEO M. MC GINN

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[REDACTED]

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The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] stated that L. P. TRAINOR, Branch Organizer, Boston Branch, SWP, had made the recommendation that the SWP sponsor a MORTON SOBELL meeting, since the SOBELL case is "the number 1 civil liberties case on the national scene at the present time." Also, Trotskyist sponsorship of a SOBELL meeting would be another major blow against Stalinism and the mass

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RE 107-27200

Communist Party, according to TRAINOR. Also, according to TRAINOR, the Communist Party allegedly regards the SOBELL case as "politically too hot to handle and a case to be ignored in this alleged period of reaction."

From information available in the Boston Office, it appears that no formation of a Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has been accomplished in the Boston area to date. Informants have been alerted to advise this Office if such a committee is formed or is to be formed in the Boston area.

If information is received at a later date concerning the formation of such a committee, the recommendations of the Boston Office concerning additional investigation within the Boston Division will be forwarded to the Bureau, RUC

4/17/58  
AIRTEL - 11:40 P.M.

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C

Captioned organization, according to informants, scheduled a fund raising dinner at the Tavern on the Green, Central Park West and 67th St. for Monday evening, 4/21/58 at 6:30 PM to celebrate SOBELL's transfer to Atlanta Penitentiary from Alcatraz Penitentiary, and to coordinate the signature campaign appealing to President EISENHOWER for Executive Pardon for SOBELL. Public newspapers in NYC publicized dinner and operators of the restaurant cancelled the dinner after NYC Parks Commissioner ROBERT MOSES advised them that although he had no power to order the dinner cancelled, he would ask them to drop the affair. Operators of restaurant advised SOBELL Committee (CSJMS) that numerous telephone calls from private citizens protesting use of city park facilities for dinner and protest of Parks Commissioner MOSES had influenced them to cancel dinner as not being in public interest.

Public newspapers 4/17/58 reflect that SOBELL Committee served a show cause order on the Tavern on the Green operators asking that the Tavern be restrained from cancelling dinner to be answered in NY State Supreme Court 4/17/58 at 10:00 AM.

Above for information of Bureau.

POWERS

3 - Bureau (100-387835)  
① - New York (100-107111)

PHS:esc  
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1 - Supervisor B. J. CONNELL, 7-1

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JAM  
100-107111-2948

NY 100-134210

Re airtels 1/22/58, and 3/5/58, captioned "COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, IS-C" (Bufile 100-387835).

Re airtels mention a SYLVIA MALKIND (PH) and SYLVIA MALKIN (PH) as being currently active in the Sobell Committee.

Investigation by NY has revealed that this person is in all probability identical with SYLVIA MALKIND, 160 East 65th St., NYC. MALKIND is the mother of BEVERLY MALKIND BIRNS who is the subject of Bufile 100-403979 and NY 100-110131.

On 4/14/58, SA THOMAS L. BACKWITH photographed SYLVIA MALKIND. These photographs were exhibited to [redacted] who furnished the original information in re airtels. Informant stated that these photographs were not unlike the individual on whom he had reported, but that he was unable to effect a positive identification.

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NY will obtain additional photographs, and conduct such other investigation as may be necessary to effect this identification. A report will be promptly submitted to the Bureau as soon as subject is positively identified. P.

- 3 Bureau (1 100-387835 Sobell Committee)
- 1 New York (100-107111 Sobell Committee) #7-1
- 1 New York 100-134210

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE:

FROM :

SA EDWARD J. MATTIMORE  
UNDER-LEAD SUPV.

SUBJECT:

A. J. MITTS, JR. MURKIN  
DINNER CHATEAU GARDENS  
4/21/58

File 7-6

At 7<sup>30</sup> pm a [redacted]

[redacted]  
Chateau Gardens, 105 E. Houston St, Manhattan advised that he wanted to notify the NYO that the dinner for the Committee for M. SOBIE originally scheduled for the Forum on the Even 4/21/58 has been transferred to the Chateau Gardens on the same date. Stated he wished that this info be related to SA MATTIMORE for his info. Stated if it is necessary that he be contacted he could be reached at his home in [redacted] at [redacted] during the day 4/20/58. Stated notice of above is in Journal American 4/19/58.

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SA MATTIMORE advised 7<sup>35</sup> pm stated some should be furnished to Supr. Section 7-2  
[redacted] advised that his [redacted] just advised him that

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has a [redacted] this dinner had been postponed cancelled. No further details known.  
Subj. Bernie Connell advised 9<sup>30</sup> pm. No action necessary/JK

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C

Public press, NYC, on 4/19/58 reflected that local court denied injunction to SOBELL Committee restraining Tavern on Green from cancelling contract for fund-raising dinner on the grounds that issue of "free speech" was not involved. CSJMS attempted to secure alternate facilities for dinner at Chateau Gardens in NYC with negative results.

Public press, 4/21/58 reflects a "protest meeting" to be held this date at 8:00 PM at the Community Church, 40 East 35th St., NYC.

POWERS

3 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)  
① - New York (100-107111)

PHS:esc  
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1 - Supervisor B. J. CONNELL, 7-1

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AT 10:00

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C

CINAL

[redacted] reliable and conceal, telephonically advised 4/22/58 that captioned organization held a "protest meeting" at the Community Church, NYC, on evening of 4/21/58 attended by approximately 300 individuals at which the informant estimated between \$2,500 and \$3,000 was collected. Speakers included DOROTHY DAY of "Catholic Worker," MORRIS KOSNOSWITZ (Phonetic) of Columbia University, YURI SUHL, writer of Jewish poetry, HELEN SOBELL, ROSE SOBELL, Rev. HENNING (Phonetic) of Community Church, and former Chaplain MC CORMACK of Alcatraz.

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Informant advised gathering was told SOBELL innocent and usual arguments in regard to SOBELL case were repeated by YURI SUHL. Rev. HENNING said did not know merits of case but gave use of Hall free of charge because of "constitutional rights to object." KOSNOSWITZ former movie actor, read movie part where ANATOLE FRANCE defended EMILE ZOLA in motion picture. ROSE SOBELL told of refusal of Mayor WAGNER, NYC, to see her and read letters from MORTON SOBELL. Chaplain MC CORMACK told gathering about excellent character and innocence of SOBELL. Informant reported a general rumor among members of committee to the effect that a representative of Treasury Dept. was there checking on donations. Informant advised 85% of ushers drawn from ranks of SWP volunteers.

FOWERS

3 Bureau (100-387835) (RM)  
New York (100-107111)

[redacted]

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Source  
Reliability

Contact with whom has been insufficient to determine reliability

Date of activity

4/14/58

Date received

4/14/58

Agents to whom furnished

ROBERT V. WALKER and BENJAMIN P. McManus

Location

Instant memorandum

signed a petition to get MORTON SOBELL transferred from the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, California to a prison nearer the East Coast. brought to

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Concerning the SOBELL case, feels that the severe punishment meted out to SOBELL and the ROSENBERGS was too severe, and that the sentences reflected the temper of the times. He also has doubts as to their guilt.

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A signed statement to the above info was not obtained, as the informant has not been sufficiently motivated to obtain signed statements from him.

1 - 100-24403-4-1170 (Inwood Section CP)(17-15)

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1 - 100-107111 (Committee to Secure Justice in the MORTON SOBELL case)(7-2)

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FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: April 22, 1958

FROM : SA DONALD E HARTNETT

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBEL  
IS-C

On 4/16/58, [REDACTED] advised SA HAROLD P QUINN that the Committee to Free MORTON SOBEL had made inquiry at Chateau Gardens, 105 E Houston St, NYC concerning the rental of a room to hold a dinner scheduled for 4/21/58. b2d

On 4/19/58 Source advised that the management of Chateau Gardens had cancelled this dinner due to possibility of receiving adverse publicity.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (#7-2)

DATE: APR 5 1958

FROM : SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO (#7-2)

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS-C

On 3/31/58, [REDACTED] Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, 20th Street and 5th Avenue, NYC, made available to the writer on a confidential basis, the bank records concerning the above captioned account.

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A review of the records for the month of March, 1958, reflected the following items considered pertinent:

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank of Deposit And/or Endorser</u>
1505	2/24/58	Liberty Book Club	\$ 15.50	Amalgamated
1525	3/7/58	Cash	40.00	LEAH SCHNEIDER 1st Nat'l. City
1530	3/13/58	CELIA STEIN	20.00	Manufacturers Trust Co. (a/c of loan)
1544	3/19/58	YSOBEL SAUNDLER	85.49	Chase Manhattan (Dinner Invites.)
1553	3/26/58	Tavern on the Green, Inc.	500.00	Federation Bank and Trust Co. (a/c 4/21 dinner)

- 1 - New York (100-74502)
- 1 - New York (100-91185) (Liberty Book Club)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (#7-2)

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NY 100-107111

On 3/31/58, [REDACTED] advised that the balance of the account as of 3/31/58, was \$586.72. b7d

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

It is noted that the above source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the above check information was obtained.

FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, ALBANY (100-13260) DATE: 4/28/58  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
 SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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The original petition was furnished by [REDACTED] on 1/19/58 to SA LLOYD S. GOODROW and furnished the NYO by letter dated 4/4/58 captioned as above.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY (100-13260) DATE: 4/28/58  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC (100-37667)  
FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

DATE: 4/23/58

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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On 4/8/58, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA MARION B. HUMMEL of the following. This information was dictated on 4/9/58 into statement form, typed by Stenographer T. MARCINIAK on 4/10/58, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 4/16/58. It is maintained in [redacted]

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"Philadelphia, Pa.  
April 8, 1958

"On Monday night, April 7, 1958, a meeting was held at the residence of FREDA RAPPAPORT, 4649 North 10th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This meeting was held to re-establish the Sobel Committee in Philadelphia. There were about 25 people present at this meeting, including [redacted]

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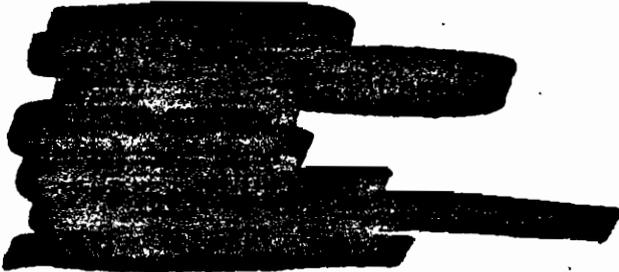
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"It was decided that the new Sobel Committee will be called the Philadelphia Sobel Committee and will have a Working Committee composed of ten people. This Working Committee will be the central organizational committee and through it, it is hoped that smaller committees or branches will be established throughout the various sections of the city. All of these branches will be responsible to the Working Committee.

"Seven members of the Working Committee were selected, including FRED A RAPPAPORT, who is to be the chairman, JEAN FRANTJIS and ELGIN CURRY. At present, the committee plans to circulate petitions for signatures requesting freedom for Sobel and to collect funds to be used in Sobel's behalf.

"The National Sobel Committee is having a dinner on April 21, 1958 at the Tavern on the Green in New York City. This dinner will cost \$10.00 per plate and all money raised is to be used in Sobel's behalf. The various committees throughout the United States are to be represented at this dinner, at which time the petitions are to be turned in to the National Committee. Three delegates have been appointed to attend this affair. The delegates are JEAN FRANTJIS, FRED A RAPPAPORT, and ELGIN CURRY. The committee hopes to have a number of petitions signed by that time and also hopes to collect at least \$200 above the expenses of the delegates, which will be turned in at that time.

"JEAN FRANTJIS said that she had all the mailing lists for the old Sobel Committee and would pick out the most promising individuals to contribute and ask them to contribute to this cause. LILLIAN MILLMAN said that she, also, had a list and would do the same for her section of the city. Everyone is to keep FRED A RAPPAPORT posted on the progress made and the amount collected before April 21st.

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"No other meetings before April 21st are planned; however, on April 24 another meeting will be held at FREDA RAPPAPORT's when a report can be given on the New York affair and also plans set up to have a big city-wide meeting in Philadelphia."

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: April 29, 1958

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: RITA CHILDS (100-16953)

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SULLY CHILDS (100-16954)

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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA EDWARD H. GALL that captioned individuals are currently residing at 326 Norland Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn. The informant advised that they moved to Bridgeport from New York City some time during early January, 1958, so far as the informant could determine. Informant continued that SULLY CHILDS was reported to be employed in the Bridgeport, Conn. area.

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On [redacted] informed SA EDWARD H. GALL that SULLY and RITA CHILDS reside at 280 Norland Avenue.

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[redacted] furnished the following information to SA EDWARD H. GALL:

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⑤ - New York (RM)  
(1 - 100- [redacted] - Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)

5 - New Haven

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(1 - 100-16943-National Guardian Readers Club)

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**Description of SULLY CHILDS:**

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	170 pounds
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Dark
Age:	In early thirties
	Wears glasses

**Description of RITA CHILDS:**

Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Height:	5'2"
Weight:	135 pounds
Build:	Stout
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Slanted
Age:	In early thirties
Relatives:	Has two children
Marital Status:	Married to SULLY CHILDS

**Informant furnished the following descriptions:**

Name:	SULLY CHILDS
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	Approximately 6'
Weight:	180-190 pounds
Hair:	Brown, slight graying
Age:	Could be in early or middle forties
	Wears glasses

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Name:	RITA CHILDS
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Height:	5'2"
Weight:	115 pounds
Hair:	Black - worn short
Eyes:	Dark
Peculiarities:	Short waist Face round
Age:	Could be in late thirties

The following investigation was conducted at Bridgeport, Conn. by SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY:

On 4/23/58 Mrs. CECELIA C. GEVLIN, Service Representative, Southern New England Telephone Company, 383 Johns St., Bridgeport, Conn., furnished the following information:

Telephone number: Edison 9-1562 is listed to SULLY CHILDS, 280 Norland Avenue, Bridgeport. SULLY CHILDS is employed as a piano tuner with Mettler Piano Showrooms, Westport, Conn., where he has been so employed for the past six months. SULLY CHILDS has had telephone service since 4/26/57. SULLY CHILDS was previously in the jewelry business in New York City. SULLY CHILDS had a New York telephone number: TR. 3-0698 from approximately 1950 to 1956.

On 4/23/58, Mrs. EVELYN A. CAFORA, Billing Clerk, Bridgeport Credit Rating Bureau, Inc., furnished the following information:

The credit rating of SULLY CHILDS, 280 Norland Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., was last checked on 9/26/57, when he had no credit rating. He is employed by Mettler Piano Showrooms, Westfair, Westport, Conn. As of 9/26/57 he had been there for one year as a serviceman. He was originally from New York City where he lived at 73 West 82nd Street. As of 9/26/57 he had resided for three months at 280 Norland Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn. He rents the home at that address. His wife, whose name was not listed, was not working.

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On 4/23/58 [REDACTED] b7d  
Bridgeport, Conn. Police Dept., advised that he had no record on  
SULLY or RITA CHILDS.

The New York Office is requested to furnish all pertinent  
information in its files regarding captioned subjects.

The New York Office is further requested to contact  
logical sources and informants for any information that they may have  
on captioned subjects.

The New York Office should designate copies of its  
communications for the New Haven case files of each subject.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35117)

DATE: 4/30/58

FROM : SA FRANK S. PERRONE

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, Northern California Council IS - C

[REDACTED] on 4/11/58 furnished the following items which are maintained in [REDACTED]

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1) Report concerning Sobell meeting. The report is quoted below and any information obtained from it should be carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source's identity.

"Observations Made While Attending:

"MORTON SOBELL TALK" Friday April 11th, 1958- 8:00 p.m. 44 Page Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Guest Sneakers: MALCOLM SHARP: Professor Of Law, University of Chicago  
HELEN SOBELL: Wife of MORTON SOBELL

"It was observed from the beginning that this affair was not only to celebrate MORTON SOBELL's 41st birthday but,

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100-32225 (CP Attacks Against FBI)

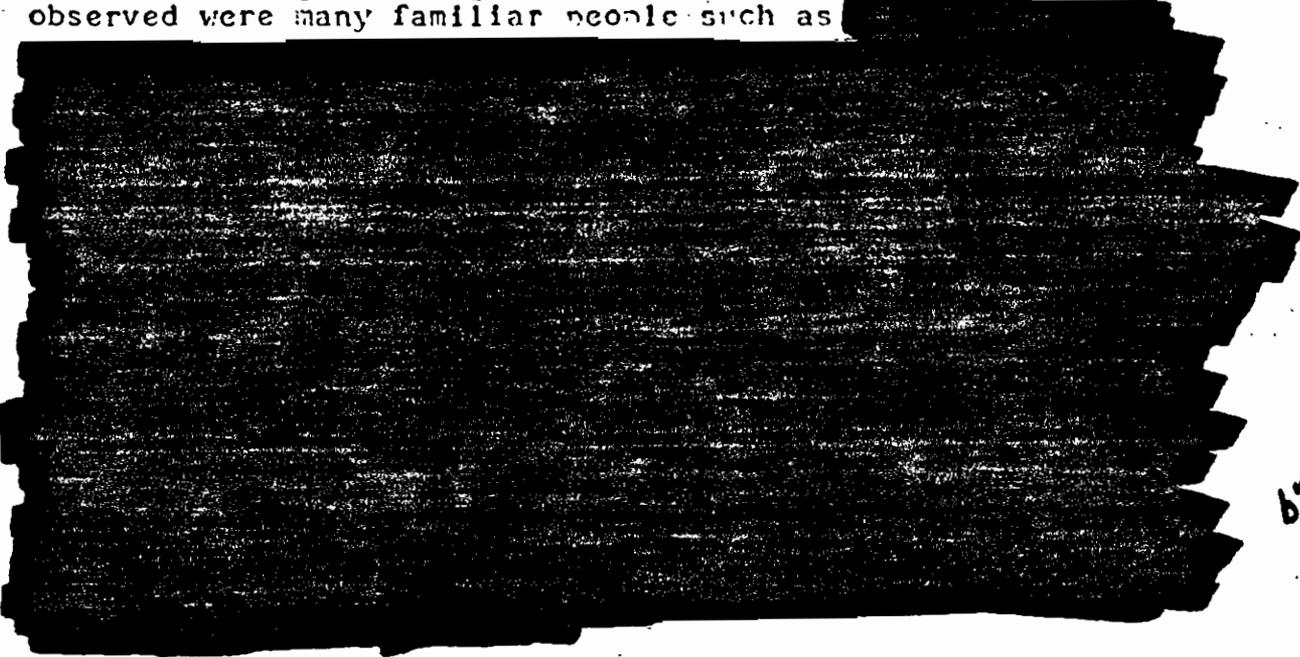
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100-35005 (Funds)  
100-26165 (Pams and Pubs.)  
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also to raise more funds to release Mr. SOBELL from prison. It so happened recently that Mr SOBELL was transferred from Alcatraz Island, San Francisco to Atlanta, Tenn. The second more or less celebration of the affair was observed to be this transfer of MORTON SOBELL.

"Due to the distance some people traveled to come to the talk it was observed that the time of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 hour elapsed before speakers started to commence. During this time of waiting and mingle here and there with the people observed were many familiar people such as



"The event began with Mr. WARREN BILLINGS giving a short introductory talk telling that the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from prisons was a major skirmish in their fight to release him from the domineering forces that sent him there. He went on for awhile it was observed just building up an introduction to a Mr. ALBERT COMI. Mr. COMI spoke of the future campaign much to release SOBELL and talked of his new book which comes out this fall. It will have to do much about the injustice people like SOBELL have received. He went on to mention so-called great lawyers in the field that have spent their lives to defend the fight for true justice.

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Mentioned a local attorney who is his friend: BURTIE DRIVIS or BRITIS. He then introduced HELEN SOBELL.

"It was observed that entire talk given by HELEN was built for only one thing. That thing was: to touch the people there from the heart. Set in their minds: "IT IS YOUR CONSCIOUS" You must help free my MORTIE, you must help break the platform under Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER the damnable, plans of him and the F.B.I. to send him to prison." These words may not be phrased right but; from what was heard to my knowledge: it was right. She went on to tell what it meant to touch MORTIE and talk with him now he is out of Alcatraz. It was observed she spoke on and on how so many good justice seeking people from attorneys down to laymen have helped the cause much. But now:: we have the final fight against cariving men such as J. EDGAR HOOVER who in determined to keep MORTON in prison and never to let him out. We must bring in more Petitions to be sent to the President Of the United States. Who actually is the people of the U.S. This cost more money for literature, etc. To tell and impress upon the people of the country. Set into their minds so they can too join the fight for Freedom of MORTON.

"After hert talk there was abit of entertainment by two young boys who played a guitar and bass. They sang a song about MORTON SOBELL concerning Fight back My boy or such.

"ALBERT CONN then introduced a short time speaker by the name of Rev. MC CORMICK from the Bay Area who was a chaplain at Alcatraz during Mr. SOBELL's stay. Besides many great words from HELEN SOBELL about this Rev. MC CORMICK; Mr CONN told everyone present at meeting how this man of the church is also fighting and working with all of us to free MORTON.

"The Rev. MC CORMICK spoke about awhile how it takes awhile for a man to get into the inside self of another man within his heart and spirit. But, after much trying he reached MORTON's heart and gradually understood the horrible misery and t: ture he has gone through. He went on to say in many words that he is with us all the way to free MORTON from prison.

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"Mr. COHN then introduced Mr. MALCOLM SHARP. The Professor of Law, University Of Chicago and also attorney who entered last part of Rosenberg-Sobell trial. He spoke much concerning his book, Was Justice Done. Then mentioned that some of his points in the book have changed abit since the printing. He spoke of the Rosenberg affair and trial. How the witnesses were more or less pathological liars and all would be either let free or given lighter sentences if they gave in to the concentration type methods used on them. They naturally choosed to tell their statements than be punished worse. It was observed he sort of mumbled quite abit and one could not get some of his entire sentences. He went on the witnesses talks and their backgrounds. Spoke much about the American people seem to love and seek excitment. Also whenever something about Spy or Espionage comes into the limelight everone is against the accused right off. He mentioned his belief much of the stories by persons such as DAVID GREENGLASS, EVELYN COX, ELIZABETH BENTLEY, RUTH GREENGLASS, MAX ELITCHER, HARRY GOLD were just put up stories of a spy hoax and people wanted to go along with the thrill of such. It was observed though not word for word; much of his talk delt this way.

"The group that attended the talk and celebration went downstairs after to join in refreshments and getting together.

"Please note that It was observed much force was put on the people between HELEN SOBELL's talk and MALCOLM SHARP's talk by a MARY CAVAR from the East Bay for donations 'RIGHT NOW'. She started her talk by asking, "Who in the audiance will give \$100.00 NOW for MORTON. Gradually she went down through \$50.00 askings to \$1.00 donations plus pledges of any amount from the people. After this demanding sort of drive was over it was said later in the night that they had collected over \$500.00 from people attending."

2) Blank to be filled out by recipient as to what help he/she will give in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

3 Presidential petition in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

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4) 1/58 issue "New World Review"

5) Booklet "You, who Love Life"--book of poems by  
HELEN SOBELL.

Comments: [REDACTED] report was reviewed with [REDACTED] b2d  
on 4/14/58, and [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] had no further information to  
add to [REDACTED] report.

RECOMMENDATION: Route copies of report for [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to writer for further identification. b2d

ENCLOSURES:

To New York: Copy of memo re HELEN SOBELL.  
[REDACTED] b2d

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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TO : SAC New York (100-107111) DATE: 5/2/58

FROM : SA HASKELL L. BROYES, 7-5

SUBJECT: NC SJMC  
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On 5/1/58 at the May Day Rally, Carnegie Hall, NYC the writer obtained the attached throwaway being handed out at the door.

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SA CLARK S. SMITH

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Reference memo to SAC by SA CLARK S. SMITH dated 7-18-57.

It is noted that referenced memo reflects that the information reported was obtained from [redacted] and that this information is located in [redacted] when in reality this information came from [redacted] and it is contained in [redacted] b7d

It is noted that the office copies of this memorandum were corrected at St. Louis, but that the copies designated for other offices had inadvertently been left uncorrected.

It is requested that the offices receiving copies of this memorandum make the appropriate corrections in their files.

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DATE RECEIVED:

4/24/58

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The above mentioned source [REDACTED] was contacted by the writer on 4/24/58 and made available the following information:

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He advised that MOLLIE and JEROME ILSON (both on the SI of the NYO) together with MRS. ILSON's son, ELI SAMUELS continue to reside at the above-mentioned address. He also advised that he believes the son is going to be married in the near future.

[REDACTED] also voluntarily made available the following trash obtained from the incinerator of his building and which he states came from the apartment of the ILSON's:

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A letter dated 1/2/57, addressed to MOLLIE ILSON, 840 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn 13, NY. from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. This letter in part offers ILSON free of charge a new film strip suggested as excellent program material for meetings of Emma Lazarus Clubs in her area. The film tells the story of the case of Morton Sobell.

(Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell) (7-1)

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This letter also encloses a pamphlet of Mrs. Sobell's poem and an issue of a newspaper to Secure Justice in the Case of Martin Sobell which it suggests selling for a combined price of one dollar at the showing of the above-mentioned film strip.

The letter is signed by one, TED JACOB

Two sets of notes on integration in housing and in education, urging they be achieved as soon as possible in 1957. *See ex 100-13528-1A9*

The above items are being made exhibits in the appropriate case

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-362435

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

APR 13, 1958

Special Agent in Charge, Detroit (100-29938)

DETROIT COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith copies of reports of  
Bureau Confidential Informant # [redacted],  
at Detroit, Michigan, dated as follows:

April 23, 1958, (4 circulars which were furnished as enclosures  
to report).

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These reports have been and are being obtained from a strictly confidential source and any inquiry made on the basis of the information contained therein should be made in an extremely discreet manner so that it will not in any way reveal the source of the information or the possible identity of the informant. The substance of this material should not be included in an investigative report or made available to unauthorized individuals or outside agencies unless paraphrased in such a way that the identity of the informant and the source of the information will not be disclosed. It is imperative that this procedure be closely followed.

You are instructed to consider the contents of these reports for intelligence purposes and not as possible evidence. Conduct appropriate investigation in those instances where you feel the reported matter or the reported material along with information already available to your office warrants the same. When pertinent, information from these reports should be disseminated and characterized as emanating from a source of "unknown reliability."

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (15)  
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Det. Mich.  
April 23, 1958

I went to the meeting of the Sobell Det. Committee to Secure Justice for Mordecai  
Sobell.

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# Appeal to the President

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President Dwight D. Eisenhower  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is because we share your deep concern for the spiritual health of our nation and for the principles of justice upon which it is founded that we address ourselves to you concerning the case of Morton Sobell.

Morton Sobell, now in his eighth year of imprisonment and confined in Alcatraz, is seeking a new trial to reverse his 30-year sentence on a charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage." Both he and his defenders maintain that he is innocent. Moreover, the trial record shows that the judge in passing sentence stated: "The evidence in the case did not point to any activity on your (Morton Sobell's) part in connection with the atomic bomb project."

We do not press upon you, Mr. President, the question of Morton Sobell's innocence or guilt—for we ourselves are not of one mind on that issue. Our faith in our democratic system of justice assures us that the truth will ultimately be established.

We believe it is vital that our nation safeguard its security, but it is important that we do not permit this concern to lead us astray from our traditions of justice and humanity. In this light, we further believe that Morton Sobell's continued imprisonment does not serve our nation's interest or security.

Therefore, most respectfully and earnestly, Mr. President, we look to you to exercise your executive authority either by asking the Attorney General to consent to a new trial for Morton Sobell or by the granting of Executive Pardon or Commutation. We take the liberty of urging your personal attention to this matter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

[ My signature may be made public along with other signers of the Appeal.  
I request that my signature not be made public.

### Note:

The following have signed as individuals. Their associations are listed as means of identification only, and do not imply the sponsorship of their organizations.

### JUDGES AND LAWYERS

- Leo Berman, Chicago, Ill.
- Robert L. Brock, Los Angeles, Cal.
- London L. Chapman, Chicago, Ill.
- Prof. Thomas I. Emerson, Yale
- John F. Finerty, New York City
- Judge Norval K. Harris, Sullivan, Ind.
- Robert W. Kenny, former Attorney General of California, Los Angeles, Cal.
- Phillip A. Klappan, Chicago, Ill.
- Conrad Lynn, New York, N.Y.
- Daniel Marshall, Los Angeles, Cal.
- Louis McCabe, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Jurge Patrick F. O'Brien, Detroit, Mich.
- George Olshausen, San Francisco, Cal.
- Richard W. Petherbridge, El Centro, Cal.
- Prof. Malcolm Sharp, U. of Chicago
- Miss Mairale F. Totten, Santa Ana, Cal.
- W. H. Wilson, Seattle, Wash.
- John T. Wilson, Seattle, Wash.
- W. H. Harrison, St. Louis, Mo.

- Rev. Howard C. Bushing, San Francisco, Cal.
- Rev. Fred Cappuccino, Christ Methodist Church, Chicago, Ill.
- Rev. W. Sterling Cary, The Church of the Open Door, Brooklyn, N.Y.
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- Rev. Henry Mitt Crane, Central Methodist Church, Detroit, Mich.
- Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, Dalsar Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.
- Rev. John E. Evans, First Unitarian Church, Columbus, Ohio
- Rev. Stephen W. Fritchman, Los Angeles, Cal.
- Rev. C. Shubert Frye, Synod of New York, Syracuse, N.Y.
- Rev. Erwin A. Gaede, Los Angeles, Cal.
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- Rev. Clement Gordon, New York, N.Y.
- Rev. Cornelius Greenway, Universalist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Rev. Wesley H. Green, First Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo.
- Rev. John F. Harbo, St. Louis, Mo.
- Rev. J. Stuart Harbo, St. Louis, Mo.

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- Rev. John Paul...
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- Rev. Joseph P. King...



CANADA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1958

Cable address—Toranglo. Telephone EM. 8-7851

**The subject who is truly loyal to the Chief Magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures.—JUNIUS.**J. V. McAree

## Sobell Leaves Alcatraz

**I**N A PERIOD dominated by what has been called McCarthyism, a man named Morton Sobell was convicted of some sort of treason and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment, which may have been for life, in Alcatraz. His friends have never ceased to believe in his innocence. They have formed a committee to secure justice for him. We wrote a column on the subject, and one of the results was that Mrs. Sobell came into our office to thank us.

Of course, we do not know whether Sobell is innocent. We do know that he was condemned at a time when millions of Americans were hysterical about communism and that it was easy enough for an innocent man to be convicted on the principle of "guilt by association". That is to say, it might be proved that a man had associated with Communists some time in the distant past and this would prove that he was a Communist several years later. That was the essence of McCarthyism; that and the smearing of a man's reputation with the libelled man having no chance to confront and defy his accusers.

From time to time we have been in touch with the friends of Morton Sobell and have always felt sympathetic toward him and have admired the staunchness of his friends who have never faltered in their faith. The other day we learned that Sobell is being transferred from Alcatraz to a Federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

It is believed by those who continue to believe in his innocence that this may be the first step toward his final rehabilitation. Until now, when his wife wished to visit him, she had to make a round trip of some 8,000 miles to do so. This was a grievous trial, for the Sobells are not wealthy people. She will now be able to see him oftener and this will be a great lightening of his punishment, for nobody who has seen any of the correspond-

ence that passed between them can doubt the depth of their mutual devotion.

In a recent letter from Mrs. Sobell to her husband she makes a passing reference to the "inhumanity of Alcatraz" and expresses the hope that the other felons and unfortunates who have to remain in the prison might have the same good fortune to be removed elsewhere. She says further:

"We thank, with all our hearts, those who have helped us in the past, and those who will continue to help obtain my husband's release and prove his innocence. We hope and pray that he will be able to come home to us soon. It is already eight years that he has been in prison, more than five of them in Alcatraz, and now he must still endure the rigors of Atlanta. Neither justice nor humanity can be served by his continued imprisonment. We will continue our efforts for Morton's freedom with greater energy and lighter hearts because one part of the burden of injustice has been lifted from our shoulders."

Morton's mother, who is now in New York undergoing eye surgery, believes that the only hope of her life may be realized and that she may see her son again.

We quote from a letter from Morton Sobell to his wife shortly after she received news of his approaching transfer, which we think reveals him as an unusual man: "About three or four weeks ago, I had an indication that I might be leaving. But one is hesitant about accepting such signs, what with having been mistaken before. Finally, on Friday, I was told in most direct terms, but I still couldn't bring myself around to believe it, really. It was only this morning, when I was told to remain in my cell, that I knew I could believe it without danger of being disappointed. Thus it hasn't been too many hours that I've been aloft, high up in the clouds. It will be a long journey, and tiring, but a welcome one, both in itself, and for what it means in terms of progress. Imagine—being able to see the length and breadth of the land after such a period of close confinement. To see the people, at work, at play, the engines, the rivers, the fields, the houses. In a word, everything—or almost everything (if only you were at my side so we could talk about all we saw and felt). How prophetic, your Wednesday letter from Washington, or did you really know? You spoke of now as the time when good things were slowly going to begin to happen to us (about time). I shall henceforth call thee prophet Helen, or shall I be prophetic?"

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# A Petition in Behalf of Morton Sobell



**Mr. President:**

White House  
Washington, D. C.

**BECAUSE OUR COUNTRY**

has the strength to recognize possible errors and the humanity to be merciful;

**BECAUSE THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS**

believe that Morton Sobell did not have a fair trial;

consider his 30-year sentence in Alcatraz cruel and inhuman punishment;

**BECAUSE MORTON SOBELL**

has steadfastly maintained his innocence throughout his seven years of imprisonment and continues his efforts to secure a new trial;

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# HELEN SOBELL

Mrs. Morton Sobell  
*"Must our family be torn apart?"*

## "MY HUSBAND IS INNOCENT ..."

*The story of the trial and conviction of  
Morton Sobell and his fight for a New Trial.*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 8:30 P.M.**

**CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH  
(WOODWARD AT ADAMS)**

*Admission Free*

**Sponsored by: Detroit Committee to Secure Justice  
for Morton Sobell**

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## WHO IS MORTON SOBELL

Morton Sobell is a young American scientist tried in 1951 with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg for conspiracy to commit espionage. He was convicted and sentenced to 30 years, of which nearly 7 have been served in Alcatraz.

### WHAT WAS HIS CRIME?

No overt acts were mentioned during the trial. Only one witness, an admitted perjurer testified against Sobell. No evidence of Sobell's knowledge or transmission of information on the atomic bomb was presented.

### WHY A 30 YEAR SENTENCE?

Tried in the heyday of McCarthyism, when scientists were being driven from government and security jobs. Sobell was a victim of political hysteria.

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*"If intelligent people have ever believed the folklore about Russian spies stealing the A-bomb, the H-bomb and the Jet airplane, it would seem time for them to swallow their pride and admit to themselves that they have been taken in."*

John Lear, Science Editor  
Sat. Review of Literature

*"In accordance with our inheritance as a liberty-loving nation, I urge the immediate release of Morton Sobell."*

Judge Patrick H. O'Brien  
Detroit, Michigan

*"Sobell's sentence of 30 years at Alcatraz is completely out of line with any evidence of wrong-doing which the government was believed to present. In fact, I do not know what he did do."*

Harold C. Urey  
Nobel Prize Winner

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On 5/1/58, Federal Judge IRVING KAUFMAN advised JIM BISHOP is working on the story of the ROSENBERG CASE to be entitled "The Time of the Atom Spies". He stated that BEN POLLICK of the Department of Justice is working with BISHOP on the book and that POLLICK has been supplying him with information. Judge KAUFMAN indicated that he had become somewhat concerned with the delay in making any progress on the book and that he thought that possibly the best interests of the Bureau were not being protected. He related that initially Mr. NICHOLS at the Bureau had been working with JIM BISHOP on the book and things seemed to be moving along very nicely when the Bureau was handling the matter. However, he stated he had gathered the impression that the Bureau had dropped out of the picture and that POLLICK had more or less taken over. He further stated that he wanted to be sure that the Bureau received its just share of credit for the outstanding investigative job it had done on the ROSENBERG CASE and that he was fearful this would not happen if we permitted POLLICK to do all of the work for BISHOP. He also thought that if the Bureau would re-establish its contact with BISHOP that possibly the writing of the book could be expedited. I told Judge KAUFMAN that I would check into the matter and let him know the present status as regards the Bureau's position in this matter.

On 5/2/58, I talked with Inspector C. D. DE LOACH at the Bureau and furnished him with the foregoing comments of Judge KAUFMAN. INSPECTOR DE LOACH stated that the Bureau has been working with BISHOP in connection with this book and has been steadily supplying him with information. In fact, BISHOP had been in Washington during the previous week and had conversed with both Mr. DE LOACH and Mr. NEASE. He stated that the Bureau's relationships with BISHOP had been most cordial, but that the Bureau was not in any position to press BISHOP in completing the book. Mr. DE LOACH explained that

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BISHOP is presently working on a contract with the Hearst people and that he has temporarily set aside working on the ROSENBERG story. BISHOP had indicated to Mr. DE LOACH that it probably would be another year before the book was completed.

Mr. DE LOACH stated that while the Bureau has been very happy to work with BISHOP on the book, that the same does not apply to POLLICK. He stated that POLLICK became persona non grata with the Bureau when he worked with former Assistant Attorney General TOMPKINS on the story that appeared in "Look Magazine" concerning the ABEL CASE, which glorified the alleged work done by the Department and negated that done by the Bureau. For this reason, the Bureau has refused to join hands with POLLICK in any liaison with BISHOP concerning the ROSENBERG CASE. Mr. DE LOACH stated that I should inform Judge KAUFMAN of the fact that officials at the Bureau had been working with BISHOP concerning the story, and had been providing him with every possible assistance; however, that I should point out to Judge KAUFMAN that there is no way that the Bureau can bring any pressure to bear on BISHOP to devote additional time to the story. He further instructed that I not indicate to Judge KAUFMAN the nature of the Bureau's relationships with POLLICK.

On 5/2/58, I called Judge KAUFMAN and furnished him with the data supplied by Inspector DE LOACH. Judge KAUFMAN stated that he was very pleased to receive this information and to know that the Bureau was cooperating with BISHOP in supplying information about the Bureau's part in this investigation. However, he added that he was still disappointed that BISHOP was not going to be able to complete the book for another year.

On 5/7/58, Inspector DE LOACH called and stated that the Director had approved my advising Judge KAUFMAN of the background concerning the Bureau's relationships with POLLICK and the reason for our refusal to work with him on the book. Inspector DE LOACH stated that the next time I was talking with JUDGE KAUFMAN that I should so advise him and let the Bureau know of his reaction.

MEMO

On 5/13/58, in discussing another matter with JUDGE KAUFMAN, I informed him of the Bureau's attitude towards POLLICK and the reason for our refusal to become involved with him in the ROSENBERG story being written by BISHOP. He stated that he very much appreciated my furnishing him this information inasmuch as he could well understand the Bureau's position in view of the slant that was given the "Look" article on the ABEL CASE by the Department. He stated it was for this reason that he was concerned that the Bureau should more actively control this situation inasmuch as he wanted to make sure that proper credit and recognition was given. He stated that he certainly did not blame the Bureau for taking the position that it did and that he certainly would be guided accordingly in connection with any of his own dealings with POLLICK.

On the same date I furnished these comments of Judge KAUFMAN to Inspector DE LOACH at the Bureau.

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SDSC is adjunct of National Committee to  
Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, convicted of Conspiracy  
to Commit Espionage.

Address 4561 North Ave., San Diego, is Community  
Unitarian Fellowship Headquarters. CUP is described in HCUA  
Annual Report for 1955 as a "Communist group" ... designed  
to operate as a 'non-religious' front organization."

LA furnish SD documentation for [REDACTED]  
for use in current report. Expedite

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York (100-107111) 7-1 DATE: 5/11/58

FROM : SA Joseph F. Kelly

SUBJECT: Committee to Free Winston Sobell  
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On 5/9/58 CSNY 513-5 who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA Joseph F. Kelly the information set forth below.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of information will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

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*Index - Reverend Peter McCormack  
Rose Sobell  
Golden Sobell*

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# Free Morton Sobell

An Innocent Scientist Who Has Already Served  
8 Years In Prison On The Testimony Of A Perjured Witness

*The Meeting that would  
be stopped!!*

A wife, a mother, a minister and other eminent speakers will bring their appeal for Morton Sobell to the public. The Community Church, 40 East 35th Street in New York City, has offered its facilities in the interests of free speech, because the Tavern on the Green and Chateau Gardens cancelled dinner arrangements.

If you believe in the rights of free speech, free assembly, the right to petition, come. If you want to help free Morton Sobell, come!!

Hear:

Reverend Peter McCormack

Rose and Helen Sobell

and others

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 8 P.M.

COMMUNITY CHURCH, 40 EAST 35th St.  
New York City

There will be no admission charge

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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100-11726-299

Director, FBI (100-37735)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE UNDER GOVERNMENT  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re St. Louis airtel 5-14-58 in captioned matter

Reairtel reflects that Midwestern conference of Sobell committees will be held in Chicago sometime in June, 1958. You are instructed that suitable coverage should be afforded this meeting and all pertinent results should be immediately furnished the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

*Handwritten initials and numbers: "177-1" and "Sec. 17", "Sec. 18".*

- 1 - St. Louis (100-11726) (For Information)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (For Information)

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ROSENBERG

SUBJECT SOBELL COMMITTEE

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2996	5-21-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NY MEMO TO PH.	5	5		
2997	5-21-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NY MEMO TO PH.	3	0		
2998	5-23-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NK.	2	0		
2999	5-23-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NY MEMO TO PH.	4	—		N.Y. 100-109849
3000	5-24-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SD MEMO TO H.Q.	1	1		
3001	5-22-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0		
3002	5-28-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO N.Y.	2	0		
3003	5-28-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO N.Y.	6	0		
3004	5-26-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SL AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0		
3005	5-26-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO N.Y.	4	0		
3006	5-28-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2		
3007	6-2-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO CG.	2	2		

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3008	5-27-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO DE	3	—		NY # 100-109849
3009	5-27-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO SAC	1	—		N.Y. 100-109849
3010	5-27-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party N.Y. MEMO TO HQ.	6	6		
3011	5-27-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO N.Y.	3	3		
3012	5-27-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO DT.	4	—		NY # 100-109849
3013	6-2-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO DT.	5	—		NY # 100-109849
3014	—	MISSING	—	—		
3014-A	5-27-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO DT.	2	—		NY # 100-109849
3015	5-28-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NY.	2	—		N.Y. 100-37158
3016	6-2-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO CG.	2	2		
3017	5-29-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party N.Y. MEMO TO SF.	7	—		NY # 100-109849
3018	6-2-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO N.Y.	4	4		

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3019	6-2-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party SA MEMO TO N.Y.	13	13		
3020	6-3-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party SA MEMO TO SAC	4	0		
3021	6-2-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party SA MEMO TO N.Y.	1	0		
3022	6-3-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party NY MEMO TO AL.	5	-		NY # 100-37158
3023	6-3-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party SA MEMO TO N.Y.	3	3		
3024	6-4-58	WFO MEMO TO H.Q.	6	6		
3025	6-13-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party SA MEMO TO LA.	4	0		
3026	6-13-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party SA MEMO TO LA.	3	-		NY # 100-109849
3027	6-3-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party SA MEMO TO CG.	2	-		NY 100-37158
3028	6-5-58	AIRTEL RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party WFO TO PH.	1	1		
3029	6-6-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party PH AIRTEL TO H.Q.	2	2		
3030	6-9-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party DT. MEMO TO H.Q.	4	-		NY 100-109849

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3032	6-6-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NY.	1	1		
3033	6-6-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NY.	1	1		
3034	6-9-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NY MEMO TO H.Q.	1	1		
3035	6-9-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NY	3	0		
3036	6-10-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO DT.	3	-		N.Y. 100-109849
3037	6-11-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NK.	2	0		
3038	6-10-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NY MEMO TO NY	3	-		N.Y. 100-109849
3039	6-16-58	SA REPORT TO SL	19	17		
3040	6-16-58	MEMO TO FILE	1	1		
3041	6-16-58	SL MEMO TO H.Q.	5	5		
3042	6-18-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NH MEMO TO N.Y.	1	1		

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3043	6-11-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NY	1	1		
3044	6-11-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO SL.	2	0		
3045	6-13-58	WFO AIRTEL TO H.Q.	3	3		
3046	6-18-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2		
3047	6-14-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party PH AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	1		
3048	6-17-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NY MEMO TO PH.	4	0		
3049	6-16-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO CG	5	-		NY 100-109849
3050	6-18-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NY.	4	0		
3051	6-19-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NK MEMO TO NY.	3	0		
3052	6-23-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NY	3	0		
3053	6-7-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO LA	3	0		
3054	6-24-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO SAC	4	4		

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3056	6-23-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO DT.	3	—		HS 100-109849-457 NY. 100-37158
3056-A	7-3-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA INFORMANT TO H.Q.	2	2		
3057	6-19-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA INFORMANT TO HQ	2	0		
3058	6-16-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA INFORMANT TO HQ	2	0		
3059	6-29-58	WFO AIRTEL TO H.Q.	5	5		
3060	6-20-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party PH AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	1		
3061	6-20-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NY MEMO TO WFO	1	—		NY. 100-109849
3062	6-20-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA MEMO TO NY	1	1		
3063	6-30-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Sup. Memo To NY	1	1		
3064	6-20-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party SA INFORMANT TO HQ	2	—		NY 100-109849
3065	6-23-58	RE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party NY MEMO TO H.Q.	1	—		NY. 100-37158

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

DATE: 5/21/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97078)

SUBJECT: NEW YORK LOCAL,  
SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
IS - SWP

Source

[REDACTED] who has **b7D**

Information

furnished reliable  
information in the past.  
Report re meeting,  
NY Local, SWP, 4/24/58,  
at 116 University Place,  
NYC.

Date Received

4/29/58

Received By

SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR.

Location

[REDACTED] **b7D**

The following is a verbatim report received  
from [REDACTED] set forth above: **b7D**

- 1 - Philadelphia
- 1 - New York

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*JMS*

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NY 100-97078

"Report Written Saturday, April 26, 1958

"Meeting of Socialist Workers Party Thursday, April 24,  
1958

"116 University Place, N.Y. New York Local

"There were about 60 persons present among them:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

"Ethel was elected chairman for the evening. She is a young lady about 26, black hair, glasses, fair, 5'5", 125 lbs. She called on Dick Lopez the organizer for announcements. Dick made announcements concerning the Bazaar and the banquet Smordgesbord for May Day. He reported on the success of the Sobel Committee held at the Community Church. He spoke of the difficulty in getting a place having been canceled out of the Tavern on the Green. He also spoke about the pledges for the fund drive.

[REDACTED]

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NY 100-97078

"The speakers list was then continued on the report given by Murry Weiss on the proposed united socialist ticket. Murryy Forbes asked for the floor on a point of personal privilege. He spoke for a few minutes in defense of the rights of those who were in dissent to the proposals advanced by Comrade Weiss and their right to question any phase of the proposals and said that no questions were to be out of bounds. He criticized the party leadership for not having the party members more completely informed on the negotiations and for not giving more details on the program on which the united socialist ticket would run.

"Comrade Dotty then spoke and summarized the main arguments of the two sides in the dispute. She is a young woman about 30, 5'6", 139 lbs., black hair, fair, a little stout. She seemed to support the united socialist ticket but with reservations regarding the details of the program and the chances of which of the groups involved would swallow up the other.

"Comrade John, about 38, blonde hair, 5'10", 180 lbs., fair and stocky spoke in defense of the united socialist ticket and said it was time to have a new fresh look at things and get the party out of isolation and bring in new fresh blood. He spoke in rough working man's tones and related many of his trade union experiences.

"Comrade Hayden spoke in support of the ticket. He is about 40, 5'11", graying hair, fair, 155 lbs.

"Comrade Tom spoke for the party leadership. He is about 45, 5'10", 170 lbs., slightly dark, black hair. He first denounced the assertion that the party leadership was keeping the membership uninformed and denied that the leadership was trying to stifle questions in any form. He then spoke out in defense of the ticket calling it the party's one chance to expand and help build a labor party.

NY 100-97078

"This ended the speaker's list and Comrade Murry Weiss was given the floor to sum up on his report. He denied all charges vehemently about any attempt on the part of the leadership to stifle questions or dissents. He said that the local had been informed at every phase of the negotiations and that a large majority had expressed themselves as being in favor of the proposed united socialist ticket with the Guardianites and other socialist groupings. He attacked Comrade Vince's arguments about the proposal being a call for the liquidation of the party. He said far from being the liquidation of the party it would be a revitalizing of the party it would be a revitalizing of the party and of the Marxist movement in the U.S. which is in such dire straits since the vacuum left by breakdown of the C.P. since the Khrushkev revelations. He charged the same group of opponents to the united socialist ticket (the Marcyite faction) as having formerly opposed the sponsoring of the youth group (YSA). Yet he said within the past year since the founding of the youth group 11 young members have come into the party from the youth group and all of them working class youth. He said that through following the policy of the united socialist ticket and following it through the party can for the first time in many years bring together all those who are for revolutionary socialism, especially those C.P. members both past and present who have been frustrated by the C.P.'s policy of class collaboration which has done so much to frustrate the socialist movement.

"Bert made an announcement that there would be a meeting of the SWP socialist youth at 116 University Place on next Tuesday. (YSA).



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5/22/58

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- \_\_\_ DIV. 4
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**AIRTEL AIR MAIL REGISTERED**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**  
**FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-10799)(100-9380)**  
**SAN DIEGO SOBELL COMMITTEE**  
**IS - C**  
**CINCL**  
**OO: NY**

[redacted] reliable, on 5/18/58, a meeting of the SDSC was held [redacted] at which address GALS SCORDERGAARD gave dramatic readings. SCORDERGAARD came to the meeting with WIDGE NEWMAN, of Los Angeles (Paid secretary of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee). B7D

About 40 persons attended. MILTON LESSNER, SDSC Chairman, stated that those present should not regard the times as liberal since the FBI and Immigration may be getting ready to crack down on their liberties again. He said the cold war was being intensified.

SDSC is adjunct of National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Espionage.

SDSC is described in HCUA Annual Report for 1955 as a "Communist group" ... "designed to operate as a 'non-religious' front organization".

IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was member of AYD from June 1948 to 1945, while attending New York University, N.Y.

MILTON LESSNER is Literature Director of San Diego County CP.

AYD and CP have been designated by Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

3 - Director, FBI (AM REGISTERED)(100-422030)(100-387335) B7C  
B7D  
 3 - Los Angeles (1 - 100-41643) [redacted] REC  
 1 - New York (100-107111)(AM REGISTERED)  
 2 - San Diego  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . . . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-16943)  
FROM: SA EDWARD H. GAIL  
RE: NATIONAL GUARDIAN READERS CLUB  
IS - C

Date: May 26, 1958

Group: Dinner and Variety  
Sale sponsored by  
the NGRC  
Place: 474 Edison Road,  
Trumbull, Conn.  
Date: 5/17/58  
Info From: [REDACTED]  
Info To: SA EDWARD H. GAIL  
Furnished: 5/20/58  
Location: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past,  
attended the above mentioned affair and furnished the following  
written report:

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2-(100-16943)

[REDACTED]

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870

1-(100-16408 CSJMS)

1-New York (100-

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL)

EHG:smj  
(23)

*Recd per r/c from  
New Haven 5/27/58*

100-107111-3006

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NH 100-15943

"National Guardian Readers Club.

Dinner and Variety Sale.

Held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Richter

474 Edison Road, Trumbull, Conn. May 17, 1958 - 7:30 P.M.

(Written May 18, 1958)

"Dinner and Variety Sale was held for the purpose of raising funds for the Sobell Committee. There weren't any business transactions or speakers. [REDACTED]

"Names of people attending affair.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

5/26/58

SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C

On April 11, 1958, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of March, 1958. This account is maintained in the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that this information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. 070

Report is filed in [redacted] 070

Report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
March, 1958

Opening Balance \$353.48  
Closing Balance 838.27

Deposits \$841.15  
117.25  
\$958.40

Checks

Amount	Payee	Cleared through
\$26.50	Art Mimeo & Letter	LaSalle National - Chicago
5.36	Metropolitan Office Supply	Exchange National - Chicago
16.85	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chicago
10.51	Comm. To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York

2 - New York (REGISTERED)  
(100- COMM. TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL)

2 - Chicago [redacted] 070

JJF:aci

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recd for r/s from  
C. J. Forcato 6/2/58

100-107111-3007

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CG 100-25530

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared through</u>
\$37.00	Cash	Amalgamated - Chicago
25.00	Cash	" "
51.04	Great Northern Properties	American National - Chicago
200.00	Comm. To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
90.00	YURI SUHL	New York
11.35	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chicago

OFFICE MEMORANDUM: UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16)

DATE: 5/27/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4013)

SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
IS-SWP

Source: CSNY 496-S

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CSNY 496-S furnished, as set forth above, information in the legal custody of the informant which was obtained at SWP Headquarters, 116 University Place, New York City.

The material consisted of 24 double spaced typewritten pages, heavily edited with a typewriter and by handwritten insertions. The handwritten portion appeared to be in the writing of MARTHA WOHLFORTH, a member of the New York Local, SWP. A finished, mimeographed copy of this material was later furnished (5/2/58, [REDACTED] with the authorship set forth as being MARTHA WOHLFORTH. *870*

Six copies of the document furnished by CSNY 496-S, as amended and corrected, have been typed and one each is attached to the copy of instant letter designated for Bureau file numbers 100-16 and 100-427226, and New York file numbers 100-4013, 100-133479, 100-80693, and 100-128164.

Although of some length, the material furnished by CSNY 496-S has been made available in its entirety to the above files inasmuch as it set forth valuable and detailed information regarding the relationship between the SWP and the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) specifically, and the leftist youth movement generally, in recent months. From a review of the material it can be determined that it was probably written early in March, 1958.

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The general conclusions of the writer were that although the YSA was initiated by the SWP and depended on the SWP for its existence it had developed into an "unstable centrist formation" in which the political ideas of the SWP were not getting across. The organizational disintegration of the YSA was predicted due to the political diversity of its membership. It was further set forth, "we are in this youth business...for two main reasons: to build and educate a cadre of young revolutionists who will devote their lives to the struggle for socialism, and to participate in the day-to-day struggles of young workers and students as a means of furthering these struggles and at the same time of raising the level of political consciousness of the youth." The recommendation at the conclusion of the document was that the "revolutionary youth" both within and without the SWP, should constitute themselves as a separate entity, both from the SWP and the broad "centrist youth clubs", so that they could come to socialism in their own way.

For the information of files not receiving as an attachment with instant letter a copy of material furnished by CSNY 496-S, portions of interest to them are summarized and/or quoted as follows:

In discussing the limited extent to which the SWP ideas could be expressed in a public forum because of the "pro-Stalinist" sentiment in the YSA, the following was set forth:

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"A recent proposal that the YSA sponsor a debate between SHANE MAGU and MICHAEL HARRINGTON (YSL National Chairman) on 'The Defense of the Chinese Revolution', which could have been tremendously significant in drawing to us revolutionary-minded youth, as well as for the enlightenment of those we already have, was turned down on the ground that the Stalinist point of view would not be included."

In listing the heavy program of external activities which had been scheduled by the YSA the following was set forth:

"It has endorsed a whole host of endeavors which it promises and fully intends to actively support, but which it is forced, by sheer necessity, to leave in the lurch: the Sobell Committee, the American Forum, the China visitors, ECLC, the Socialist Unity Comm. (Zaslow) School, -possibly even more."

Citing the lack of a homogenous political viewpoint in the YSA, it was set forth, "A political organization without a political program cannot last! The lesson of the present regroupment period is plain. Look at what happened to a tendency which minimized the importance of program, of political ideas-the Bartell group: it has simply fallen apart!"

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In recounting the maneuvers of the SWP with the Left Wing Caucus of the Young Socialist League (YSL) prior to the YSL split in 1957, the following was set forth:

"While the LWC was still a part of the YSL it began to attract new people merely on the basis of its regroupment perspective. As I recall, there were six members of the LWC who were not admitted into the YSL. MAX MARTIN (YSL National Secretary) charged us with being the only minority tendency in the whole history of the radical movement which had members of its own who were not members of the general organization. I like to think that this charge is correct, and it is typical of the audacity with which we carried out our fight. In any case, some of these six (a microcosm to be sure) came from an LYL background. Meanwhile, the AYS initiated by the SWP in New York, was making good headway and had some close sympathizers from a similar background.

"The picture is complicated: there was an organic merger of the LWC and the SWP youth, which was accomplished in a sort of oozing manner - no negotiations, discussions, or anything like that; the two tendencies (in New York, that is) merely started functioning in a common underground caucus, carrying out a whole public forum series. Simultaneously, the ex-LYL sympathizers of the LWC and the AYS were functioning in our common caucus; and during the course of the summer new people were drawn in. Infinitely more complicated, politically, was the fact that three Cochranite youth (two of whom were LWC members) were in the common caucus, and we had to carry on a heated struggle with them before we had even reached a clear understanding ourselves of our own aims. All this was going on while the LWC was still officially a part of the YSL."

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A portion of a letter sent by WOHLFORTH to ED CALNEK, "nearly six months/also September 7, 1957" was set forth as follows:

".....we have actually modified our thinking considerably in the direction of... (the 'Cochranites') thinking, not as a result of...(their) argumentation but as a result of our concrete experiences in working with newer and broader elements.

"For example: Originally we had the idea of launching an actual national youth org. this fall. Then we modified it to the idea of the Young Socialist Unity Committee, which, however, would be publicly launched along with the paper. We conceived of at least 10 local clubs being formed in time to formally endorse the paper by its 1st issue. All this was predicated on the idea that we would have nothing to start with besides the LWC-SWP people; thus all would proceed smoothly. But we are going much slower, which is just what...(the Cochranites) wanted, except that...(they) didn't want us to go at all."

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5/27/58

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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May Day Rally at Carnegie Hall, 5/1/58

A May Day celebration, sponsored by the communist  
weekly "The Worker", was held in Carnegie Hall on May 1, 1958,

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at 7:30 PM. "Ban the Nuclear Weapon tests" was the theme of the meeting. Mr. Patterson, a Negro, was the moderator of the meeting.

The program consisted of two general parts: the cultural and the political.

Mrs. Rubenstein, an author and educator, presented a lively speech about the influence of political conviction on the field of art. She referred to such writers as Steinbeck, Hemmingway, and Bernard Shaw, as well as others, whose best works she credited to the fact that they believed in communism and socialism. Mrs. Rubenstein also said that art is a weapon because it has a greater impact on the world than the military.

Following the speech of Mrs. Rubenstein, several songs were sung in Yiddish and English to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Israel.

The presentation of "Voices of May Day" was a rather inspirational part of the program. Several "heroes" such as Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Sobel, who dared to speak the truth, were mentioned and their "virtues" extolled. The capitalists were damned for the injustices rendered these people. This part of the program was supplemented by appropriate musical compositions, one of which was a poem by Julius Rosenberg to his sons, set to music. Voices from behind the stage dramatized the Union Square demonstrations of 1886 and 1933.

The secretary-treasurer of the Painter's Union, Mr. Weinstock, said that the worst is over for the CP; they are now getting stronger. To raise fund for the publication of a communist paper, he distributed the book, "Here I Stand" by Paul Robeson. He urged that the book be read and then passed along to friends.

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The political issues of the meeting were presented by Mr. Patterson. Some of these issues were as follows:

1. Ban nuclear weapon tests.
2. Stop racial and religious discrimination (the Government was blamed for the recent bombing of a Jewish Synagogue, and the home of a Negro family in the South).
3. Take immediate steps to stop the recession (the point was made that Puerto Ricans and Negroes were the first to be laid off).
4. Release Morton Sobel from prison and give him a fair trial.
5. Press for the right of the CP to function freely as a political party.

The Principal speaker, Mr. Davis, a Negro representative of the New York State CP criticized Secretary Dulles for his cares for big business and his lack of concern for the working man. He condemned the Taft-Hartley labor law, and Pres. Eisenhower was criticized for his proclamation of Law Day.

The audience consisted mostly of persons in their late fifties most of whom spoke Yiddish. They greeted each other very warmly, and it was obvious that many of them knew each other very well. There were several Oriental faces in the crowd, as well as Negroes and Puerto Ricans. The upper balconies seated some young people. The Hall was filled almost to capacity.

At the Hall entrance the May Day Committee asked the people to sign the petition to free Morton Sobel. The people were rather reluctant to do so. There was no picketing outside.

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SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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On May 14, 1958, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of April, 1958. This account is maintained in the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that this information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Report is filed in [redacted] 870

Report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
April, 1958

Opening Balance \$838.27  
Closing Balance 743.87

Deposits \$79.00  
57.75  
28.00  
75.00  
40.00  
65.50  
\$345.25

Checks

Amount	Payee	Cleared through
\$200.00	Comm. To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
51.04	Great Northern Property	American National - Chicago

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\$17.11	Comm. To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
25.00	Cash	Amalgamated - Chicago
40.00	HAVEN PERKINS Expense 4-7-420	So. East National - Chicago
106.50	Praga Press	Kaspar American - Chicago

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (97-169) (7-1)  
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A copy of informant's report follows:

5/3/58

The May Day Rally in New York City, 5/1/58

The May Day rally took place in the Carnegie Hall  
between 7:30 PM and 10:40PM. The entrance to the Hall was  
thickly stuffed by members of the Committee to free Morton  
Sobell. They demanded from everybody who was entering the  
Hall to sign a petition. Also, women were selling May flowers

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to help the May Day Committee in financing the May Day celebration.

The audience of the May Day rally consisted of middle and old age people; there were also a few young men and women and a few Negroes, Puerto Ricans and Oriental people. On the stage, in front of the picture portraying a peace theme, were seated: Dr. Rubenstein, Messrs. Patterson, Davis, Weinstock, Thompson, a man who marched on May Day back in 1886, the artist who drew the peace theme picture, and others.

The celebration began by singing our National Anthem. The first speaker was Mr. Patterson, who was also moderator of the meeting. He complained that this year they must limit their celebration of the May Day to Carnegie Hall because they were not allowed to parade in the Union Square. He also said that it was a pity that their main speaker, Mr. Lombardo Toledo, from Mexico, was denied visa by the Federal Government to come to New York. He made the following proclamations, as requests to local and Fed. Gov't:

1. Stop nuclear tests and join Russia in the "summit meeting,"
2. Let Morton Sobell out of imprisonment,
3. Stop racial and minority discrimination and bombing of Jewish centers in the South,
4. Allow May Day to be celebrated again in the Union Square,
5. Stop persecuting CP and its members.

Each proclamation was applauded very enthusiastically by the audience.

The next speaker was Mr. Thompson. He spoke very briefly and carefully and said that he was very grateful to the audience for his being out of imprisonment, and that he did not expect to see such a big audience and that this is certainly a symptom of the growth of labor movement. He also said that he believed in the victory of labor class, and that we should look forward to the day (May 9, 1958) when Paul Robeson will sing in this Hall and through him the whole nation will sing.

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The main speaker was Mr. Davis from the CP in N. Y. State. He said that our Government should pay less attention to the activities of CP and be more concerned with the vital problems of today: recession, unemployment, racial and religious discrimination, etc. He also mentioned that the US Gov't should ban the nuclear weapon test and join Russia in summit meeting. He continued to say that in the Soviet Union workers are able to celebrate May Day happily under the banners of peace, where as here, in the US, they are forbidden to march on the streets. He concluded, that he also believes in the ultimate victory of the labor class.

A representative from Jewish newspaper "Morgen Freiheit" said that Israel Gov't today does not represent Israel people and is servant of Gov't in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Weinstock, ex secretary-treasurer of Painter's Union related with a great detail and a sense of ridicule that so much tax money was wasted by Gov't in connection with his trial and imprisonment just because he was accused of such petty thing as a change of the name of some May Day Committee, and how unjustly the Dept. of Justice punished him by keeping him in prison for a few years. He started the distribution of a book by Paul Robeson to raise money for publication of a newspaper. Response of the audience was in general very favorable [REDACTED] B7D

Dr. Rubenstein spoke about literature and art in relation to politics. She discussed the contributions by various writers to the labor movement, and that those writers should be regarded as the best that ever lived.

Besides the speeches, there were songs performed on the stage to commemorate independence of Israel, song of Jow Worker and a few others. "Voices of May Day" constituted recitations of famous speeches or previous May Day parades, mentioning the communist "Heroes" who were in prison or dead for the cause of a better future of workers.

In general the atmosphere inside was friendly. Mr. Patterson announced that all the seats in the Hall were taken, which is 2700. Every speaker expressed the feeling

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that he was surprised to see so many people coming to the May Day celebration. They stated that if the May Day parade were allowed to march along the streets of New York City many more would come.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)

DATE: 5/29/58

FROM: CHRISTOPHER J. SCATURO

SUBJECT: PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.  
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On 5/1/58, a "May Day Rally" was held at Carnegie Hall, NYC, under the auspices of the captioned organization.

[REDACTED] of the NYO, attended the rally and furnished the following report: [REDACTED] has furnished reliable information in the past) **B7D**

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"Report on May Day 1958  
Carnegie Hall, NYC  
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Unidentified singer with guitar playing and singing songs such as 'One World' other ballads. 870

"Honored guests arrived on platform approx. 8:15 PM. Singing of the National Anthem. Master of Ceremonies William Patterson opened meeting with the greetings 'Friends, Comrades and fellow Americans'. Extended greetings to workers throughout the world. Gave brief History of May Day. Started in Chicago 1886 (72 years ago). Approx. 69 years ago this was spread to express an independent solidarity of the Labor Class. 'Today in Moscow and other cities of the USSR, Prague, China, Belgrade, Budapest, it is celebrated with victorious banners, War is no longer a policy ... The combined strength of capitals such as China Egypt etc (and other leading cities of areas not completely dominated by USSR) there is today new freedoms, both moral and spiritual, with leadership in the hands of the workers, with the goal to have Radism and Religious Bigotry'. Mr. Patterson then introduced the next speaker with the following 'Progressive, Proud of the Labor Movement, Former Member N.Y.U. Philosophy Dept., Principal of Robert Louis Stevenson High School for 18 years, author of the biography of Marconio (applause & cheers) Annette Rubenstein'.

"Annette Rubenstein stated that Mayor Wagner was the first New York Mayor to 'ban the streets to workers'. In the past the parades gave the message and the words from the platform were secondary. 'Tonight the platform must express the roads.' Her topic was 'Culture, Literature and Politics'. Art is a weapon - The greatest artists have deep political convictions. Quoting from an interview of Picasso by a reported,

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"Picasso said, 'What do you think an artist is an imbecile? The greater the artist the more deeply he is involved in political thinking.' Miss Rubenstein continued - 'Great artists have spoken for the people, Two great contemporary leaders Sean O'Casey and Bertold Brecht (?) were proud to say they are Communists. Bernard Shaw admitted his Socialistic beliefs. 'In America the pre Civil War South Society with all its claims of culture contributed little to America while the only contribution to culture has come from the Negro Spirituals, of those in bondage and slavery suffering under a ruling class.' In recent history during the past World War I and depression days great literature has been produced such as 'Farewell to Arms', 'Alls Quiet on the Western Front' written in times of stress. 'The Grapes of Wrath' by John Steinbeck written when he had deep political beliefs. His work after his leaving the Communist Party and left political beliefs suffered decadence. 'Great artists must be redical to be great'. Art is a weapon, not a leisure or something soft, great art steels men for struggle. The great Russian literature came out of the period of Revolution. Miss Rubenstein continued that she is now the editor of a cultural magazine called 'Mainstream' with a publication of less than 4000. She stated we must live in the present, we cannot live in the past or future. She concluded with the reading of a poem by Aaron Kramer which was a tribute to Paul Robeson depicting him as the Symbol of labor, the downtrodden and in his voice he reflects you, the worker.

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"Mr. Patterson announced briefly, 'And now the "Voices of May Day"'. A young man approached the microphone (who later sang; believed named Wilbur Brown). Off stage group sang, 'The Marseille', the song of freedom. Quotations from 1886 leaders 1st May Day and the objectives of May Day. And because of the great contributions of the Jewish labor movement in the organization of labor in New York - all were asked to join in the tribute to Israel on its 10th Anniversary. There was introduced Miss Sylvia Kahn to sing a tribute to the Jewish people. Her first Hebrew song depicted that 'Righteousness shall Triumph.' Her second song in Hebrew depicted the woes of those who suffer poverty and the problems of ('dida gelt') 'Rent Money'. Her concluding number was from a vital opera written back in 1930's and depression called, 'The Cradle Will Rock'. It is the story of a union labor leader who was murdered and his sister calls the press together and in song asks, 'How many must be murdered, beaten etc. till world will recognize the problem of the labor. The song was about her brother named 'Joe Worker'.

"A young unidentified lady in a red tailored suit introduced (Wilbur Brown) a tenor to pay tribute to the contributions of the Irish labor leaders to America. He sang 'The Minstrel Boy', and its depicting of slavery and death by the oppression. The young lady told of Beethoven's beliefs and the needs of poor humanity. The tenor (Wilbur Brown) sang 'Tosca' by Puccini and the piano soloist paid tribute to Beethoven by playing one of his selections.

"Next the off stage voices cried out to 'unite the families of Sobell, Winston, Green and Potash and release them from the death by the ruling class'. The workers have the courage to free them. Five years ago Lionel Davis wrote the music to the farewell message of Ethel Rosenberg to her sons. It

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"depicted the sad separation and all the many things that must be accomplished 'by all for justice etc. in the world'. The tenor took the mike and stated that after 10 years the Taft Hartly Act is still on the books, the recent Jacksonville Bombings etc. still continue. We can look forward to future promise and hope. 'The earth is rising on a new foundation, a better world is now in Birth'. All were asked to join in singing the words of 'Hymn for the Nations' to the strains of Beethoven IX (for words see attached copy at end of report). (End of 'Voices of May').

"Mr. Patterson announced that Carnegie Hall was full to capacity, 2700 tickets sold. He then introduced Mr. Hugo Gellert who drew large mural depicting the day of May 1st, 1958. Informant submitted sketch entitled, 'Ban All Atomic Weapon Tests'. This depicted white and negro shaking hands in unity while the scientist is being pulled away from his H bomb. Reference made to fact that the face of the scientist resembled 'Dulles'.

"Mr. Patterson introduced for a bow, Morris Glendon who paraded in the 1890 May Day Parade. He read greeting from 'Gida Goda' (?) the premier of British Guiana - a peoples government. Also from Picasso and Rev. Johnson, 'The Dean of Canterbury'. Also greetings from 12 British labor units and one from the Head of the Academy of Science of China. Mr. Patterson then introduced the former secretary - treasurer of the Painters Union - active in May Day for many years.

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"Louis Weinstock. He stated that 'on May Day we celebrate the achievements of the past and look ahead to tasks ahead, as long as people suffer. We must oppose the threat of the Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, Labor cannot rest.

"The joining together of the AFL and the CIO is not complete we must work to make it further organized. He believed that the World Federation of Labor unions, if given a chance, could accomplish the aims of labor. To stop the A Bomb.

"Today's radio told of the parade in the USSR where there are banners of peace. Every major city of the East and West had parades 'demanding peace' - What does our Congress do 'it debates' 'while 6 million unemployed want work'.

"Louis Weinstock then recalled with a copy of N.Y. Herald (May 1, 1886 Saturday) how labor wanted 16 hour day of the brewers reduced to 12 hours, some others 14 hours reduced to 10, etc. By the labor movement the work day has been reduced to 8 hours. But this has been a bloody struggle and will continue to be one. He told that on the last 3 May Days (1955-6-7) he was in jail for in January 1955, he was sentenced to 5 years because all he asked for was 'a rewording of the subpoena'. It had been made out to 'The United May Day Committee' and he wished it to be made out to 'The United Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day.' This subpoena was from the Subversive Action Control (?) Board. He stated 'hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent because the Justice Department would not change the subpoena.

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"In contrast, in April 1958 (?) the Attorney General Brownell, the chief prosecutor, along with his friend Lawyer Thomas Dewey, representing the AT & T, sat down at a coffee 'klotch' after dinner and dropped the monopoly change card case against AT & T.

"Yet in contrast, the FBI stoolpigeons and N.Y. Police lined up in the corridors in Washington, D. C. to say that they heard Louis Weinstock speaking in Union Square and using interchangeably the 'United May Day Committee' and 'The United Labor & Peoples Committee May Day'. The stoolpigeons expenses paid by the New York Police Department and by your taxes. He was found guilty. Later on while he was in jail in Danbury, the decision was reversed by appeals court and he was freed. Persecution by the Department of Justice shows a pattern to bleed the working class and intimidate for a 'better class.'

"The AT & T monopolies want to smash the workers. That is why they have destroyed 'The Daily Worker' the last labor paper. We must pledge

- (1) to return a larger & stronger 'Daily Worker'
- (2) Return of the May Day celebration

"The program was interrupted to allow the sale of copies of Paul Robeson's Book, 'Here I Stand' (attached) to raise \$5000 for the continuance of the struggle to return the May Day celebration.

"Mr. Patterson announced greetings from Jack Mc Manus of the 'Guardian', Rockwell Kent, a

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leading artist and a pledge for Vincent Lombardo Toledano, President of the 'Federation of Latin American Labor'. Mr. Patterson introduced the editor of a progressive Jewish Daily, 'The Morning Freiheit' (?).

'Mr. Paul Novick. He reminisced on some past May Days and what it meant to Jewish workers. For their problems were all labor problems. There was (1) Anti-Semitism - (2) The Bombing of Jacksonville Synagog (3) Segregation problem. He stated the Jewish workers need allies of the Negro and other suffering minorities and forward looking people. He stated the 'Morning Freiheit' joins the Zionists and Anti-Zionist, the religious and non religious to take up these problems. He did criticize the Israel Government (but not the Israeli people) for their failure to live up to their constitution. He asked that no arms to Mid East (Both Israeli and Arabs). He stated that Israeli was formed by the help of Socialist governments. He is proud of the Jewish people who work collectively and join in the Marxist movement. He encourages co-existence. He criticized those who accuse the USSR of Anti-Semitism. He says those who criticize are those who will not help segregation and want the arming of West Germany where anti-semitism is growing. He stated the USSR was one of the first (if not the first) countries to brand anti-semitism as a crime. He says that there are 3 million Jews in Russia and they were saved as well as many Polish Jews by the USSR. He said other Socialist states followed the USSR in protecting the Jew.

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" 'The USSR wants to save the lives of all people'. 'America must be aroused to oppose the machinations of the Imperialists'.

" 'Today here in NY people are burned to death in firetraps. Suicides daily as a result of unemployment. May Day - fight for Socialism - a glorious America in a glorious World'.

"Mr. Patterson - A Resolution #1. In the wake of Worlds Economic Condition - the Negro suffers. He is the last to be hired and the first to be fired because of descriminatory grounds. Let us pass a Free Employment Act with teeth to enforce it. 'The Jacksonville Incident and acts of violence continue by .... Forces of the South. The FBI must vigorously find the perpetrators. To guarantee the rights of Negro and Jew.' To be sent to Justice Department - Resolution moved and unanimously adopted approval.

"A Resolution #2. That America decree a ceagation of all atomic tests for now and for all generations to come. To stop now & cancel scheduled tests. Also our government must remove all obstacles to Summit meetings - call on all trade unions and individuals to stop atomic tests. Call on Governor Harriman and Mayor Wagner to memorialize (memorialize?) President Eisenhower to stop atomic tests. Voted unanimously.

"Mr. Patterson then introduced 'An American Hero' who at first anti fascist joined the Spanish Forces and wounded fighting Hitler & Mussolini.

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"in World War II & wounded - convicted in First Foley Square trial for contempt of court attempted murder of Thompson while in prison. Oregon Born. Mr. Thompson - 'Friends and Comrades'. Told of being a Smith Act prisoner and released in July, 1957. Recalled rally at Carnegie Hall when he was released. 'It has been a tough winter for the followers of the left and especially the Marxist left but this rally (5/1/58) with its large enthusiastic turnout is symbolic of our weathering the rough year'. Also the fact that on May 9th 1958 at Carnegie Hall, Paul Robeson will sing again is symbolic of the weathering the rough year. (Applause & cheers). 'Now is the time for building the Communist Party. Bring Winston, Gill Green and Potash out of Prison. Free Sobell Movement must be continued. End the dragnet of convictions of Union and Party Leaders under the Taft Hartly Act.'. 'Dulles voice is loud but it doesn't speak for Americans of today and for less it doesn't speak for the Americans of tomorrow. For tomorrows Americans will be a singing America and a Socialist America with a Boyant Happy voice and that voice will sound like Paul Robeson.

"Mr. Patterson - Resolution # 3. 'Let Green, Potash and Winston go'. Unanimous vote yes. Mr. Patterson then introduced a man who became interested in the Scottsboro Case, a Communist leader representing the N.Y. State Committee of the Communist Party.

"Ben Davis 'Reports that our party was dying or dead if this is the picture (with 5/1/58 overflow, enthusiastic crowd) wait till they see us

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"when we catch on fire'. 'Pitiful ignorance has destroyed May Day'. 'Critics often give credit to USSR for starting May Day but it is American. With the superior Soviet Sputnik, superior Education system, etc. Don't give any more credit to Soviets - save some for the United States. For May Day originated in America'. The Reason for destroying May Day is because of the fear by the moneyed classes of the potential of the working class.

"The Loyalty Day Parade was the result of the 'Big Wigs' to kill May Day. Recent Debates shows a split in the (\$) Dollar Boys vs. Americanism. Showed all they were interested in was the \$ (Almighty Dollar).

"President Eisenhower decreed it as 'Law Day'. He should have deeds and not words & uphold the law. If he doesn't do it on Law Day, God Help us on the other 364'. A holiday should be proclaimed to recognize the labor class.

" 'We must serve notice that there will be a May Day next year in Union Square'. 'It belongs to Labor and not big money'.

" 'Dulles speaks for monopolists, Imperialists and Atomic Maniacs. He speaks for AT & T, for Rockefellers.

" 'Labor speaks for the 6 million unemployed. For the Negros, the Jews, the Puerto Ricans and Labor speaks for the millions who fight to Bar the Atomic tests.'

" 'Dulles must go!' 'The American people must go on. The Soviets have Nobly suspended Atomic tests. An action for humanity - against the polution of the atmosphere.'

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"We must (1) Demand a Summit meeting.  
(2) End nuclear tests  
(3) Extend East-West trade to end recession  
(4) End the armaments race  
(F) Fight for Peace

"How is it that General Eisenhower visits a celebration in honor of General Robert E. Lee, the man who fought for slavery and he (Eisenhower) ignores the bombing of Negroes? 'He (Eisenhower) opposes Adam Powell but doesn't oppose the bombings!' 'He must take his hands off Indonesia & Cuba'. 'He must outlaw discrimination, segregation.' 'He must put his hands on the Bombers'.

"In quoting from Paul Robeson's book he stated, 'Freedom and dignity at Home for Slave & Liberty. Peace in the World.'

"He appealed for the Jew & Negro to unite.

"Peoples Capitalism has become peoples miseries'. There is a class struggle ahead for the Communist Party. There is an urgent need for a Marxist press. We are proud of our American Revolution (Heritage) in History. We must transport this to present conditions.' 'There is a struggle for trade unions. They should organize and form their own labor party. Despite the differences (political) that exist in certain quarters they should unite in a coalition against their common enemy - the Monopolists - They must pool their strength for present emergencies - They must get a hold on leaders

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"who direct the destiny of American History".

"The meeting was closed at approximately 10:40. While leaving the Hall I purchased from Miss Rubenstein a new copy of 'Mainstream' (Enclosed). Also picked up other sundries - 'Catholic Worker', 'The Worker', 'Labor Action', 'Justice in the Case of Morton Sobell'. Subscription envelope for 'The Worker', an invitation to Camp Midvale, N.J. on June 29 - Picnic for 'American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. All enclosed for your files."

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"On May 1st, 1958 a rally was held at Carnegie Hall. It began at 7:30 PM and ended at 10:45 PM.

"On the rostrum were:-

Wm. L. Patterson  
Ben. Davis (State Chairman of Communist Party.)  
Bob Thompson  
Louis Weinstock  
Annette Rubenstein  
Hugo Gallon (artist)  
Earl Robinson (sang and recited from his opera "The Sandhog")  
The editor of a Jewish daily paper.

"They all delivered short speeches and some recited poems dedicated to the workers of the world.

"The rally opened with our National Anthem.

"The speeches all covered the same general subjects which were -:

- (1) The reestablishment of the Daily Worker.
- (2) Union Square for Speeches and 5th Ave for a parade on May 1st.
- (3) Recognition of the Communist Party - As the only political party qualified to represent the Working people.
- (4) Freedom for Sobel and the other fellows who where sent to prison with Bob Thompson.
- (5) Dulles must go!
- (6) Promotion of a Summit Conference as requested by Russia.

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"Vincent Lombardo Toledano was expected to attend the rally, but could not appear. He had gone to Mexico and the State Dept. was delaying his return to this country.

"Sylvia Kahn sang a few songs and recited a poem.

"The hall was filled and they claim about 2700 attendance. Flowers were sold on the street before the meeting [REDACTED] b20

"Copies of Paul Robeson's book, 'Here I Stand' were passed around the audience and everyone purchased a copy. There were quite a few large contributions- from \$5.00 to 20.00 for one copy.

The editor of the Jewish daily paper was probably PAUL ROVICK, as he was known to be there.

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**TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)**

**6/3/58**

**FROM SAC, WFO (100-25474)**

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**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
 IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka  
 IS - C; ISA of 1950  
 (OO: NY)**

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of a letter-head memorandum which is self-explanatory.

New York is being furnished one copy of this memorandum for information. Baltimore is furnished one copy of this memorandum and is being alerted to the fact that a function is planned in Baltimore for Mrs. ROSE SOBELL.

The enclosed memorandum has been classified "Confidential" inasmuch as information is contained therein, if made public, would disclose an informant furnishing information affecting the national defense.

Informants utilized in this memorandum are as follows:

T-1 - [redacted] 82  
 T-2 - [redacted]

Identity of informants used in attached sketches to this memorandum, areas follows:

Washington Sobell Committee - [redacted] B7D  
 Washington Area Forum - [redacted]

Bureau and appropriate offices will be advised of developments. P.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 5)
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
June 3, 1958

WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE

An identification of the Washington Sobell Committee is attached, Morton Sobell and the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case are described in this identification.

Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 2, 1958, reported that Mrs. Rose Sobell, and her companion, Sara Lichtenberg, are currently residing at room 130, Park Central Apartment Hotel, 1900 P Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and that Mrs. Sobell plans on remaining in Washington for one month.

Informant stated these two individuals are visiting Washington for the purpose of obtaining funds in connection with the Morton Sobell case and to visit Senators and other government officials concerning this case.

Informant stated that on June 2, 1958, Sara Lichtenberg made arrangements with Abe Bloch to hold a meeting of the Washington Area Forum in order to hear Mrs. Rose Sobell speak. Informant stated the details of this meeting have not yet been decided but that it is expected that the meeting will be held in a private home, with between 30-40 people attending.

Informant stated that people in Baltimore, Maryland, are planning on taking advantage of Mrs. Sobell's visit in Washington by holding a forthcoming affair. Informant stated that the final plans in this connection have not materialized.

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**WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE**

It is noted that the "Daily Worker", in its edition of June 21, 1954, page 3, contained an article, "Roses Laid on Rosenbergs' Graves." This article identifies Mrs. Rose Sobell as the mother of Morton Sobell and Sara Lichtenberg as on the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

An identification of the Washington Area Forum is attached.

Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 23, 1955, reported that while he knew of no Communist Party (CP) membership on the part of Abe Bloom, he is an individual who supports Communist Party policies.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE

An informant advised on May 25, 1957, the Washington Sobell Committee (WSC) continues to function in the District of Columbia and is the current affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. This latter organization is cited by the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities dated January 2, 1957, as follows:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell," the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case-a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States-was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

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WASHINGTON AREA FORUM, also known as,  
Washington Area Citizens Forum,  
Washington Citizens Forum

An informant reported on December 14, 1955, that the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PPDC) would be dissolved and a new organization formed from the PPDC in order to have a voice in civil rights matters and political campaigns in Virginia and Maryland. Another informant advised on December 17, 1955, that the PPDC was to be dissolved because of the stigma attached to the name of the Progressive Party and it was hoped that the new organization replacing the PPDC would be more acceptable to persons not previously participating in PPDC activity. An informant reported on February 8, 1956, that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

Another informant reported on March 13, 1956, that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was formed on March 12, 1956.

[REDACTED] THIS informant reported on May 10, 1956, that the name of the Washington Area Citizens Forum was shortened to that of Washington Citizens Forum at a meeting held May 3, 1956. On June 11, 1956, an informant made available information revealing that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was at that time being called Washington Area Forum. 870

A previously referred to informant on May 10, 1957, reported that the Washington Area Forum continues to operate in the Washington, D. C., area and regularly holds executive meetings.

Regarding the PPDC, it is to be noted that an informant on January 31, 1955, identified the leaders of the PPDC as of that date as either CP members or CP sympathizers. Informant added that the PPDC has never opposed the CP on any issue or program.

Regarding the Progressive Party, nationally, the "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released on January 2, 1957, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on page 74, states:

- "1. Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the Progressive Party.

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\*\* \*\* The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)"

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 FROM SAC, WFO (100-25474)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
 JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka  
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Bureau and New York were advised by airtel, dated 6/3/58, enclosing letterhead memoranda, that ROSE SOBELL and SARA LICHTENBERG were in Washington to solicit funds and visit Government officials in connection with the MORTON SOBELL case. SOBELL intends to remain in Washington, D. C., for one month.

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On 6/2/58 [redacted] reported that ROSE SOBELL on that date stated she is residing at Room 103, Park Central Apartments Hotel, 19th and F Streets, N. W., and that she is covering the midAtlantic area for the "committee." Informant reported SOBELL stated she will probably travel to Philadelphia this weekend but plans on returning to Washington.

The above is for information of the Philadelphia Office.

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- 1 - New York (100-107111)
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To : Director, FBI (100-387835)

From: SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE  
ROSENBERG CASE  
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C I N A L

On 6/4/58, PH-305-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN T. BLAIR that

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JEAN FRANCOIS attended this meeting to plead for support of the Sobell Defense Committee. She said the Sobell Committee was in the process of being revived on a national basis, and eastern Pennsylvania was one of the main areas to get attention.

- 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
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- 6 - Philadelphia:
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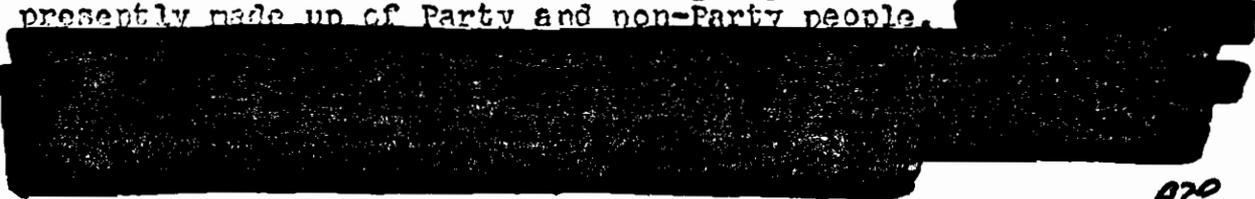
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FRANTJIS said that of the persons interested in the Sobell Committee in the Philadelphia area, only FRANTJIS and one other person live in the West Philadelphia area, with the remainder living in the Logan area (North Philadelphia). FRANTJIS said she was nominated to head the Sobell Committee in Philadelphia but had to decline because of other commitments; however, as a good Communist, she said, she would work with the committee and lend her experience.

FRANTJIS said the Sobell group in Philadelphia is presently made up of Party and non-Party people.



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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM : SA J.A. GRIMES (#7-1)

SUBJECT: NY SOBELL COMMITTEE  
 IS - C

DATE: 6/6/58

The "National Guardian," 6/9/58, pg. 11, announced a Sobell Get-Together, June 14, 7:30-11 p.m., Nola Studios, Rm. 619, 113 W. 57th St. No admission charge. Auspices NY Sobell Committee, AL 4-9983.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM : SA GUSTAV S. ABRANDT (#7-1)

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C

DATE: 6/6/58 *W*

Captioned committee is sponsoring a memorial ceremony for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG at Wellwood Cemetery, Pinelawn, Long Island, on Sunday, June 22, at 2 p.m. "The Worker," 6/8/58, p. 14, c.1.

- 1- New York (100-107111) (7-1)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C

Re Bureau O-1 dated 5/7/58 returned by the NYO  
on 5/13/58, which advised that a report in captioned matter  
would be submitted to reach the Bureau by 6/10/58.

Necessary assignments in connection with the  
NAACP project have delayed the preparation of material  
to be included in this report. A report is currently in  
preparation and will be submitted to reach the Bureau  
on 6/27/58.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>ST. LOUIS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>6/1/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/2-5/58</b>
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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>	

The St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (SLCSJMS) presently maintains headquarters at 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Informants advise SLCSJMS held numerous meetings and various functions from November, 1957 through April, 1958.

Aims and objectives of the SLCSJMS are to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison or to secure a new trial. CP connections set out. Socialist Workers Party connections set out.

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**DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:**

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**A. Headquarters**

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On June 3, 1958, informant advised that the local headquarters of the SLCSJMS have been changed from 3715 LaSalle Street, St. Louis, residence of CLARA and HAVEN PERKINS, to 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, the residence of MARY FERGUSON. Informant advised this change of headquarters came as a result of HAVEN and CLARA PERKINS moving to Chicago, Illinois, on January 25, 1958 and February 26, 1958, respectively. b7D

B. Finances

C. Activities

This informant advised on November 26, 1957 that a meeting of the SLCSJMS was held [REDACTED] at which a movie of HELEN SOBELL's appearance on a New York City TV program was exhibited. Informant stated that this movie showed HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, as she appeared on a New York TV program as a result of being interviewed about her husband's case. HAVEN PERKINS, Midwest Field Representative for the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, spoke on the SOBELL Case and announced a National Conference of Sobell Committees would be held in New York City on November 30, 1957 and December 1, 1957. Informant stated that according to HAVEN PERKINS the National Sobell Committee is of the opinion the next step in behalf of MORTON SOBELL is to ask for Executive Clemency. b7D

The following informants corroborated the above information on the dates indicated:

[REDACTED] on November 17, 1957  
[REDACTED] on November 28, 1957  
[REDACTED] on November 22, 1957

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[redacted] on November 18, 1957  
[redacted] on December 2, 1957

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This informant advised on January 7, 1958 that a  
SLCSJMS meeting was held [redacted]

[redacted] A report on the National  
Conference of the Sobell Committees held in New York City on  
November 30 and December 1, 1957 was given. [redacted]

[redacted] it was  
also decided all Sobell Committee members would send telegrams  
to President EISENHOWER, starting December 18, 1957, asking  
for Christmas amnesty for MORTON SOBELL.

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The following informants corroborated the above  
information on the indicated dates:

[redacted] on December 2, 1957  
[redacted] on December 16, 1957  
[redacted] on December 11, 1957  
[redacted] on December 23, 1957

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The above information was corroborated by [redacted] on  
December 26, 1957.

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The above information was corroborated by the following  
informants on the indicated dates:

[redacted] on February 3, 1958  
[redacted] on January 23, 1958

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 on January 24, 1958  
 on January 22, 1958  
 on January 21, 1958 *B7D*



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The above information was corroborated by  on April 1, 1958.



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The above information was corroborated by the following informants on the indicated dates:

- on April 18, 1958
- on April 9, 1958
- on April 11, 1958
- on April 11, 1958
- on April 15, 1958

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[REDACTED]

This informant advised on December 23, 1957 that a meeting of the SLCSIMS was held

[REDACTED]

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This informant furnished on December 28, 1957 an undated mimeographed memorandum with the letterhead entitled "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York", which memorandum contains the signature of TED JACOBS in ink and it states "At our National Conference it was recommended that our national committees be sent the addresses of other committees so that material and suggestions could be exchanged."

Enclosed with this memorandum was a list of various committees in the country with a report by the Minnesota Sobell Committee. On this list of various committees throughout the country was listed: CLARA PERKINS, 3715 LaSalle Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

D. Literature

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] corroborated the above information on January 9, 1958.

The following informants advised they received the above described literature set forth under [REDACTED] above:

- [REDACTED] on January 3, 1958
- [REDACTED] on January 3, 1958
- [REDACTED] on January 10, 1958
- [REDACTED] on April 8, 1958
- T-10 on January 8, 1958, who received it in the State of Maryland
- [REDACTED] on January 8, 1958
- [REDACTED] on January 16, 1958, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On March 14, 1958, this informant furnished a copy of a newspaper entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done, A Newspaper To Secure Justice in the Case of Morton Sobell" dated February 1958, published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] corroborated the information set forth above on January 23, 1958 [REDACTED]

Informant advised on March 11, 1958 that he received through the mail on March 5, 1958, a press release entitled "Morton Sobell No Longer in Alcatraz" and a two page mimeographed paper entitled "Text of Letter from Morton Sobell to his Wife and Son on his Transfer from Alcatraz."

[REDACTED]

Informant, on May 2, 1958, furnished a petition in behalf of MORTON SOBELL [REDACTED]

This petition is addressed to the President of the United States and asks for the return of MORTON SOBELL to his wife and children through Executive Pardon or Commutation or by instructing the Attorney General to recommend a new trial. [REDACTED]

This informant on January 23, 1958 furnished a leaflet [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] entitled "Mother and wife of Morton Sobell Maintain His Innocence." This leaflet contains a statement on the innocence of MORTON SOBELL by his mother, ROSE SOBELL, and his wife, HELEN SOBELL. [REDACTED]

The above information was corroborated by [REDACTED] on January 24, 1958. [REDACTED]

E. Out-Of-Town Activities on the Part of  
SLCSJMS Members